

Meeting Point

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From the Editor

What do you think of the new style of cover? The Meeting Point Committee were pleased with it but we would very much like to receive your views, whether positive or negative. In May the cover was printed in blue on the white paper and was of Aust Church, looking very similar to St Mary's Olveston but without the grave stones.

June is another very busy month to judge from all the local activities featured in this issue: such as Summer fetes, Open gardens, concerts, a Hog Roast and Barn Dance as well as a Flower Festival. There is also a full report of the Annual Parish Assembly. This has meant that the Weather page has been squeezed out. We are fortunate to have our local weather recorded so meticulously by Marcus Bean. He records that on 10th March we had gales of 57mph and a pressure of 956mm, the lowest he has ever recorded. It makes me realise how suddenly some real summer weather has arrived at the beginning of May, and how wonderful the gardens look with all the blossom out together.

Remember Meeting Point is your magazine and any feedback is useful to us - what you want more of (or less of); any other topics not already covered.

Our cover is by Rosemary Wilson.

Meeting Point Founded in 1976 by the Anglican and Methodist churches in Olveston, near Bristol

Edward 'Ted' Addis -

chemist, naturalist, woodworker, photographer

Pat Thirkettle

Ted Addis and his sister Betty Daldry moved to Olveston in 1940, when their parents came to care for their grandfather in the house called Greengates, The Street, where he still lives today. Life was fairly primitive then, with water pumped from a well and the weekly job of clearing the outdoor privy. Ted had one year at Olveston School, when the playground was gravel with subsequent sore knees, and lice and ringworm were every-day experiences.

Milk was delivered by horse and cart and you put your jug out each day to be filled directly from the churn. Elberton quarry was in full production and steam wagons with their glowing hot coals transported crushed stone for the war effort. Sadly, he remembers horse drawn timber carriages carrying felled elm trees into Bristol, to make coffins for the dead of Coventry, after it had been flattened in one of the worst bombing raids of the war.

Ted gained a scholarship to Thornbury Grammar School and cycled there. He had deferment for one year from being called up, to take physics, chemistry and geography, before becoming a radar technician with the RAF. After the war he applied to Bristol Aeroplane Company (now Rolls Royce) and at his interview the first question asked was where he went to school; the answer 'Thornbury Grammar' gave him the job immediately. He married Annabel in 1970 and they had a son and daughter who in turn have provided them with six grandchildren. Ted worked as a metallurgical chemist for thirty eight years and was happy to take redundancy in 1988 and have the time to devote to his other interests.

He has always been a keen naturalist, spending hours in the woods and fields around Olveston watching and observing wild life. A wonderful memory is of sitting so quietly one day on the edge of a field that a mother partridge walked past him and seven chicks solemnly followed, climbing over both his boots! The family always grew their own vegetables on the allotments, until Ted's father bought an extra half acre behind the garden to turn into a vegetable patch. In later years it became an orchard until about ten years ago Annabel and Ted turned it into a wild flower garden. Annabel has recorded about two hundred species and collects the seeds, in order to increase the flowers. For some time they had a tame badger living nearby, which they fed with peanut butter sandwiches, but he eventually moved on.

Ted has always been a keen photographer of wildlife and flowers, starting with a plate camera and everything in between to digital, and he gave illustrated talks on natural history. He started the Countryside Group with Tony Turnbull twenty-five years ago and it's still going strong. He and several others started the Historical Society forty years ago and Ted was their photographer.

Many years ago Roy Simmonds asked Ted to photograph a restoration job of the Crofton Steam engine near Pewsey. This started a new hobby, that of

making wooden models of steam engines, which he shows every year in Thornbury. He had made some of the furniture in their house, and for the church he made the stand for the cross of thirty pieces of silver behind the altar, and two wooden candlesticks to leave on the altar when the church is open and the silver put away. Ted is a very modest man and I have no doubt that there is a lot more that I failed to prise out of him!

Around the World in Flowers and Music

Peggy Oakhill

As previously said in the May Meeting Point, a Flower Festival and Musical Evenings will be held at St John's Church, Elberton on the 28th and 29th June. The Church will be open from 10.30am to 5pm both days, with refreshments available on the lawns.

St Peter's Special Choir will be giving a concert on Saturday 28th at 7.30pm with music suitable for all ages. Refreshments will be served on the lawn afterwards. There is no charge but donations will be greatly appreciated.

On Sunday 29th June at 6.30pm we are holding a Songs of Praise led by Rev Dave Pole and St Helen's music group. We would like people to request and sponsor their favourite hymn. Please do give Pauline Ford a call on 416708 and make it a special evening.

We look forward to seeing you all for a great weekend – good weather as well!

Summer Concert for Workaid / Ugandan Widows and Orphans

Concert - 14 June at the Oasis Church, Old Down, 3-5pm. Carol Corpe and Olwyn Wonnacott will play light music with a cream tea in the interval. There will be an explanation of Workaid's provision of tools to help families support themselves. To reserve a seat please phone 01454 415280.

Annual Parish Assembly

Valerie Tutin, Clerk to the Council

Many thanks to those of you who attended the Annual Parish Assembly, and to the Sports and Social Club who provided the bar after the meeting. The following is a précis of the report given by the Chairman, together with a few details about The Severn Area Rescue Association.

The Chairman welcomed everyone, and confirmed that the meeting had been advertised in Meeting Point and on the notice boards and details had been sent to The Gazette. "We were pleased to welcome three new Councillors this year, Alan Cogram, Tony Heming and Jane Turley-Green, replacing Martin Gill, Roger Hindle and Arthur Webb – thanks to them for all their work. Thanks also to Mr Michael Kirby of Kirby Simcox for his help and advice for many years as the Council's Solicitor and to District Councillor Matthew Riddle.

Six parishioners attended meetings during the year to discuss various matters of concern. The precept this year was increased by £1,000 to £25,000.

The Recreation and Leisure Committee continue to meet monthly and oversee the play areas and grass cutting. New signage will shortly be erected on all the play areas, and the sub-committee is reviewing the leases with local clubs. The matter of broken roof tiles on the Parish Hall from footballs from the play area beside the Hall is under discussion, and the committee thanks Dave Webb of Webwood for all his work and advice.

The Planning Committee met twice monthly as necessary, discussing and commenting on 69 applications regarding extensions, alterations, garages, stables and many other subjects. We also attend any site meetings whenever possible. Thanks again to Matthew Riddle for his help with planning matters.

The footpaths have been looked after and kept trimmed this year, with few problems; the Council thanks Peter Cabban, our footpaths warden, for his help, and also thanks parishioners who look after various flower displays and keep the bus shelters clean and tidy. The allotments have been in excellent shape this year, although unfortunately blight was a major problem. We scored good marks but received no awards in the Village of the Year award scheme, but all three villages are taking part this year, so we hope parishioners will endeavour to keep everything tidy and litter free.

The Haw Lane wall has been a major problem this year. The project has been far more extensive than was ever visualised by the Parish Council, and has taken nine months to complete, increasing traffic through Tockington, Old Down Hill and Vicarage Lane. Members of the public raised a petition, wrote poems and April Fool articles; the only parishioners who have been happy were residents of Haw Lane who enjoyed months of peace!! The wall looks very impressive, and the Council hopes that the rest of it will be tidied, and the verge kept clear. Thanks to South Gloucestershire Council Highways for the excellent work done on the resurfacing of the main road.

The Council was disappointed that no-one was interested in carrying out a Parish Plan, or in volunteering to help as advisors in their fields of expertise.

The Council has been exploring some new ideas. ID badges are being made for Councillors to wear when they are carrying out official duties, a performance review is being carried out, and an information booklet about the Council for all parishioners will shortly be available. A website is also soon to be set up. It is hoped that the Council can meet the needs of the Parish through good communication, commitment and caring for others.

There are some unresolved issues: no news on affordable housing, no youth club and little response to the school travel plan or the proposed footway from Old Down to the Cross Hands at Alveston.

In conclusion, I would like to record with sadness the death last July of Peter Wike, for 20 years head of Olveston School, and extend our support and best wishes to Miss Faye Bertham, the new Head.

My thanks to all my fellow Councillors and the clerk for all their hard work during the year.”

Mrs Lyons then introduced the speaker, Mr Geoff Dawe, from the **Severn Area Rescue Association**, who came with three other members to talk about the work of SARA and their lifeboats on the river and their help during the recent flooding in the area.



They have over 150 members, who are all voluntary, and have no income other than money raised by fundraising by the crews. The RNLI do not cover estuary waters, so SARA covers the river from Gloucester to Weston-super-Mare. These are dangerous waters because of the fast tides – the Severn has the highest navigable tidal waters in the world, and a three hour flood tide. The crew members can be called in by the Police, Fire, or Ambulance Service as well as the Coastguard, and they help with flooding and missing persons as well as ships that are in difficulties. Mr Dawe had stories of the recent floods in Tewkesbury, where they rescued a pub landlord from the upstairs window of his pub; he was already up to his ankles in water upstairs! They also rescued several wheelchair users, and even pets whose owners would not leave them behind. At one stage they were nearly hit by a floating 40ft mobile home. Their stations had over 100 calls last year, equal to the busiest RNLI stations. In 35 years they have never failed to launch a boat,

The crew demonstrated some of their equipment, and showed photos of their various types of lifeboat, and one of the crew members also demonstrated that he can get into his full wet gear, including helmet, in 50 seconds!

Mr Heming thanked Mr Dawe and the crew members for a very interesting and informative talk.

Hog Roast & Barn Dance

Saturday 14th June

Time to get out those check shirts and jeans! Olveston and Tockington Parish Hall Committee are organising a Hog Roast and Barn Dance to raise funds for the restoration of our parish hall. An experienced caller has been secured and the evening will be kicked off with a hog roast and children's western dress competition. The event is part of a push to widen the use of the hall as a community venue and first item on the refurbishment plan is the ladies' toilets. The committee clearly has their priorities right! Tickets, which include the hog roast and barn dance, are available from Mark 613761, Geoff 615806 and Mandy 617890 at £10 (adults) or £25 (family).

Friends of St Mary's

Andy Phillips

Come & Join us ! , Come & Join us !No it's not the Sally Army, it's the Friends of St Mary's. We want your support - either with a membership of your "Local Lottery", still only £2 a month with 7 prizes totalling £310 a month ...OR possibly your help with our events ...OR even, better still, joining our small committee. What do you think ? Might you be able to help?

What to do next ...Well, we will be at the Church Fete on the 21st June giving out free helium-filled balloons to all the children that attend, for a mass air lift at 3.00pm. Each balloon will have a tag on it and the one received from the furthest distance away from Olveston will be awarded a prize of £50. (No cheating now by taking your child's tag on holiday with you and posting it back from there. We know where you will be holidaying so we'll check!!)

If you look us up, we'll be happy to sign you up for a membership there and then. We can also put you on our helpers list for our events or we will give you an interview for the committee which entails saying you're interested and we say "Fine you're in then".

Look forward to seeing you at the Fete then .. Bye for now



Mrs Edith Davies

100th Birthday

Joyce Davies

Edith and her family would like to express their thanks to the many people who sent their congratulations and joined Edith on her Birthday Afternoon - April 22nd.

The Twinning Virgin's Experience

Jackie Cavanagh

As much as time and money will permit, I love to go places and experience foods and drinks that are new to me. I also like to spend time with my friends. So where does twinning fit into that formula for happiness? Let me explain with reference to the latest twinning trip to Bréhan (pronounced Brayon)

Sitting on the bus at Olveston bus stop at 4:30pm on bank holiday Friday, I wondered what I had let myself in for. I didn't speak French fluently; I have food and cat allergies; not only do I not know anyone well on the bus I certainly didn't know any of the French people that I was soon to meet and stay with for the weekend. And if I hated the forthcoming weekend would I at some time in the future have to reciprocate the favour by having unknown French folks stay in my home. (A particular worry as, just like everyone else, my home is a work in progress i.e. decorating etc still needing doing and certainly no "guest wing" to my house with which to entertain!

By the time we reached the M5 southbound to Plymouth, I had been advised of the following:

- There are enough folk around who can help with the language barrier
- By the time I return home, I'll have worked out the meaning of about 90 % of the french I heard and what 10 per cent of the conversations actually were.
- I'll know all the English people on the bus by the time I get back home
- It's a good thing that I love to eat and drink as I'll be doing a lot of it
- There's no obligation to host in England if you have been a guest in Bréhan

So was it all true? I did wonder, since I had previously heard that twinning is nothing more than a jolly for our local parish officials! Nearly everybody on the bus turned out to be a "normal" person, (which also proves that I got to know everyone). Hardly a bigwig to be seen in fact. What all of these normal everyday folk did offer was a strong sense of inclusiveness, almost "family" if you will. For instance, I had packed in a rush (and I am ditzyl!) so I failed to pack all of the necessities, including much needed allergy pills. Pas de problème! All the other ladies on the bus were well prepared and generously gave me theirs. This was one of many acts of kindness. I was definitely in safe and friendly hands.

Our French twinning friends, although they did not speak English regularly, talked in such a way and at such a pace (with gestures and pictures) that the art of communication could be described as alive and very well in Bréhan. My French friends were so encouraging about my efforts with their language that I am now seriously thinking of some French lessons! My mother will be amazed. It turns out that the French I met only dislike other French people who speak French badly. They saw my efforts as a compliment.

The food and wine was plentiful and delicious. It was so good in fact that a fellow virgin-twiner confessed to never drinking wine (other than when forced to take a sip) and he also said that his French speaking skills were zero. After a couple of hours in France, he was drinking wine and communicating almost as if he was destined for it. Needless to say, his good lady-wife's jaw dropped in amazement!

I had a tremendous amount of fun socializing, seeing French stud horses, a beautiful rose festival, and a visit to the coast, garden parties and French style-dancing the night away. Yes, I did only go for a weekend but I opted to indulge in the fun rather than having enough sleep! There was no language barrier and I enjoyed the company of my hosts so much that I would pout if they were not able to stay with me in return.

I learned that my French friends don't care so much about the stateliness of our homes or having guest wings and the like. They, like me, are far more interested in good company good food and good wine.

So was I told the truth on the bus? Naturellement! More importantly would I do it all again? Just try and stop me!

For more details of Twinning activities, contact Jan Winter on 612641.



St Mary's, Olveston

St Mary's Church Summer Fete Saturday 21st June at 2pm

Don't forget this **Summer's church fete** will be held again at Church Farm, Olveston, by kind permission of Mr John Cryer, and in St Mary's Church. It will be opened by Miss Faye Bertham, newly appointed head of St Mary's CEVC School, Olveston.

There will be lots of traditional stalls, many provided by the youth organisations who are so active in our community, please come along and support them in the grounds of Church Farm, just 1 minute walk down the hill from the church.

Additional fun activities have been organised to entertain all ages.

Displays organised in the church building include work by local artists, floral decorations, a display of music by Vaughan Williams and woodworking models by Ted Addis. A grand raffle for excellent prizes, kindly sponsored by local organisations, will be held; please buy your tickets early, they will be available outside the village stores just before the fete.

Please contact Sian Slade 419162 or Pauline Wright 616312, if you require further information.



Oveston School News

Outdoor Learning

Two of our whole school initiatives for the academic year 2008-2009 are to promote Outdoor Learning and to re-model the children's learning by developing a much more creative curriculum. A creative curriculum is topic and skills based and the topics are chosen by asking the children what they would like to learn about. Outdoor learning gives the children opportunities to develop their skills outside the classroom, in a range of subjects. Our learning environment has already been much improved recently, through the creation of our Willow Dome, the Foundation Stage area, plus our fantastic playground art. With the further development of the Touchwood fencing this term and the possibility of an outdoor classroom structure being built in the future, our outdoor space is an exciting place in which to learn.

To promote these two initiatives, the children in Key Stage 1 will be experiencing two outdoor learning mornings on Wednesday 4th June and Thursday 5th June. The children will be working in mixed age groups and will be participating in pond dipping, pebble painting, scarecrow making, outdoor art work and much more! We are fortunate to have a well established conservation area and pond. Mrs Dickens, one of our much valued Teaching Assistants, has worked extremely hard, over many years, creating this fantastic learning environment. There are many plant varieties, plus a good assortment of pond life for the children to study. Avon Wildlife have also worked with the children recently to create a wonderful marsh garden. These two outdoor learning mornings will be exciting and stimulating and will cover many cross-curricular skills.

Year 3 Trip to Caerleon

Oliver M. & Josie W.

On Tuesday 29th April it was the Year 3 class Roman trip to discover real Roman objects and statues. It was to Caerleon in Wales. First we went to see the Roman baths in the museum. They were very big but had no water in them. After the Roman baths we went to the gift shop. I (Oliver) bought two real Roman coins which were really cool. Finally, we went outside to go to the Roman Coliseum. Miss Plews said to go and see if we could find where the people might have prayed. Unfortunately, it started to rain just after lunch. We went into a Roman Legion museum and saw lots of Roman soldier stuff. When we got in, a man showed us around. We had to do a quiz which was very, very fun to do. Year 3 enjoyed their day in Caerleon!

Thank You

Mary Slader

Many thanks to all who supported the Gift Fayre on 26 April. £311.79 was raised on the day by donations, refreshments and raffle sales.

Friends of Olveston School Summer Fete

Saturday 5th July, 2-4pm

This Summer, Olveston School goes green with an environmentally themed fete. With a whole host of games, stalls and competitions on a recycling theme, incorporating the old favourites and some fresh new activities, the event promises to be a fun-filled afternoon.

For the first time in several years, the fete takes place on a Saturday afternoon, making it easier for the whole family and wider community to enjoy. Everyone is welcome, so put 5th July in your diary now - a date not to miss!

Littleton on Severn Open Gardens

Sunday 8 June 2008

Littleton gardens will be open on Sunday 8th June from 1pm to 5pm. Parking, teas and an Art Exhibition will be at the Village Hall. Plants for sale and a "made in Littleton" stall will be in various gardens. Also local professional garden designers' exhibition and information will be in the Ebenezer Chapel.

Entrance will be £3 per person (children free) all proceeds to St Mary de Malmesbury's Church, which will be open. We look forward to seeing you all in Littleton.

St Peter's Hospice - Tea at Three

Kath Burgess



Sharing the Caring

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to Tea at Three to be held on **Friday 6th June** in the garden of the Wheatsheaf Public House in Thornbury (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs R Camp). Teas available between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. Raffle and stalls.

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

Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church

We are very sorry that the Tongan evening advertised for 14th June in the May Meeting Point has had to be postponed. Please look for further details in the Autumn.

Coffee on Saturday morning 14th June will be served in Olveston Methodist Hall, not in Tockington.

East meets West

Ernie Baker

My first thought after agreeing to write an article about our garden was: I haven't got time, I'm retired!

We moved into "The Lintels" in 1980. At that time the gardens were laid mainly to lawn with a few shrubs. It was not until 1989 that a work colleague offered me some goldfish amongst which was a Koi. This prompted me to get a book on Koi, and of course the next step was a Japanese garden. One of the requirements for a successful Koi pond is that it should be at least 4ft deep if the fish are to survive a severe winter. Since the back garden was a couple of feet above the level of the patio, and I wanted to have the surface of the pond level with the patio, I would have to remove up to 6ft of spoil. No problem - or so I thought. On putting the spade into the lawn I found that the rock started an inch below the surface. No wonder the house next door is called Rock House Farm.

I started to remove the rock with a pickaxe. Two years later, working most of my spare time on the project, and using the rock dug out of the garden, it started to take shape with a stream, waterfall, Koi, acers, chumon gate, etc. Since then we have added a G and T house (sorry, a Tea House), and a Japanese barbeque area. Someone asked me if the Japanese have barbeque areas. I said, "They will do after they have seen this one!".

We then went on to change the front garden, and decided to make it in complete contrast to the back garden. What could be more different from a Japanese Garden than an English Cottage Garden, with wide borders of traditional cottage plants, from delphiniums, and foxgloves, to daisies, grasses, and clematis.

We now have a choice. We can stay in the West sitting in the front garden, soaking up the colour of the plants, and look across the fields. Or we can go out into the back garden and immerse ourselves into the East, in a world of oriental music, wind charms, Koi, and being waited on by Geishas. Dream on!

On one of the Village Garden Open Days, Mrs Eileen Mantell, who is the South Gloucestershire County Organiser for the NGS, approached us. She asked if we would be willing to open the gardens for the NGS. We agreed and a short time afterwards the garden was entered into the NGS book. We were approached by the

Daily Mail to enter a garden competition in which we received a highly commended plaque, plus a free day at Hampton Court with all the trimmings. A couple of years later we received a phone call from Anglia TV with an offer to take part in a programme called Britain's Best Back Garden, in which we came third. To follow that we had a two page spread in a magazine – a reward and recognition for all our hard work.

Oveston & Tockington WI April Meeting

Joyce Davies

The April Meeting was well attended, we now have 35 members - more are very welcome to join. Mrs Carmen Pitts, the delegate to the EGM in Weston, pinpointed the excellent presentation given by Mr Eddie Farewell of the Children's Hospice South West, a charity we feel we would like to adopt in our celebrations for our 90th Birthday Year. We shall be having two occasions, a Garden Party on June 24th and a Cake Cutting Ceremony at our September meeting. Our speaker was Mrs Hilary Severn who demonstrated the craft of 'Tassel Making' and had members getting 'in a twist' to produce a tassel to take home.

At our June Meeting we will be allowed to go 'Behind the Antiques Road Show' with Mr Cliff White. All are welcome to join us at 7.30pm on Tuesday June 10th.

Cricket Club

150 Club Winners May:

£50 C J Collins £15 Diane Grosvenor £ 5 Bill Finch

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winner: 3rd May Barbara Binns

The Club is holding a Race Night on **Friday 6th June** to raise funds for improvements which have been made to the Nets Area of the ground. This should benefit all players, but should especially help with the development of our Colts players. Races can be sponsored for £60 and you can be a horse owner for £5, so please contact me if you would like to help in this way. If not please come along and enter into what will be a most enjoyable evening.

June Fixtures at The Park:

SATURDAY	07-Jun-08	2ND XI	LONG ASHTON	2.00
SUNDAY	08-Jun-08	SUNDAY XI	BISHOPSTON	2.30
TUESDAY	10-Jun-08	U 13S	THORNBURY 'RED'	6.00
FRIDAY	13-Jun-08	U 15S	CHIPPING SODBURY	6.00
SATURDAY	14-Jun-08	1ST XI	BRISTOL ASIANS	2.00
TUESDAY	17-Jun-08	U 17S	GLOUCESTER CITY/WINGET	6.00

WEDNESDAY	18-Jun-08	GROUP DIRECT		5.00
SATURDAY	21-Jun-08	2ND XI	FAILAND & PORTBURY	2.00
SATURDAY	28-Jun-08	1ST XI	CHEW MAGNA	2.00

Spectators are always welcome at all matches, so we look forward to seeing you!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729 www.olddowncricketclub.co.uk

Music in the Church at Aust – Chris Wood

The Irish Times heralded Chris Wood as “the renaissance man of English folk” when on his own R.U.F Records label he released The Lark Descending which included the BBC Folk Award winning song One In A Million in 2005.

Chris Wood is an uncompromising writer whose music reveals his love for the unofficial history of the English speaking people. With gentle intelligence he weaves the tradition with his own contemporary parables; his writing has been said to share the same timeless quality as Richard Thompson at his best.

Since the release of The Lark Descending, Wood’s appeal has gone way beyond English folk music. His spot at last year’s WOMAD festival was testament to his widening appeal. He has had musical commissions from BBC Radio 3’s Late Junction and Between The Ears, from The Sage, Gateshead and has completed work for Arts Council England whilst continuing his writing and lecturing.

Chris’s latest CD, Trespasser, is loosely concerned with the idea of enclosure and imprisonment - from the enclosures of common land in the agricultural revolution, which drove the rural workforce into urban wage-slavery, to the creeping loss of liberty which afflicts English society today.

Chris Wood will be at Aust church on **Saturday 14th June 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.

About Aust Church

Janet Ford

The Ancient Chapelry of St John at Aust (to use its full and proper title) is, as many will know, a most beautiful little church. The current members of the DCC (District Church Council) and the people of the area are really only the temporary custodians of this splendid piece of English history. The DCC has talked at length of the things we need to consider and to provide IF the church is to stay open for the foreseeable future – seeing it close is not even thinkable.

We also have to be mindful of the needs of those who use the church – for whatever reason; to worship, to marry, to baptise and to have services at the

end of life. This church is also regularly used for music concerts (did you know that people travel hundreds of miles to come here) and we need to provide some “modern day” facilities – most importantly a loo. If we are to do that, then it makes sense to also look at the provision of some sort of kitchen and storage space.

This won't happen overnight, indeed it maybe many years before the project is completed BUT, we have to start somewhere; we have the outline of **WHAT** we want to do, **WHERE** it should be and maybe **HOW** – **WHEN** and **WHO** will come later.

Initially we need to turn our thoughts to that never ending problem of fund raising – we still have to keep the Church running on a day to day basis as well. Our launch fundraiser will be an **outdoor** concert on:

SATURDAY JUNE 28TH 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.

with

The City of Bristol Brass Band

and

FASCINATING RHYTHM

TICKETS £5

There will be a bar selling Wine, Beer, Soft drinks, Tea and Coffee

Car parking available

Tickets will be available at Olveston Stores, Clean Cut, The Boars Head and from Janet and Roger Ford – 01454 633300 email to: janetford@btinternet.com or any DCC member.

What do we do if it rains? The event will be held in the Church !!

Relax with Reiki

If you're feeling low, tired or below par, Reiki could help. Pronounced ray-key, it's an ancient system of natural healing which is completely non-intrusive, plus you remain fully clothed at all times. All you have to do is lie down and close your eyes and I gently place my hands in a sequence of positions over your head, shoulders, arms, legs and stomach.

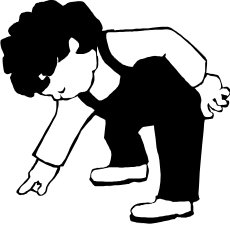
Reiki has many health benefits, including reducing tension and stress, easing aches and pains and speeding recovery time after illness or surgery. Most people find it extremely relaxing and feel refreshed and energised after a treatment. It's safe for everyone and has no side-effects, although it's not recommended for people who have epilepsy.

The treatment lasts about an hour and costs £25, but as a special offer, the first treatment is only £20. I'm based at The Almond Tree Practice near Aztec West.

If you'd like to experience the relaxing benefits of Reiki with an experienced Reiki practitioner/teacher - contact Deb on 07816 449841

Calling all three year olds

Jenny Newley



Are you the parent or carer of a three year old, or a child who will be three soon? You probably already know that, in South Gloucestershire, your child will be able to enter the Reception Class of a local school in the September following their 4th birthday.

But do you know that South Gloucestershire Council also pays a Nursery Education Grant which entitles children to attend an OFSTED-registered nursery or pre-school from the term following their third birthday until they reach school age?

The Nursery Education Grant funds 12½ hours of 'early years' education a week, for a maximum of 38 weeks a year. Pre-school providers are not allowed to charge parents a higher rate per hour for those 12½ hours than the rate of the Grant. In effect, this means that parents/carers are able to access 12½ hours of **free** pre-school education for their children, from the term after they are three until they are eligible for school.



We are lucky in the Meeting Point area to have two OFSTED-registered pre-schools which offer this service. Olveston Pre-School holds its sessions in the Parish Hall in Tockington. Its leader is Helen Moorefield and she can be contacted on 07786 395414. The other pre-school, Stepping Stones, holds sessions in the Olveston Methodist Hall, near the bakery and the pub. Its leader is Gill Powell, who can be contacted on 01454 632828. They both have excellent websites, which you can check out for further details: www.olvostonpreschool.co.uk and www.steppingstonesolvoston.co.uk



Both Helen and Gill will be very happy to chat to you about the pre-schools, about the kinds of activities your child would experience and how you can go about getting your child enrolled.

And you don't have to live in the Meeting Point area. If it would be convenient for your child to attend pre-school here, even if you live outside the parish area, you would still be eligible for the South Gloucestershire Nursery Education Grant.

Helen and Gill will be happy to hear from you!

Olveston and District RBL Women's Section

Peggy Oakhill

Our meeting on Tuesday June 3rd will be "Arrivals in War" given by Mrs Ollerinshaw. Should you be interested to hear this, you can be sure of a warm welcome at Daldry Gardens Community Lounge at 7.30pm.

"Amusements et Jeux" (Fun and Games)

Saturday 12th July, from 3pm to 8pm - an event for all the family!

Marelin Orr-Ewing

Although this is not quite the 'quatorze juillet', or Bastille Day, Olveston Parish Twinning Association is planning to keep up its French connection by organizing an afternoon of fun and games in the former jousting field behind Denys Court. As well as games, challenges and races there will be tea and cakes for sale. A bar-b-que will be fired up at about 6.30 with local musicians providing some entertainment.

If you are interested, put the date in your diary and look out for more details – including how to find the field – in next month's Meeting Point.



St Mary's, Olveston

'Gamelan' – an invitation to participate in making music in St Mary's Church July 26th

Roly Bain

'Gamelan' sounds like a word from Call my Bluff, but it's actually an Indonesian Orchestra, full of huge gongs and metallaphones. There are very few in the country and only one that travels - and it's coming to St Mary's, Olveston on July 26th. If you want the musical chance of a lifetime, you can come to the workshop in the afternoon, from 1pm -5pm, and then take part in the concert at 7pm. You have to be able to do both, and it costs only £10, payable in advance. The first thirty to sign up can come, and you have to be at least secondary school age. Book in with June Robbins on 617491. If you want to know more, ring Andy Warn on 625360. The concert itself promises to be a special event too, with guitars and other instruments as well as the Gamelan, and tickets at £5 will be available from June too - that's both the month and the person! Don't miss it!

Deed of Variation

A deed of variation is a legal means of changing the provisions of a dead person's will. It must be undertaken within two years of the person's death and requires the willing consent of all affected beneficiaries.

So why would you want to do it? Is there a moral difficulty with interfering with the intentions of a dead person? I will try to answer the first question; sorry, the second one must be up to you but perhaps the "why" answer will help.

Making and amending a Will is no-one's favourite task and it will not be news to many of you that Wills are not always prepared with the care and competence which they deserve. This is particularly true when an estate is large enough to attract an Inheritance Tax (IHT) liability. Too often, the inclusion in a Will of provisions to minimise the IHT liability has either been too demanding for the will writer, or has been put off until there was more time. This is very frustrating for beneficiaries left with a 40% tax bill on part of their inheritance. The recent changes to IHT rules (effectively making the IHT-free allowance £600,000 for a couple instead of £300,000 per person, have reduced the number of cases in which a deed of variation is needed to minimise IHT liability, but it can still be helpful to larger estates.

Wills often include legacies to, say, grandchildren. Perhaps written in the form: *£X,000 to each of A, B and C*, ie the three grandchildren at the time of writing. Proper and legal, but what happens to poor D, born some years later? There is (presumably) no reason to believe that D would not have been included if the Will had been written after (s)he was born. This problem would not have arisen if the Will had been worded: *£X,000 to each of my grandchildren*, but maybe that is why a legal mechanism is provided to enable such inconsistencies to be remedied.

Many couples have "mirror image" Wills. These have generally been prepared at a time when the reality of one of the couple's dying has been pretty vague, with no reason to think in too much detail about the surviving partner's financial state, and probably no means, beyond guesswork, of assessing the survivor's state of health, level of independence etc. Very few couples have "mirror image" finances. Most frequently – at least among the current pensioner generation – the husband has the greater pension, with no more than half payable to his widow. Again, most frequently, the combination of the wife being a little younger than he is and a woman's life expectancy being the greater, her prospect of being widowed is greater than his. This makes it prudent to attempt to set something aside for her life after his death. But if she dies first? The husband still has his full pension as well as savings left in his wife's Will. If these resources, viewed against his state of health etc, are judged beyond his needs, a deed of variation can be used to change the provisions of his wife's Will to pass funds to their children, grandchildren or anyone else.

A final issue which may be seen as contentious, but which it would be naïve to ignore is that state assistance for retirement or nursing home accommodation is "savings related". It is also very difficult to obtain (or to see implemented) a consistent interpretation of whatever regulations surround this assistance. Nevertheless, if the need for such accommodation arises for the surviving partner, it may be frustrating for children to see their inheritance spent in that way when a deed of variation could pass the inheritance to them with the burden of their parent's care passed to the state. *(However if the person concerned is deemed to have got rid of his or her capital with the sole purpose of claiming benefit provision then that person may well be refused help. Ed)*

To summarise, a deed of variation is not an unduly complicated process and the legal charge involved may be well worth while.

Severnside Ramblers

Spring is here, summer is around the corner - you've been indoors vegetating all winter! How would you like a chance to get out in the fresh air, take part in some gentle exercise, explore the local area... and make new friends?

Why don't you come along and join the Severnside Ramblers on one of their Friday ambles. We are a friendly group who meet in the Aldi Car Park on Bradley Stoke Way every other Friday morning at 9-30am. There are many local walks (usually 3-4 miles) which are easily accessible by a short car ride from the car park.. ..don't worry if you don't have a car as we usually have spare seats.

The walks, lasting 2-2.5 hrs, are at an easy pace and led by members of the group who often share some interesting facts about the area we are walking in. To encourage you even further, we usually end our walk at a local 'watering hole', either a pub or cafe, for a sociable drink.

Some of the walks we have planned for the next 3 months: Sea Mills/Blaise, Tormarton, Tytherington, Clapton Moor, Hanham Abbots, and Pilning/Severn Beach.

For further information and a full programme please visit www.severnside-ramblers.co.uk or ring one of the following Jean on 01454 419274, Glenda on 0117 9799473 or Jill on 01173739712

Severnside Ramblers are part of the Ramblers Association

Friends' Walking Group Summer Lunch

Thursday June 19th *Dan Evans, Leader – phone 01454 625313.*

We meet at the Windmill at Portishead at 12.45 p.m. for lunch and hopefully enjoy superb views across the Channel and South Wales. Closing date June 16th. Please note the new walking group title.

Winterbourne Barn - Barbecue and Concert

Saturday 7th June

Linda Hall



The Friends of Winterbourne Medieval Barn, in association with St Michael's Church, Winterbourne are holding a barbecue followed by a concert on Saturday 7th June.

The barbecue will be held in the barn yard at 5.30pm and the medieval barn will be open for visitors. If you have not yet visited this splendid building, do come along and admire its wonderful roof built in 1342. At 7.30pm there will be a concert in the church. Following their very successful performance in Winterbourne in 2005, Strawhead are returning (all the way from Preston, Lancashire) to give us some more of their "Popular Songs of the Olden Time". Everyone found their previous concert hugely enjoyable, so if you missed them last time you can come along to hear songs about the Civil War, Nelson, Napoleon, assorted monarchs, Victorian ballads, drinking songs, comic songs, serious songs, all guaranteed to entertain. You may come to either event or both.

Tickets for the barbecue cost £5, concert tickets are £10 adults, £5 children and are available from Kathleen Marsh 01454 773598, kathleenmarsh@freeuk.com) or Mike and Linda Hall (01633 889019, hall.email@virgin.net). Tickets for the concert will also be available on the door, but we would ask that you let us know in advance if you are coming to the barbecue as the caterer needs to know numbers.

Police Report for April 08

April seems to have flown by and it's been quite a busy month for me and Kelly.

The Safer Stronger Community Group meeting was held and chaired by Mike Hawkins. The police priorities remain the speeding and HGV's using the B4461 at Elberton. Other issues raised were more community based with inputs on litter clearing and ongoing youth work. After a slight hiccup I'll be patrolling again with the speed gun especially at the Elberton cross roads and in Olveston at a couple of locations after complaints from residents. The safety camera partnership van is visiting the site at various times and dates and will be enforcing the 40mph limit.

I attended the annual parish meeting for Olveston, Tockington and Old Down where I talked about crime in the parish over the year. This got me to thinking and I began to research crimes for the year for my beat (perhaps I should have been out patrolling but it was raining!). The conclusion I reached was that the

beat as a whole suffers 0.75% of the total crime in South Gloucestershire which, I hope you agree, is a very small amount and should give some reassurance about the area's safety.

This leads me nicely on to the Month of April, where the beat had a fall to 8 reported crimes but only 6 crimes of interest to the community. There were 2 thefts from vehicles in Aust, a theft from some industrial plant in Rudgeway, 2 cases of damage in Fern Hill and Oldbury and the theft of a dog from Littleton-upon-Severn. However we shouldn't become complacent and crimes in the surrounding area continue to be committed against outbuildings and sheds, especially targeting petrol powered gardening equipment and horse tack.

I would also like to warn people against a type of crime that the police call Rogue Traders. These are the sort of workmen who turn up unannounced and offer their services for any sort of work, then find extra work and the price rockets with bullying and intimidation tactics used to get the money. Please only use reputable firms/workmen who can use headed letters for proper quotes and remember that you get a 7 day cooling off period. I would ask people to be especially aware of elderly neighbours who are often targeted by these people. Van numbers are especially useful to the police if you see suspicious men touting for business. Also, recently in the area I have stopped and spoken to door to door sellers (normally from the East Midlands, Nottinghamshire etc). They quite often sell cleaning products at an inflated price and have a good look around while they're at your house!

Moves have started up again to get a "Police Post" in the Olveston village hall. We hope to be using this facility soon. This will mean we can spend even more time in the villages. The next beat surgeries in Olveston Stores From 1030 to 1200 are **June 12th and July 17th**.

Roger Hopes PC 3404 Neighbourhood Beat Manager, Phone: 0117 945 5959

Olveston Branch, Royal British Legion

June Robbins

There will be a coach trip to Windsor on Wednesday 30th July. The fare is £12. Please contact Olveston Stores or ring 614408 if you are interested in coming.

Spirits of the Past

This is a production by Octopus Drama Group which tells the story of historic Porch House in Castle Street in an entertaining way. It runs from 11th to 14th June at 7.30pm each evening in Christ the King Church Hall, (Porch House).

Tickets are £6 (concessions £5) and available from Paula Cantwell, Tel 418406 or R A Bennett, The Plain, Thornbury.

Yours faithfully

Mike Matthews

With the year well advanced already, don't you find 'time' itself a fascinating mystery?

Year on year we are used to the same calendar months, the same named seasons and yet every day, every experience, every sight, every sound, and so much more, is unique.

None of us knows what experiences lie before us, or what of good or ill we will face, even on the day you read this article.

Because of these things I find it so comforting to know my times are in the hands of the God I love and whom I have come to know through my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some words from an old hymn came to mind as I began to think about these things:

*Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.*

Isn't it wonderful that through knowing the confidence and love of our Father in heaven we are enabled to have a heart of praise and thankfulness. Jesus Himself is described in the Bible as One who, because of all that He experienced, is able to sympathise and identify completely with what we suffer and to grant us the power and ability to 'rise' above the circumstances.

Another verse from the hymn I mention says:

*O make but trial of his love;
Experience will decide
How blest are they, and only they
Who in his truth confide.*

If you have already made trial of His love you will know that what I am saying is true but if you have never tried it why not now? Make this season a season of personal change and this time a new beginning. If you are not sure what to do, or how to achieve this, please contact me, or anyone from churches in the area, who I am sure would be more than willing to help.

Every blessing to you.

From the Registers

Baptism at St Mary's, Olveston on May 4th 2008 of Anna Grace, daughter of Philip and Lucy Shrimpton.

Church News: ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

June 1st Trinity 2	8am	Holy Communion	Revd Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Revd Philip Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev David Bone
June 8 Trinity 3	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Revd David Bone
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong -	Revd Philip Rowe
June 15th Trinity 4	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Revd Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	P Rowe / J Poarch
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mr Denis Jones
June 22nd Trinity 5	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	4 th Sunday	Mrs Janet McBride
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Revd Philip Rowe
June 29th Peter & Paul Apostles	8am	Holy Communion	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) with Choir	Revd Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

CONTACT PERSONS:

The Rev Philip Rowe, (01454 613223); email: 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.

Mrs. June Robbins, Verger 01454 617491

Internet: 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

June 1st	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
June 8th h	10am	Matins	Mr Denis Jones
June 15th h	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
June 22nd	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone
June 29th	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone

Assistant Curate: Rev David Bone (01454 614601)

Church Wardens: Jo Jenkins (01454) 632838 and Janet Ford

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

June 1 st	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Pole
June 15 th	9am	Mattins	Mr Don Streatfield

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

June 8 th	9am	Mattins	Mr Don Streatfield
June 22 nd	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Pole
June 29 th	6.30pm	Songs of Praise	Rev Dave Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

June 1 st	10am	Tockington Ch	Morning Worship. Preacher to be agreed. Junior Church in the Wesley Rooms.
	6 pm	St Andrews Ch	Evening Worship. Preacher to be agreed
June 8 th	10am	Olveston Ch.	All Age Worship led by Mr Glynn Varney. The Breakfast Club will join us later in the Service.
	6 pm	Tockington Ch	Evening Worship led by Rev Iesinga Vunipola
June 15 th	10am	Tockington Ch.	Parade Family Service for Father's Day Preacher to be agreed
	6 pm	Daldry Gardens	Evening Worship led by Rev Iesinga Vunipola.
June 22 nd	10am	Tockington Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney Junior Church in the Wesley Rooms.
	6pm	Olveston Ch.	Evening Worship. Preacher to be agreed
June 29 th	10am	Tockington Ch.	Morning Worship. Preacher to be agreed.
	6pm	Olveston Ch.	Evening Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Iesinga Vunipola

LIGHT LUNCHESES: Thursday 5th June at 12.15pm in the Tockington Wesley Rooms
To book your lunch please ring 416056.

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 25th June. To book your lunch please ring 0117 969 6387

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

COFFEE MORNINGS: Saturdays 10.30am – 12 noon in the Olveston Methodist Hall. Please note there will be no Coffee Mornings held in Tockington Chapel this month.

DISCUSSION GROUP: A Discussion Group covering topical subjects is held on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Meetings commence with coffee 10.30am for 11.00am. This month's meeting is on the 24th June.

CONTACT PERSON: Rev'd Iesinga Vunipola. 01454 412269;
Iesinga@hotmail.com

THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer and conversational Bible studies and incorporating Communion, normally on Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm. As we also visit other churches and events, please check Notice Board or contact us. If you would like us to pray for you, your requests can be posted through the letter box 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. 07840793772 or email

thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLDOWN

June 1st	6.30pm	Courtney Harris
June 8th h	6.30pm	Ed Stewart
June 15th	6.30pm	Rev Tony Matthews
June 22nd	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
June 29th	6.30pm	Rev Ken Payne

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

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH offers a warm welcome to Family Worship at 11.00am and to Evening Worship at 6.30pm. For more details, please phone 613134 or 632564. 'Happy are the people whose God is the Lord'.

BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN OLVESTON - well not so much in Olveston these days as we concentrate on serving the community primarily in other areas of Bristol and Thornbury. As followers of Christ our heart is to be where the Lord wants us to be most effective and currently we are establishing our presence in North and East Bristol as well as continuing to work with the other local churches in Thornbury and in the heart of Bristol amongst the most needy. Our Sunday morning meetings are held at The Grange School in Warmley at 11 am, but the life of the church continues in a variety of forms, locations and styles throughout the week. Please contact the Fellowship Office in Almondsbury on 01454613305 for more information or on the internet at www.bcfnet.com

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury - each Sunday

8.30am - Mass

11.00am - Family Mass

6.30pm – Mass

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury - Meeting for Worship
Sundays 10.30am. The Tudor Room, The Chantry, Castle Street

Diary Dates for June 2008

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

1 st Sun	Thornbury Rambling Club - 1. KILVE SOMERSET Tel: 880715 2. ST. BRIAVELS Tel: 414198	(1) Long. 8.30 am (2) Med. 9.00 am
2 nd Mon	Start of Term Severn Vale Flower Club – Cascade Arrangement	1.30pm AH
3 rd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion (Women)	10-12noon WR 7.30pm DGCL
4 th Wed	Thornbury Rambling Club -TORTWORTH Tel: 0117 9104974	7.00 pm
5 th Thu	Olveston Baby and Toddlers - Fleur Tel: 07884 186121 Whist Drive – all welcome	2.30 – 4.30pm MH 7.30pm DGCL
6 th Fri	St Peter’s Hospice Tea at 3: Wheatsheaf Pub Garden, Thornbury St Mary’s Olveston Church Choir Practice	3 –4pm Wheatsheaf 7-8pm St Mary’s
7 th Sat	Olveston Methodist Hall Coffee Morning Winterbourne Barn Barbecue & Concert	10.30-12.00 noon From 5.30pm
8 th Sun	Thornbury Rambling Club - medium 0117 9040104 Littleton Gardens Open Afternoon	9.00 am 1pm – 5pm
10 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women’s Institute	10-12noon WR 7.30pm PH
11 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club – Strawberry Tea Thornbury Rambling Club - AUST Tel: 631211 Royal British Legion – Men	2.30pm AH 7pm Aust Church 7.30pm DGCL
12 th Thu	Thornbury Rambling Club – Tel: 01453 511931 Olveston Baby and Toddlers Whist Drive – all welcome Thornbury and Dist. Flower Club - Open Demo.	10am TBA 2.30 – 4.30pm MH 7.30pm DGCL 7.30pm TMH
13 th Fri	St Mary’s Church Choir Practice	7-8pm
14 th Sat	Aust Village Hall Coffee (and cake!) Morning Olveston Methodist Hall Coffee Morning Hog Roast & Barn Dance £10 tickets Summer Concert for Workaid Music in the Church at Aust – Chris Wood	10.30-12noon AVH 10.30-12noon MH From 5.30pm PH 7.30pm Oasis Church 8pm AC
17 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers	10-12noon WR
19 th Thu	Friends Walking Group summer lunch Olveston Baby and Toddlers Thornbury Ramb. Club - OLDBURY Tel: 412686 Whist Drive – all welcome	12.45pm 2.30 – 4.30pm MH 7pm Anchor Pub 7.30pm DGCL
20 th Fri	St Mary’s Church Choir Practice	7-8pm
21 st Sat	Olveston Methodist Hall Coffee Morning St Mary’s Summer Fete, Church Farm & St Mary’s	10.30-12.00noon 2pm
22 nd Sun	Thornbury Ramb. Club - BATH AREA Tel:880033	9.00 am Long

24 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston School – Reception Induction Evening	10-12noon 6pm	WR
24 th Tue	Parish Council Meeting Thornbury Rambling Club- Old Sodbury Church	7.30pm 7.00 pm	AP Tel: 415448
26 th Thu	Olveston Baby and Toddlers- Whist Drive – all welcome Thornbury and Dist. Flower Club – Practice Class	2.30 – 4.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	MH DGCL TMH
27 th Fri	St Mary's Church Choir Practice	7-8pm	
28 th Sat	Flower Festival, Elberton Church Olveston Methodist Hall Coffee Morning Outdoor Concert at Aust Tel 633300	10.30-5pm 10.30-12.00noon 7.30pm	
29 th Sun	Thornbury Rambling Club 1. EAST QUANTOXHEAD – Tel: 01934 417491 2. FROMESIDE WALK Tel: 887441 Marlwood School Car Boot Sale Flower Festival, Elberton Church	(1.) 8.30 am Long (2.) 9.00 am Med. 9.30am 10.30-5pm	

Looking Ahead to July

12 th Sat	Amusements et Jeux	Jousting Field, Olveston
26 th Sat	Gamelan Music Day	St M
30 th Wed	Olveston RBL Trip to Windsor	

Key: **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; **PH** – Olveston Parish Hall; **StM** – St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church; **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; **URC** Thorn United Reform Church; **WR** – Wesley Rooms; **AC** - Aust Church

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