

# Meeting Point

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## **From the Editor**

This is absolutely my final letter as Sharon will be taking over the first issue of Volume 34 next month, (I have promised to be around in the background while she gets used to the role.) I would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles and notices over the past 2+ years, also the Committee who are always supportive and particularly John and Jill Shepherd who do a wonderfully thorough job of proof-reading the copy.

During the last two years we have seen the village website mature thanks to Jenny Newley. At meetings Trevor Cook reports how many hits we have had in the past month, often quite a few from abroad! There is the first of a series of articles on computer matters this month from Richard Churchill and also computer training going on at Olveston School. However not everyone has or wants a computer and we know the printed Meeting Point magazine, delivered to your door, is greatly appreciated. It has been my privilege to be associated with it as one of a long line of editors.

After a lull in August you will see the September issue is buzzing with activities – I hope you enjoy reading about them.

Goodbye from

*Sue*

Our cover this month is by Kate Hickman

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# Village Person: Dr Angela Shepherd

*Pat Thirkettle*

Angela's parents lived in Clifton until after the war. They stabled their horses in Alma Vale, and her mother used to ride out here to hunt with the Berkeley Hunt and ride home again, a round trip of about twenty-four miles as well as a day's hunting! Her parents were really country people and during a hunting trip her mother saw Grove House in Tockington, to which they moved in 1946 and it became a lovely family home for Angela and her two brothers. The village had a Post Office, small grocers, sweet shop and a garage. Colonel Turner of Old Down House was Joint Master of the Berkeley Hunt and he taught Angela everything about hunting and encouraged young riders to use his jumping paddock beside the front drive. His chauffeur also taught Angela to drive, in a Bentley.

After boarding school, Angela studied physiotherapy at St Thomas' Hospital in London, before working for Dr James Cyriax, head of the School, in his practice in Wimpole Street. He was a world-renowned pioneer in Physical Medicine, with a clientele to match. Patients included King Hussein of Jordan, Lord Snowdon and most memorably Dame Barbara Cartland, who emerged for examination stark naked, apart from a flamboyant hat, piled high with pink roses!

City life soon lost its appeal and Angela went out to Southern Rhodesia to visit her brother John. (He now lives in Foxholes Lane with his wife Jill in the house to which his and Angela's parents retired, and they proof-read for Meeting Point). She soon found a job, but interestingly, with a completely white clientele. She joined the Mountain Club of Rhodesia, walking, climbing, camping and tracking wild game. For the final three weeks she accompanied the district medical officer on her rounds in the Zambezi valley and that experience decided Angela to become a doctor.

Back in Bristol, five years of study were interspersed with working holidays in Europe, America, Canada and Uganda. The Vancouver General Hospital experience ended with two weeks as medical officer at a molybdenum mining community in northern British Columbia – her first taste of total responsibility mingled with wonderful scenery and wild life, including caribou, bears, loons and bald-headed eagles.

A Nuffield Travelling Scholarship to Uganda took the place of her last three months of training. Living, eating, socializing and training with the students gave a good insight into the East African approach to western medicine. Once again there was the opportunity to see the amazing wild life of the country with trips to the Ruwenzori mountains and the Karamoja district.

Having qualified, the obvious choices would seem to be physical or tropical medicine. However Angela decided to follow in her father's footsteps – he was a consultant gynaecologist. A second visit to what had now become Zimbabwe, was like chalk and cheese. Harare General Hospital was a teaching hospital of a very high standard. Very often Angela was the only white person among a busy staff undertaking emergency surgery in the middle of the night. Before long she had

delivered more triplets than her father had in his working life, but he had already trumped that by delivering the famous Bristol quads many years earlier!

Back in England with training completed, a call came to do a six month locum in Brunei, a truly unique place to work in the 70s. It was a female -only appointment and Angela had two Chinese junior staff to help in the busy hospital, as well as a weekly visit to the Sultan's Palace. The Sultan of Brunei was, at that time, one of the world's richest men and life in the palace was unreal. When he was at Sandhurst he became polo mad. So native jungle was felled and levelled for three polo fields, a farrier imported from Cirencester, polo ponies stabled in air conditioned stables and hay flown in from Singapore. He kept at least thirty cars and there were only sixty miles of tarmac in Brunei! Clinics were held in remote areas only accessible by boat, and army helicopters provided the transport for medical emergencies occurring among the Ibans, who lived in longhouses in the interior.

Back in Bristol, Angela worked at Ham Green Hospital and then Southmead. She had a distinguished career in a new field combining urology and gynaecology. She was lucky to write her own job description, treating patients, teaching students and doing research while working with a delightful team of technicians, nurses, physiotherapists and fellow doctors.

She was on the Parish Council for many years, during the time that the first battle for street lights in Olveston was fought and lost at a highly charged general meeting. Her interest was always the care of the elderly and she was a trustee of St Monica Home on the Downs in Bristol and still is a trustee on the Board of Brunelcare, which she considers to be a great privilege.

She had found her ideal cottage in Old Down many years ago, and since her retirement it and the garden have been a constant source of inspiration, with always something new to create.

## Mary and Joseph Roadshow

### Re-visited

*Sandy and David Shaw*

The Mary and Joseph Roadshow is to be produced again after a gap of 18 years with several additions and changes. (A copy of the original score was placed in the church time capsule to be opened in years to come.) This is a modern adaptation of the "Nativity Story" set to modern words and music, written by two local people and will be performed the first week in January. To produce this show requires a cast and we invite anybody from the age of 8 to 85 years to join it!

There will be an initial meeting in St Mary's Church Olveston, on **Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 am** to assess interest and organise dates for practice to suit all ages. The rehearsals will start at the end of September.

It will be great fun and can involve whole families and friends - the music is very singable with modern choreography and dance. Come along and join us - don't be shy!!



# Olveston Pre-School

*Clare Evans, Chair Person*

A recent Ofsted report has awarded Olveston Pre-School the highest Grade possible: **OUTSTANDING** in **ALL** areas. Inspector Hilary Tierney found that 'overall the quality of provision is Outstanding'. Quoting from the report:

'Children are active learners, well occupied, challenged and as a consequence they are eager and willing to learn and explore the world around them'.

'Children are progressing exceptionally well in all areas of learning and development. Staff are excellent role models and they motivate children to learn by excellent interactions, open questions to help them think and problem solve'.

'Parents of current and previous children speak highly of all the staff. They compliment the staff on the changes that have been put in place, the detailed information shared with them daily, the inclusion of all the children and how they are encouraged to be involved in their child's learning. Parents also commented that they felt the staff go above and beyond what is expected of them'.

'The staff consider the outside area as a third room and children benefit from the free flow to this area whatever the weather. This area has a lovely raised garden where children grow vegetables, flowers and are able to dig at any time. There is a den area that the children thoroughly enjoy playing in'.

Helen Moorefield, Play Leader, says 'We see every child as unique, planning activities and providing resources from children's interest and real life experiences. When children learn through play in a safe and secure environment they become independent. The staff endeavour to meet the needs of all the children, sharing their knowledge and experience as a team. I and all the team are thrilled with the result. What a fantastic end to a fun filled year'.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank the staff for their relentless hard work. This report reflects their enthusiasm and commitment. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic Pre School in our village.

**Olveston Pre School is having an Open Morning on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am – 11.30am. If you would like to come along for a play and a chat we would love to see you there.**

**To book your child a place or for an informal chat then please call Clare Evans on 01454 619850.**

## Thank you

*Mary Slader*

Many thanks to everyone who supported the sale in aid of Breast Cancer on 20 June; despite clashing with the church fete we raised £250 by donation, raffle and refreshment sales. Special thanks to Denise and Michelle for manning the refreshments.

# Tockington Harvest Fayre

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2 pm

Latest update -

We are very pleased that the Fayre will be opened by Mrs June Lyons, Chairman of Olveston Parish Council. We have all the usual stalls and amusements as detailed in last month's edition and just to remind you we have the following competitions:- 1. A **children's fancy dress parade** (Theme -Children's Stories). 2. A **photo competition** (Theme – Far Away Places), for adults and children (please have your name and address on the back and age for children's entry). Photos need to be handed in by 2pm at the Wesley Rooms on the day. 3. '**Shoebox Creations**' How imaginative can you be with one shoebox? Can you turn a shoebox into something else? eg; a fish tank, your favourite room, a jewellery box or a CD holder? Please make sure you have your name and age clearly shown on the entry.

As ever, we would appreciate any help with the preparations and dismantling or any contributions to the stalls. The names and tel. nos. to contact are: **Garry Phillips 613241, Maggie Spooner 610053 and Jane Sawyer 618885**. We do hope to see as many of you as possible and promise that if the weather is as good as it usually is you will have an enjoyable day on the Green.

## Newcomers Party

Anyone who has moved into the Meeting Point area since March 2007 is warmly invited to a Newcomers Party. This will be held at **5pm, Saturday 26th September** in Olveston School Hall. There will be wine, beer and refreshments with the opportunity to meet representatives of over fourteen different clubs and organisations. The Churches' Support Group members, who organise it, look forward to meeting you there.



## Parish Players

*Linda Evans*

Following the sell-out success of "Oklahoma", the Parish Players have been considering an exciting production to celebrate their tenth anniversary of presenting published operettas and musicals. There will be a return to Gilbert and Sullivan with the ever-vibrant and entertaining "Gondoliers", to be presented from March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2010. Rehearsals commence **Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm**, extending to include Mondays from Sept 28<sup>th</sup>.

New members will be needed and will be made very welcome for this challenging production; details from the Secretary, Felicity Hemmett - Tel: 01454 415979.

# News from Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church

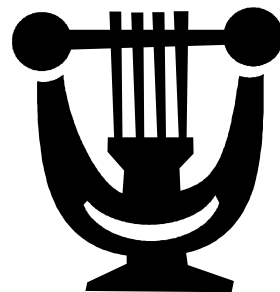
In July we said farewell to the Rev Singa Vunipola who is moving with her family to High Wycombe to take up a new appointment. As a congregation we gave her our warm thanks and best wishes at a presentation to her which followed the morning service on 19 July. Don't forget the name, Vunipola, though; Singa's two sons have already played together in an England youth team, and one of them joins Bristol Rugby Club in the autumn. Watch out for them to become fully fledged English internationals, as their father was for Tonga.

In Singa's place we welcome the Rev Sandy Williams. Sandy and her husband, Gil, live in Westbury-on-Trym, and she has recently been a tutor at Wesley College, Bristol. Before entering the ministry, she was a teacher. She will also be minister to the Methodists in Pilning and Severn Beach. Her appointment is part-time, so for normal purposes she will be available from Sunday to Wednesday, except of course for emergencies. She has asked us to say that she is looking forward to getting to know the Olveston and Tockington community. Her first service is in Olveston Methodist Church at 10am on **Sunday 13 September**. It will be followed by coffee in the Methodist Hall, and everyone is welcome to join us there to meet her.

## Aust Music

Misericordia with Clive Fairweather:  
The Castle of the Egg and Other Tales  
on **Saturday 12th September at 8pm**.

The noble houses of mediaeval Europe were lavish patrons of the arts, but difficult employers. Jean Froissart grew impatient with the self-indulgent Guy de Blois and Geoffrey Chaucer's annuity from John of Gaunt brought complications. Misericordia provides music to illuminate four authentic tales dramatically told by Clive Fairweather, illustrating the pitfalls of 14th century courtly entertainment.



Before their concert, Misericordia and Clive will be playing music and telling tales in Thornbury Library at 10am and Aust Village Hall at 2pm. Come and hear the music from the time of Robin Hood and Richard the Lionheart, see the exciting mediaeval instruments and, perhaps, try them for yourself. Then Clive will tell you stories about the music, and the instruments, and about the people of the time. This is especially for young people, but all are welcome and there is no charge for entry.

Misericordia's concert will be at Aust church on Saturday 12th September at 8pm. Tickets are £10 full and £8 concessions, available from Peter or Gina Dobbins on 01454 632306 or directly from the Boar's Head, Aust, or Olveston Stores.

# Time to Think About the Future?

In December world leaders will come together in Copenhagen to try to get agreement about how we can work together to stave off devastating climate change. Sustainable Thornbury offers you the opportunity to learn the most up-to-date facts about climate change from local expert Paul Ashford. Paul is a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which advises governments on the latest scientific thinking. Come along to the Jubilee Hall, Greenhill, Alveston on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September** for the chance to hear the facts and discuss the issues. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Free admission. This talk is the first of a monthly series of talks and films looking at our future prospects in a changing world.

More details on [www.sustainablethornbury.org](http://www.sustainablethornbury.org) or telephone 416778.

## Working the Coal Face

at your local museum

*Jenny Newley*

If you went to 'The Wigan Girls' in July, you'll have heard all about the pit brow lasses and the men who mined the Lancashire coalfields. But did you know there was a deep pit coal mine less than ten miles from here, sixty years ago? The last deep coal mine in the Bristol Coalfield was at Frog Lane in Coalpit Heath and it stayed open until 1949. To commemorate this, the South Gloucestershire Mines Research Group and Yate District Heritage Centre have put together a wonderful display which can currently be found at Thornbury & District Museum.



How did the miners see what they were doing? Well, they used carbide lamps in the 1940s but, in the early 1900s, they had peg and ball lamps, filled with oil, which the miners stuck to their helmets with a lump of clay! There's a proper miner's helmet on display but apparently, at Coalpit Heath, the miners preferred to wear brimless hats. If you're interested in horses, there's information about the pit ponies – about 30 of them at Coalpit Heath. They spent their entire lives underground, emerging only at the end of their lives.

At the heart of the exhibition are some truly superb large black and white photographs from 1906 – pictures of men descending to the pit bottom in cages, of drams loaded with enormous chunks of coal waiting to be lifted to the surface, of miners having a meal break at the pit bottom. There are later photos too and the whole display has been supplemented by reminiscences from miners and mining families who still live in the area today.

The exhibition '**Frog Lane – Sixty Years On**' is at **Thornbury & District Museum** until **Sat 5th September**. Don't miss it! The Museum is between the Armstrong Hall and The Wheatsheaf pub in Chapel St., Thornbury, with parking available in nearby car parks in St. Mary St. and Rock St. Opening hours are **Tuesday to Friday, 1 – 4pm and Saturday 10am - 4pm**. Tel: 01454 857774, if you need more information.

# What a Day!

*Janet Porter*

Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> dawned bright and sunny (one of the rare mornings this summer?) and the work to set up **AUST CHURCH FETE**, started on the Friday night, was quickly completed. “Stuff” arrived from everywhere and soon the field and the barn looked very festive. From 2pm, people came from all corners of the county (and some from over the bridge!) and they came with children and their dogs.

The “Fun Dog Show” is getting a following and has become a favourite with many and once again we are indebted to Jeanette for running this event for us. There were all the usual stalls, with cakes (as ever) selling out very quickly (just one or two, perhaps, before the fete was opened by Revd. David Bone). We had “Name the Soft Toy”, Books, “Bric-a-Brac”, Plants and Produce, Jewellery and Cards, THE Bottle stall (that went on 'til the end of the evening), Balloons, games for children, both indoor and out, a Raffle, with a fantastic array of prizes sourced from all sorts of very kind companies and individuals, teas, ice creams, a bar, and the traditional Bar-B-Q, a hugely popular tractor and trailer ride, decorate your own T-shirt, and when we ran out of T-shirts there was a sheet to be decorated with rainbow colours, now proudly on show in church; there was a display of how we hope to upgrade the church's facilities, - wow, what a lot of variety and effort.

The evening looked as if it was going to rain but, no, it just got better and better.... the rounders match began with intense competition between the teams (as always!). This was followed by a new game ... Hay Bale Rolling; teams had to roll a large cylindrical bale around a planned course in the shortest possible time – what fun – I am sure the cheering was heard at The Mall!!

The other highlight of **AUST CHURCH FETE** is the Skittles competition - people competing for a salmon and The Graham Watkins Cup. As always, the contest is battled out and this year was won by David Spratt.

A fantastic day, not just because we raised **over £2,300** (yes, £2,300 - wow) for the church but it was a great day for the village community – a feeling that was noted by all sorts of people. What can we say but a huge THANK YOU, for the loan of the field, so nicely prepared for us, for an electricity supply, and to everyone who supported us in any way – by giving up time to help, by donating things, by spending money and most of all, by being there on the day – St John's says **“THANK YOU ALL, VERY VERY MUCH”**.

## Aust Harvest Festival –

This will be on **13th September at 6pm**, with St Mary's Choir and preacher Canon Brian Carne. It will be followed by the Harvest Supper.



# Computer Essentials Classes

In the Autumn Term the Adult Computer Essentials Course is introducing the SSL (Supported Self-Learning) package. It's a highly innovative idea that allows you to work at your own pace while being supported by a qualified ICT teacher. Olveston Primary School is unique in offering this "down-to-earth" computer training technique to the community.



Following initial basic computer training you will be able to tackle gentle exercises at first, and then gradually progress through medium to harder projects. Every lesson has a practical use in the home and soon you'll be producing formal headed letters, a beautifully decorative edged informal letter, recipe cards, and colourful party invitations. If that's not enough to get your creative juices running then why not try producing a cost-saving "shopping-list" in shop shelf order? The course tutor recommends it as an aide memoir on the shopping run to

limit impulse buying. If you're struggling to balance your budget during these credit-crunch times, why not become more skilful in using your PC to organise your finances?

Local farmers could find this course useful. With minimal training they can learn how to develop a basic computer application to meet the DEFRA's requirement to record livestock movements. Are you unemployed or looking for a career change requiring computer knowledge? This course covers the major Microsoft© Software Applications and the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) curriculum and can lead to you getting a recognised qualification.

If you'd like to join the course using the School's refurbished computer training facility, then ring (01454) 614120 or Email [abilenett@aim.com](mailto:abilenett@aim.com) for application form.

## Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners of the draw, held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	171	Mrs. C. Healey, Olveston
£75	303	Mr. J.H. Chick, Olveston
£25	384	Mrs. S. Slade, Littleton on Severn
£25	269	Mr. & Mrs. B. Nicholls, Somerset
£20	404	Mr. A. Knapp, Tockington
£20	477	Mrs. C. Pitts, Olveston
£10	459	Mrs. F.M. Riley, Bitton

# South Gloucestershire Women's Luncheon Club

This group has been gathering for many years on just six occasions a year. We meet on the second Thursday of the month, from October to March, at 12.15 in the Old School Hall, Lower Almondsbury. We enjoy a lunch together followed by a speaker. This season's programme is varied, interesting and usually light hearted.

Our members are from Almondsbury, Olveston, Tockington, Alveston, Thornbury and other villages nearby.

We are a friendly group who would warmly welcome new members and guests. If you are interested in knowing more or would like to join, please phone Judith Gundry on 613518 or Valerie Ingram on 614404.

Our first meeting is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009. We look forward to welcoming you!

## Gift Fayre - for St Peter's Hospice



On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September a Gift Fayre will be held at The Parish Hall, Tockington between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Many stalls, ideal for early Christmas shopping. Refreshments and raffle in support of St Peter's Hospice.

June Hahn would like to thank everybody who very kindly collected for the **St Peter's Hospice** charity. It is very much appreciated and I am pleased to report that the total amount for Olveston area was £414.64. Many thanks to everyone who donated.

## Cricket Club News

**150 Club Winners** for August:

£50 Simon Panes, £15 Richard Watkins, £ 5 Iain Murdoch

**Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:**

11th July Kate Bridle 18th July Iain Maunder

25th July Barbara Binns 1st Aug Richard Panes

8th Aug Alex Grosvenor

### Diary Dates:

Saturday 12th September: Annual Dinner & Dance in Marquee at the Ground

Tickets £25 now available!!

Friday 13th November: Annual Cheltenham Race Day.

March 2010 (date to be finalised): Deeds Auction.

# From PC Roger Hopes

Dear All

Just a brief message about problems over the weekend around Olveston on July 31st. There were about nine reported crimes for that weekend around the village. These occurred on Friday and Sunday nights. It would appear that three young people were turned away from a party on Friday night, as they were not known to the host. They had heard about the party over the internet. Because they were turned away, they took their frustrations out on the rest of the village by kicking off the wing mirrors of cars, kicking panels and breaking aerials off, smashing windows, throwing bottles at a house, turning over wheelie bins and other anti-social type behaviour.

I have visited the house in question and spoken with the residents. I have also spoken with the local residents centred around the house and I've arranged a meeting for everyone which I hope will go a long way to help resolve an ongoing problem.

One of the problems I face is that, despite all the crimes (more than 2 months' worth in 1 night), the police received NO calls when the incidents were ongoing, despite people seeing the three shouting/screaming and kicking things! The first time I was aware was when I returned to work Monday morning and the incidents were reported to me personally.

Me and Kelly were on duty until midnight on Friday evening and were in fact in the park late in the evening, and if called we may have been able to at least show a presence and deter further offences.

If you are a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, please pass this on to your residents. Please phone the police at the time of the incident either on 999 for emergency calls (offence is happening, or has just happened and the offenders are near by) or **0845 456 7000** for all other crimes and incidents.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Roger Hopes, PC 3404 Neighbourhood Beat Manager

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## Autumn Food Fair

Start the Autumn with Good Food and Great Friends!

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** sees the start of South Gloucestershire's month-long Food Festival - **Taste** - and marking the opening is the next Food Fair in Castle Street, Thornbury. Running between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm, there will be the usual wealth of local producers combined with other providers of fresh and interesting foodstuffs, including butchery, ice creams, wine, local beer, cakes, cheeses etc. There is a cycle-your-own-smoothie stand and information on other events coming up in Thornbury and the surrounding areas. Refreshments will be available from the Catholic Church.



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IN THORNBURY

## Thornbury's Got Talent

On 24 October, 2009, ACT is staging a talent contest open to all at Thornbury Baptist Church.

Come and see people sing, dance, juggle or even impersonate Gordon Brown. There may be people playing the saxophone or spoons, having their dog do tricks or making their grandmother disappear, because Thornbury is full of talent, oh yes it is!

With heats taking place throughout the afternoon and a grand final starting at 7.30pm, you'll get the chance to vote with or against the judges and choose Thornbury's number one talent. Do come along – you know you want to!

Tickets are available from Thornbury Garden shop from 1 October and for more information on ACT and its project to build a theatre and community arts centre in Thornbury, please visit [www.ACTthornbury.org.uk](http://www.ACTthornbury.org.uk).

## Pictures of Perfection at Thornbury Castle 26<sup>th</sup> September

Come and take afternoon tea in the genteel surroundings of Thornbury Castle, in the company of Jane and Cassandra Austen. Enjoy the banter between the two sisters as they reminisce about their family life, friends, loves and losses. "**Pictures of Perfection**" is an intimate costume drama, written and performed by Barbie Davies (as Cassandra), with Sarah Wiggins as Jane. The amusing, yet poignant, piece includes fascinating images, Jane's favourite music and extracts from her letters and novels. The play will go on to its second appearance at the Bath Jane Austen Festival, but is being presented here for ACT on **Saturday 26 September** in the Tudor Hall at Thornbury Castle from 3.30 - 5.30pm. Tickets, which include afternoon tea, cost £12.00 (£11.00 for **FACTS**) and are available from the Garden Shop, Thornbury from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

ACT (Arts and Community in Thornbury) recently staged a fantastically successful production of "**The Wigan Girls**" at Thornbury Leisure Centre, which involved more than 500 people working under the experienced guidance of Barbie, so why not come and see the 'Master', (or should it be 'Mistress'?) at work! To find out more about ACT and its project to provide this area with a theatre-based arts facility, cinema, recording studio, exhibition space, meeting rooms and café/bar, based in the centre of Thornbury, visit our website: [www.ACTthornbury.org.uk](http://www.ACTthornbury.org.uk).



Did you know there is an Abbeyfield in Easter Compton where older people can find care in housing?

For further information ring 0117.973.6997 or Email: [email@abbeyfield-bristol.co.uk](mailto:email@abbeyfield-bristol.co.uk)

# Olveston Parish Matters

*Andy Clarke*

One short month ago we were all reflecting on the prospect of a lovely summer; how things change – even the weather forecasters are backtracking now! In a spirit of optimism let's just hope that things have changed for the better by the time this item goes to print.

A recent “taster” project for some of the youth of our Parish was judged a success by the participants. The Council has long been concerned that little is on offer locally to occupy our young people, hence the project so ably led by Reehana Sayeed. It seems likely that the best outcome to follow it is the provision of regular weekly transport to Thornbury Youth Club, if funding can be found.

Residents in Old Down may have noticed that they now have a bright new noticeboard by the bus-stop and it will not be long before Olveston and Tockington have also replaced their shabby noticeboards too.

Much of what the Parish Council would like to achieve locally is restricted by the difficulty of finding funding, though every effort is made to do things regardless. In Olveston, Tockington and Old Down there are plenty of examples of things needing replacement or renovation, the latest being their dilapidated road signs whose “Olde Worlde” style will disappear if South Glos has its way. Instead we are searching for the funds to do the work ourselves. If you know of any likely sponsors, please let us know.

The probable cost of replacing the aging equipment at Tockington play area has led us to consider a policy of renovation to extend the life of this popular area. This will be a more affordable process.

Not long ago it was agreed that Parish Councillors going about their business within our community might need the means to identify themselves, particularly when dealing with the public. Each of us now has a card which carries our authorisation to show on request.

Finally the age-old problem of parking in Olveston has again arisen, following several complaints. The shops, garage, pub and church are all hotspots as well as the length of The Street, while parking near the “Closes” remains problematical. Of course, the area around the school, now even extending to the Aust Road, can be fraught and raises the spectre of possible danger to all, but especially for children. Recently, because of parking issues, an ambulance had great difficulties getting down Church Hill. We are, therefore, looking at how to deal with all this, though hopefully co-operation will come before legislation. Perhaps things like car sharing or old-fashioned “Shank's pony” could point the way forward.

These and other issues are displayed on village noticeboards, as well as on the community website. We welcome your interaction so please contact me and the other councillors, or the Olveston Parish Clerk, Mrs Valerie Tutin (01454 613730).

# Oveston Parish Hall News

The Autumn/Winter programme of events is taking shape at the Parish Hall. The 'PARISH HALL SUPPER' takes pride of place as usual on **Saturday 10th October** with the usual cracking food, a licensed bar and local entertainment that's not to be missed (Tickets £10 from June – 617491). Then, building on the 'sold out' success of Graffiti Classics, we have secured a further two 'Razzle Productions'. On **Saturday 21st November** we present a 'TOUCH OF MAGIC' an astonishing and amazing evening of magic with Barry Smith. Then on **Friday 22nd January**, The Ministry of Entertainment presents 'GOODBYE MRS. CHIPS' the story of an extraordinary dinner lady that you will never forget! All this, along with the 'PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY' on **Saturday 12th December**, promises a busy season at the Parish Hall.

For more details on the above events or to reserve a ticket please call **Geoff** on **615806**.

## SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE LOCAL FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

12 September to 11 October 2009

Whether you are a serious foodie or someone who just appreciates great local food and drink, there's plenty at this year's festival for you to enjoy! Some new events for this, the 5<sup>th</sup> year, include:

- Visit to Shipton Mill
- Tour of Thornbury Castle and vineyard
- Butter making demonstrations
- "Meet the Producer" at the newly opened farm shop at Old Down Country Park

For further information visit the website

[www.southgloslocalfood.org](http://www.southgloslocalfood.org)

ring 01454-863883

e-mail [localfood@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:localfood@southglos.gov.uk)

# Thornbury Camera Club

## NEWS

Six Thornbury Camera Club members took in excess of 300 images at the recent Thornbury Carnival and the images have been presented to the organisers for publicity and archival records.

The new programme for 2009/10 starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September with guest speaker David Coombe's subject: "Travels with my Camera". This is followed on the 14<sup>th</sup> with a "Three Way Battle" between Crossbow, Thornbury and Yate/Chipping Sodbury (Hosts). On the 21<sup>st</sup> selection for the "Ace of Clubs" external competition and on the 28<sup>th</sup> guest speaker George Rickie's topic is "My Kind of Photography".

The Beginners Course run by the club commences on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October followed by 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October, then 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November. This popular course includes the following topics: Understanding your camera, Composition and Creativity, Basic manipulation techniques, and Presentation of images by printing or projecting.

The club meetings and the Beginners Course take place at The Old Bakery Annex, Chapel St, Thornbury. For more information and course bookings, contact Alan Jones on 01454 883912 or Andy Gillingham 01454 415015.

## TIPS

What affects exposure? Digital cameras react to light passing through the lens and form an image when the light reaches the sensor. Insufficient light results in too dark an image, too much light gives an image that's too bright. The lighting of your scene affects both the artistic and technical aspect of your photograph.

The quality of light, soft, harsh etc, its colour and how it illuminates your subject determines the artistic characteristic of your photograph. In exposure terms both the quantity of light and whether your subject is illuminated evenly have a bearing on the camera settings.

Changing the aperture f. stop adjusts the exposure by allowing more or less light to reach the lens, adjusting the shutter speed changes the exposure by reducing or increasing the amount of time the light is allowed to fall on the sensor. Put your camera on manual and experiment with these settings. Delete the poor shots and keep trying. Good luck.

The club welcomes new members. A good time to join is at the beginning of a new season. Contact Peter Haworth for more details on 01454 612441.

# Pilates classes in the village

Come and tone those abdominal muscles (and all the rest too!) at Pilates classes in Tockington. There are places for beginners on Fridays at 11.15am at the Wesley Rooms, Tockington. Just turn up or ring Marie Rice on 01179502411.

# Olveston Scouts

Lynda Spratt, SL 1<sup>st</sup> Olveston Scouts

For the last umpteen years on the last weekend of June, First Olveston Scouts have taken a group of 10½ -14 year olds to the Malvern Challenge, held at an idyllic setting looking over Cheltenham. This year we took our three new tents (donated by local people- thank-you), 22 very excited scouts and 5 (not sure what's about to hit us) leaders!



Over 3500 Scouts and Explorer Scouts (oh, and Guides) invaded a small acreage, all needing feeding (the Army supplied the food ☺), all needing entertaining and all needing to have washing and sanitation facilities..... no mean feat! Here's a brief account through the eyes of a one of my scouts.

## My review on the Malvern Challenge by Jacques

By car (a soft top to be precise) it took us two hours to arrive at the Malvern Challenge. Sharing a lift with a friend, both of us hoping that the tents were up! We arrived in full uniform (well, most of us did). Luckily enough, the tents were up (THANK GOODNESS!).

When we arrived the leaders told us which tent we were in. Before we could go off we had to have a briefing about the rules and safety. After the briefing we could go out and explore (within a boundary). Then there was soup for supper. During the evening there was a talent show where all acts could enter. During the briefing, depending on the mood, the leaders would decide on a time to be back at your camp ready for bed.....and we were, umm!

The challenge started in the morning and finished at 5pm so I'd need to have a big breakfast and then go and get my lunch. In my lunch box was an apple, crisps, a pie or a pasty and a carton of juice (apple or orange). There was a long hike ahead of us with bases to challenge our scouting knowledge and team ability, we were full of energy.

We were one of the last groups to go and were the furthest away from camp. It took us two hours to get to the first base! Our first base was abseiling down a cliff! We had to check-in and then go back to our tents to change for the disco.

We went to bed at 12 o'clock!

Woke up to find my bag unpacked and it took me two minutes to pack- (chuck it all in method adopted!) On the last day there's always a fun fair with roller coasters and simulators, loads of crafts things to do; when it's finished all you then have to do is wait for mum.....



*By Jacques Davis-Cren*



# Keeping your computer secure

*Richard Churchill*

If there is one topic that worries most computer users it is viruses (and other nasties) that get on to your computer uninvited and wreak havoc. But what can you do to protect yourself? You need security, some friendly programs that keep an eye on your computer and keep the malicious programs out.

Over the next two months I'll explain what you are up against and what you can do to protect yourself.

What is involved in computer security? Well, computer security is much like home security. You have to get the right locks on the doors, windows with secure latches and a good alarm system; once you have your locks in place, and know how to use them, you can get on with life. The key is getting the right 'locks'.

For your computer you need three components in your security software to be safe. The first element you need is a "Firewall". This is a fancy name for a piece of software that monitors what is coming in and out. If your computer were an office, the firewall would be the security guard sitting at the entrance checking everyone as they pass.

Next you have "Mal-ware" protection. You may not have heard of this as it is often referred to by its parts: "Anti-virus", "Anti-spyware" and "Anti-Adware". These elements are just three faces of the same problem: software you don't want getting into your computer and attempting to take it over, steal your personal information and convince you to buy things you don't want. To return to our office, the anti-virus and anti-spyware are the teams of security guards patrolling the offices looking for people who are up to no good.

Lastly you have "Threat Prevention" software. This looks at the software running on your computer, and tries to work out if it is going to cause a problem and stops it before it gets a chance. In our example office this would be the CCTV controller using cameras to find any dubious looking individuals.

Next time I'll discuss what makes a good piece of computer security software and what else you can do to keep your computer safe.

I welcome any ideas or questions you may have, you can call 01454 616365 (ask for Richard) or email [articles@yourpcguru.co.uk](mailto:articles@yourpcguru.co.uk). Visit <http://yourpcguru.co.uk/articles/> for past articles and more information.

## Barnabas Fund -

### Hope and Aid for the Persecuted Church

On Sunday 27th September the Thornbury Baptist Church is hosting a speaker, Tony Curtis, from Barnabas to present the work of the Trust amongst the persecuted church worldwide. The talk will be given during each of the three services on the day:

9-15am; 11-00am; and at the 6-30pm evening service.

# Almondsbury Pony Show and Gymkhana

*Carol Vincenot*

This year's Almondsbury Gymkhana, on July 5<sup>th</sup>, was another great success despite the continuous threat of rain. However, nothing was going to dampen the enthusiasm of local riders who turned out in full force to support this event and make it the most successful show ever! Even the dog show saw an amazing 211 dogs turn up to be judged in classes ranging from Best Rescue dog to Best Handler. Due to the huge support and success of the Show, the committee will be donating in the region of £2,700 between this year's three charities, St Peter's Hospice, Riding for the Disabled and Paul's Place.

## **The Winners' Enclosure 2009 ...**



First up in the main ring, wining the Best Turn-out (Open) was Daisy Ward on her lovely black pony Smarty. Next up were the jumping classes with Amy Gillingham on Quenniey taking the Mini Jumping 12.2h.h. & under (Leading Rein) title, whilst the 1'6" Novice Jumping was ably won by Megan Allen with Pilot. The Northavon Forever Holly Challenge Trophy was awarded to Ellen Barber with Benson for winning the Jumping for Novice Pony Class and the

fabulous Horse and Hound Jumping saw a win for the talented Abbi Morten on Jazzy, not forgetting the very agile Hound, Zhanna. Charlie and rider Megan Nicholls were the winning combination of the Novice Jumping whilst the Reg Meek Memorial Challenge Cup was awarded to Jane Driver and her mount Village Cobbler. The Open Intermediate Jumping for ponies 14.2h.h. & under went to Morgan Riordan riding Zante. The final two classes in the Jumping section went to the same horse and rider duo, Medley Markesh with Anna Hicks on board. This amazing pair won both The Peter Wills Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Open Jumping for Horses/Ponies and the Claire Wilmott Memorial Rose Bowl for the Open Chase Me Charlie! Over in the Dressage Arena, taking the top honours for best local pony, were Shanice Walton riding Sid and this pair took home the Lucy Ford Cup. The ever popular Gymkhana was well attended in each of the age groups but the winner here was Alice Shute who was awarded the Gymkhana Shield for the most sporting rider!

A great day was had by both competitors and spectators alike, despite the weather (!) and The Show Committee would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support!

# Thornbury Hospital League of Friends

The Thornbury Hospital League of Friends will be holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday October 7th 2009 at the Methodist Church Hall, Alveston beginning at 10.30 a.m.

There will be Raffle Prizes, a variety of Stalls e.g. White Elephant, Bric-a-Brac etc. Proceeds will go to supporting Thornbury Hospital.

# Severn Vale Flower Club

Despite heavy rain the day before, our Coffee morning went ahead on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. The morning was cloudy but warm and although it was wet underfoot members and friends were still able to sit and enjoy coffee in Carmen's garden. Our thanks go to Carmen for her hospitality and all our members for their support.

In July we held our Summer lunch with in-house entertainment. After an enjoyable lunch provided by Rosina, members did an informal plant ID competition. Jean Fisher judged the flower competitions. The Kay Evans trophy was won by Jo Whiteman, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Kate Hickman and 3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Orchard. In the Novices class a paper weight which was donated to the club by Kathleen Hawkins, was for an arrangement in a basket; this was won by Margaret Orchard, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Sue Williams and 3<sup>rd</sup> Maureen Christopher. Maureen also came first in the herbaceous border competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Jo Whiteman and 3<sup>rd</sup> was Sally Taylor. In the decorated box competition 1<sup>st</sup> was Joan Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Jean Boakes and 3<sup>rd</sup> was Jo Whiteman. The best single flower was won by Pat Jarvis. Well done to those who won and to all who entered the competitions which were all well supported. Readings by Nancy Robbins and Jane Smith were followed by a demonstration by four of our members. The arrangements made were then donated as raffle prizes.

# Thornbury Library

**Pre-school story-times and musical rhyme time.** We are re-launching our FREE Monday afternoon pre-school story-times which run from 2.15pm-2.45pm and our monthly rhyme time for younger children on the last Monday of each month, also from 2.15pm-2.45pm. Pre-school children and their parents and carers are most welcome to attend these FREE fun activities which are also an opportunity for them to meet up with one another in a relaxed setting. We also hold regular holiday activities.

**Dads' Story-time!** In addition to our Monday afternoon pre-school story-times, we have started a fortnightly Saturday afternoon pre-school story-time starting at 2.15pm that gives Dads a chance to bring their pre-school children to the library for a story. Dates for the autumn are 12 and 26 September, 10 and 24 October, 7 and 21 November and 5 and 19 December.

**Anne Perry – crime writer's workshop – Thursday 17 September 2.00-4.00. Tickets £2.50 members/£5.00 non members.** We are pleased to welcome the celebrated crime writer Anne Perry to Thornbury Library. We have been sent the following information on the format of the afternoon. Anne will start off by talking about her career and how she started writing crime fiction. She may start with plotting - how to do it; setting, dialogue and characters. Delegates will have an opportunity to ask related questions throughout and to take notes. It's very much a conversational style of presentation that gets people thinking, posing ideas from a different perspective. Ticket numbers will be limited and sold in advance on a first come first served basis.

# Y Y Y ?

You are invited to the Y course. The place to think through life's biggest questions - such as "Is there more to life than this?", "Is there life after death?", "Why so much suffering?". "If God is there, how can we know?", "Too many religions to believe any?" and many more.

The full Y Course of 8 cringe-free sessions will be running in Almondsbury and Olveston this Autumn starting at **7.30pm on Wednesday 30 September** at 18 Townsend Lane in Almondsbury. Why not try the first session? There is no obligation to come to any more.

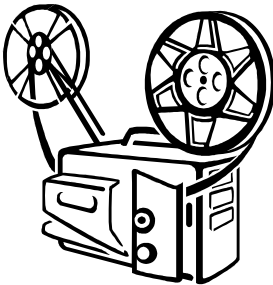
For further information please contact Paul van Rossum, Tel 01454 626160, Email [paul@vanrossum.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:paul@vanrossum.freeserve.co.uk).

## Rainbow Fair, Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September

Rows of red, oodles of orange, plenty of pink and purple.....

Once again Thornbury Methodist Church invites you to visit their fantastic Rainbow Fair on 26<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 12.30 in the Methodist Halls. There will be 8 colourful stalls plus books in both the halls. Upstairs is served by a lift for those unable to manage the stairs. Downstairs, as well as stalls, tea and coffee will be served with delicious cakes or toasted teacakes. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Thornbury Picture House Season



Not only are prices being held at the 2008-2009 rate for the new Thornbury Picture House season but members will actually get the chance to see eleven films for the price of ten!

Brochures are now available in the Town Hall and Thornbury Library for this great season of world films, all shown at 'a screen near you' in the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury. The best value in Town, still £30 for the whole season!

Starting on September 11<sup>th</sup> with the Coen brothers' acclaimed spy thriller and black comedy starring

George Clooney, *Burn after Reading*; the season continues with the spine tingling documentary recording Philippe Petit's dare-devil high wire stunt between the two towers of the World Trade Centre, *Man on Wire*.

See: [www.thornburypicturehouse.org](http://www.thornburypicturehouse.org) for full details or email: [films@thornburypicturehouse.org](mailto:films@thornburypicturehouse.org) to request a brochure by post.

# Yours faithfully

*Fr Richard Mway Zeng, SDS  
From Christ the King Church, Thornbury*

Summer is upon us. We can even notice smiles on the faces of school teachers, kids and most of us here as we wish this summer to be a wonderful one as we try to make the most of the few days of this British summer. Plans are also made to travel around the world or visit certain parts of our country; we seek above all to have some time away from our jobs, school and weekly demands as we try to have some family time together. For us Christians, we should also ask ourselves, where is God's place during this period. Indeed, holiday time is necessary for us to rest and regain strength. It's a freedom and relaxation time. But have we thought about God during our holidays, and above all we should ask ourselves, does God take holidays? We've just to look around us: rain still showers the earth, the sun never ceases to show up, flowers are blowing, our fields are green... God's work is still going on this summer as it does the rest of the year. God never goes on vacation, nor does He want His work to stop.

We trust, during these warmer days, that each of us will make the effort to see that our relationship with God also warms up and doesn't cool down. Getting away from the continual pressures of life on occasion is so important, yet never is there a time when we should slack up on our spiritual growth. Even when we are away on vacation, God should be at the centre of all that we do and are involved in. He wants to go on holiday with you.

Therefore, even during our holidays we must still continue to praise our Creator, the God of beauty. If and only if God comes first, then we'll remember that a holiday is also the right time when we need to learn to be a family. It's the right time when we seek to come together, to have meals together and more. During this period, it's better to be with our children and listen to their dreams. And why not to pray together? With holidays we travel a lot. Unfortunately today, we visit holy places such as cathedrals, The Vatican, churches and shrines not so much as places of worship but mere tourist attractions. God dwells in all such places, be close to Him there in prayer. And so, our holidays can be a time of grace. At the end of your holidays, ask yourself, where and when did I meet God?

## From the Registers at St Mary's

Marriage on 13th June of -Ben Birch & Laura Bates.

Marriage on 11th July of Theodore Luke & Lucy Skinner.

Baptism on 9th August of Max William Henry, son of Craig & Natalie Taylor.

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Sep 6	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev David Bone
Sep 13	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mr Denis Jones
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Rev. Philip Rowe
Sep 20	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir/Handbells	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Janet McBride
Sep 27	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Rev. Roly Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev. Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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

Please contact Philip about Baptisms, marriages, funerals or other matters at any time, but please try to avoid Thursdays except in an emergency.

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

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

**PRAYER GROUP:** Mondays, 3.00pm in the Church (except third Monday)

**WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION:** At 9.00am led by the Rev. Roly Bain

## CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Sep 6	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Sep 13	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Sep 20	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Sep 27	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone

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

**Church Wardens:** Jo Jenkins, 01454 632838 and Janet Ford, 01454 633300

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

Sep 6	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Sep 20	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield

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

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Sep 13	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Pole
Sep 27	6.30	Harvest Festival	Rev David Pole

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

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sep 6	10am 4pm	Tock. Ch. Parkway Meth. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney Welcome Service to new Ministers to the Circuit inc. Rev. Sandy Williams to Olveston & Tockington
Sep 13	10am 6pm	Olveston Ch Tock Ch..	All Age Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams. The Breakfast Club will join us later Evening Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
Sep 20	10am 6pm	Tock.Ch. Daldry Gdns	Morning Worship led by Mr David Head Evening Worship led by Rev Den Harding
Sep 27	10am 6pm	Tock Ch. Tock. Ch.	Parade Family Harvest Festival Service led by Rev. Sandy Williams Evening Harvest Festival Service led by Rev Roger Ducker

**LIGHT LUNCHESES:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept at 12.15 in the Tockington Wesley Rooms. To book your lunch please ring 612112.

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. To book your lunch please ring 416528

**PRAYER MEETINGS:** Thursdays at 2.15pm in the Olveston Vestry.

**COFFEE MORNINGS:** Sats 10.30 - 12 noon in the Olveston Methodist Hall. -except 12<sup>th</sup> Sept when it will be in Tockington Chapel . Please bring items for the Harvest Fayre and receive a free cup of coffee.

Contact : **Rev Sandy Williams** 0117 950 6881

Sandy.williams48@btinternet.com

## THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, manner for worship, prayer and conversational Bible studies incorporating Communion, normally Sunday at 10.30am and Monday and Wednesday at 7.30pm. We also visit other churches and events,so please check our Notice Board or contact us. Prayer requests can be posted through the letterbox at The Vine or sent to us by post or email. Please add a name or initial to identify your request.

**Mike and Barbara Matthews**, tel. 07840 793772 or email:

**[thevine\\_awkley@hotmail.com](mailto:thevine_awkley@hotmail.com)**

## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Sep 6	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Sep 13	6.30pm	Steve Loader
Sep 20	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies
Sep 27	6.30pm	Mike Jenkinson

Each Thurs 7.30pm- Prayer Time

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

## AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Family Worship 11am Evening Worship 6.30pm

For more details, please phone 632564.

**BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** - Our Sunday morning meetings are held at The Grange School in Warmley at 11 am.

Contact 01454 613305 **[www.bcfnet.com](http://www.bcfnet.com)**

**RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING**, Thornbury - each Sunday

**8.30am Mass**

**11.00 Family Mass**

**6.30pm Mass**

**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: Elizabeth Sidwell**, 412975

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



## Diary Dates for September 2009

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women Poppy Factory	10.00-12.00 10.30	WR
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	Body Tone Exercise Class	7.30-8.30	PH
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30	OSt MH
5 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Alveston Flower Show	10.30-12.00 2.15	MH Jub. Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Olveston Craft Group	7.30-9.30	MH
8 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Aust Parish Council . Women's Institute 'Antarctica 'Mr P Savage	10.00-12.00 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR EVH PH
9 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Body Tone Exercise Class Royal British Legion-Men	7.30-8.30 7.30pm	PH DGCL
10 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Th. & Dist. Flower Club-Demo 'Serendipity'- Parish Players first meeting	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30 7.30 7.30	OSt MH TMH PH
12 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Mary and Joseph Roadshow meeting Autumn Food Fair in Castle Street Music in the Church at Aust-Misericordia	10.30-12.00 11.30am 10.00 - 2.00 8pm	Tock Ch StM AC
13 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Aust Harvest Festival and supper	6.00	AC
15 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddler Royal British Legion Women Bingo	10.00-12.00 7.30	WR DGCL
16 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club Harvest Lunch- Delyth Price 'Wait and See' Body Tone Exercise Class	12.00 7.30-8.30	PH
17 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30	OSt MH
19 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Tockington Harvest Fayre Craft Fair for St Peter's Hospice	10.30-12.00 2pm 10.00-4.00	MH Tock Gr. PH
22 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Fibromyalgia Support Group-Hypnotherapy	10.00-12.00 7.30pm 7.00-9.00	WR AP AMH
23 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Body Tone Exercise Class	7.30-8.30	PH

	Alveston History Society 'Battle of Nibley Green	7.30	AMC
24 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Th. & Dist. Flower Club-Practice-'Golden Fanfare'	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30 7.30	Ost MH TMH
25 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Olveston Pre-School open morning	10.00	PH
26 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Rainbow Fair Coffee Morning ACT Pictures of perfection Newcomers Party	10.00-12.30 10.30-12.00 3.30 5.00	MCh Th MH Th Castle OS
27 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Marlwood School Car Boot Sale	9.30-1pm	
28 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Climate change talk - Paul Ashford, Alveston Olveston Craft Group	7.30 7.30-9.30	Jub. Hall MH
29 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers	10.00-12.00	WR
30 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Y Y Y Body Tone Exercise Class	7.30 7.30-8.30	PH

### Looking ahead to October

7 <sup>th</sup>	Thornbury Hospital League of Friends	10.30	AMC
8 <sup>th</sup>	South Gloucestershire Women's Club	12.15	OSH
10 <sup>th</sup>	'Flu Clinic at Old School Hall, Almondsbury	9.00-12.00	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Supper Music in the Church at Aust	8.00	PH AC
24 <sup>th</sup>	ACT Thornbury's Got Talent	7.30	Th Bapt

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

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