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From the Editor

Well, what a washout August has been. Let's hope for more sunshine in September.

This issue is too full to include two items sent by South Glos Trading Standards, concerning fraudulent callers in the Pilning area, so I am summarising their good advice here.

- Be wary of traders who cold call and the deals they offer you – they may be too good to be true.
- If they claim work needs doing, get a second opinion.
- Get any quotes in writing and remember a quote is a fixed price, an estimate is an educated guess and may change.
- Get details of the work to be carried out in writing.
- Ensure you have the correct company / owner's name and postal address.
- Do not pay in full upfront – if they are a rogue trader, you may not see them again.
- If possible pay via a credit card as this may afford you additional protection.

On a brighter note, I hope you will enjoy reading about Scout and Guide activities this summer, as well as plenty of other reports of events past and those to come.

Our cover is by Matthew Addis.

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

Village Person Arthur Witherbed

Part one

Pat Thirkettle

Arthur and Anne Witherbed moved to Olveston in 1991, for Arthur to help his son Ian and daughter-in-law Hilary when they were running Olveston Stores and many will remember him delivering groceries and helping around the shop.

Arthur was born and bred in Leicestershire and in 1939 after playing football with some friends they decided to volunteer for the T.A (Territorial Army). They joined the 5th Leicesters and, after a summer camp in Holyhead, were called up just before Arthur's nineteenth birthday, after war was declared. Arthur qualified as a physical training instructor and in February 1940 they were moved to Scotland. One day they were put on a train for Aberdeen and about a hundred of them were crowded in the hold of an old cargo boat which then sailed to Scapa Flow, where they joined a convoy that included a ship carrying all their heavy equipment. Arthur was sleeping on deck one night, as it was so crowded below, when he saw the sinking, in just five minutes, of the ship with their equipment. His cargo ship was ordered to full steam ahead, which was a joke, but it certainly vibrated a lot.



In southern Norway, they disembarked at Andalsnes under fire and went by train south to Tretten, with instructions to push forward with the Sherwood Foresters and take up positions in the forest to delay the German advance. An impossible task with no equipment, the Germans simply swept past with their tanks and heavy armour. The final battle lost against the Germans took place near Lillehammer and afterwards the British troops were scattered and Arthur, his comrades, three officers and some wounded men ended up in a log cabin in the mountains. It was decided to take the wounded and surrender so they could be treated but others were given the option to make a break for it.

Arthur and three of his friends decided to do just that and kept moving in the mountains, as all roads were occupied. At the first farmhouse (and many more to come), they were warmly welcomed by the Norwegians. After two days, they decided to walk east towards Sweden, a long way away over snow-covered mountains. When they came to a fast flowing river, a sergeant who was a very strong swimmer offered to swim over to the farmhouse on the other side for help. They tied a rope to his belt but, when he was swept away and they pulled the rope, all they got was his belt! However he made it, arriving stark naked at the farmhouse and the farmer collected the others in a boat. They were fed and sheltered for two days and a local Norwegian offered to go with them and guide them to the border.

Arthur suffered frost bite in the snow and was treated with a Norwegian remedy looking like treacle but made from pine resin. It was plastered on his feet, and then they were bound in soft cloth, ski socks and ski boots and he was told to leave them alone for three days. That was agony, but at the end of the three days the

circulation was back. Finally they crossed a frozen lake to a border post with Sweden, where they were interned in a camp with about two hundred British soldiers. Life was easy going there, but of course Arthur's mother had been told that he was posted missing. At the end of 1940, one hundred and thirty, including Arthur, were chosen for guaranteed safe passage home. They travelled by train to Finland and boarded a Swedish cargo boat that took them down the Baltic and over to Lerwick in Shetland. The destroyer 'Sheffield' took them to Thurso on the mainland where they boarded a train all the way to Aldershot. As the train stopped on the way down, WVS ladies came and offered them food.

(Part 2 of Arthur's tale will follow next month. Ed)

Elberton Flower and Music Festival

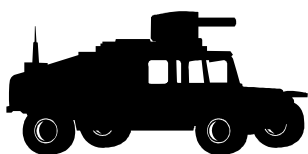
Peggy Oakhill

We would like to thank the many people who supported our Flower and Music Festival at the end of June. The whole weekend was a great success. The Pilning Special Choir was outstanding, as we travelled around the world in song with them. Songs of Praise with the St Helen's Music Group, led by the Rev David Pole, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, as we all got to request our favourite hymns.

Just over £1000 was raised for our church funds; this was only done by an awful lot of hard work by our many helpers. Our thanks to them all.

Elberton Church Fete

Our Church Fete was held on the 19th July at Village Farm. It was well attended and the sum of £880 was raised. Thanks to all the stall-holders, helpers and people who supported us.



Oklahoma

Following their successful and very popular box office hit with 'My Fair Lady' in March, members of the Parish Players have been catching up with other interests such as travelling, family reunions and the ever present decorating and gardening commitments, after all those excuses blaming demanding rehearsals!

Our choice for 2009 is Rodgers' and Hammerstein's first collaboration on the immortal 'Oklahoma', containing all those wonderful songs, which is to be presented from March 17th-21st at the Tockington-Olveston Parish Hall.

A read through of the script and music will be held on Monday September 22nd and 29th, leading on to auditions on October 6th. New members are very welcome. Please come along to the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Further details from Felicity Hemmett on 01454 415979.

What is Chat Group all about?

Sue Farr

CHAT Group, under the broad umbrella of St Mary's Church, Olveston, was set up almost four years ago to talk about "relevant issues in today's world". It is still doing that and never more so than this autumn. Our first evening is Monday 22nd September at 7.30pm, when Rev. David Self's discussion is called "Looking for Good Things" and as always this will be followed by our questions and light refreshments. This is what David Self says about himself:

"Carol and I seem to have had a wandering life. Both of us were born and raised in Toronto, Canada. We met at primary school, went to the same church before separating while Carol trained to be a nurse and I studied mathematics. Within a year of getting married we found ourselves going to Africa to join a newly-formed university in Lesotho for 2 wonderful, life-changing years, including the birth of our first child and the call to enter the ministry. Never people to do things the easy way, we came to England to study theology at King's, London, while living in a small community in Mile End, before it was redeveloped, to encounter a fascinating mix of Cockney, Afro-Caribbean and Asian people. We fully intended to go back to Canada but somehow we never did. Instead we acquired 3 more children while I found myself in a variety of parishes as well as a university chaplaincy and a hospital chaplaincy all over England, ending up in St. Paul's Parish in Bristol. With our excellent timing, we moved into St. Paul's just in time for the carnival to happen all around us! It was an amazing introduction to some wonderful people. Social issues, people on the fringe, contemplative prayer, and the stories of many people have enriched our lives under God. And now we are happily settled and retired in Thornbury. Life is full of the unexpected!"

This meeting will take place at Sue Hunter's, our Editor's, home. Her address is on the first page! (Please telephone or email Sue nearer the time if you are coming.)

Our next meeting will take place on October 21st, when "CHAT, where does it lead to?" will be an opportunity to review our activities and prepare for another guest speaker.

On Monday 3rd November, we have invited Farooq Siddique, the Muslim Chaplain of Bristol University, to speak to us about "Muslims yesterday and today". Farooq is a very honest and interesting speaker. I know many of you will be interested to hear and question what he, and his colleague Anira Khokhar, have to say, so we will be finding a larger venue to hold this meeting; look out for the poster, outside the church. Please join us on any of these occasions and, for any more questions, please ring Sue Farr on 614861.

Tockington Harvest Fayre

September 13th, 2.00pm

Garry Phillips

This is the final update about the day's events. The main event will be the Bristol Ballet Centre whose performers will be dancing on the Green. There will be plenty of stalls and amusements and in addition to the delicious cream teas we will be having a barbeque. There will also be a model railway exhibition in the Chapel. Our resident folk band will provide the music, and the Brownies will be entertaining us later in the afternoon.

Just to remind you of the competitions: - 1. "Time for tea", a flower arrangement using tea-time utensils e.g. a tea pot, cup and saucer, empty tea bag box etc. (for children and adults). 2. A model animal created from vegetables (children only) and 3. A children's painting competition – "An Olympic collage" (A3 max size). All entries need to be in by 2pm at the start of the Fayre and clearly named please. This year's fancy dress parade will be "Olympics in China 2008" and will be open to individuals or groups.

We would be very grateful for any contributions for our stalls, in terms of white elephant (please no jumble), vegetables, cakes, books, etc. and particularly bottles and toiletries for the tombola. Cakes are always sold out, so if anyone can bake and donate one we'd be very grateful. If you have anything to give, please bring it along to the Chapel before 12 noon on the 13th, or contact Garry Phillips tel. 613241, Maggie Spooner tel. 610053 or Jane Sawyer tel. 618885.

This year we are also looking for any additional help on the stalls and in the preparations and clearing up, particularly moving the heavy pews and tables. If anyone can help, please contact the numbers above or turn up at 9am on Saturday 13th on the Green.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Fayre – we hope this year will be as good as past years – we'll certainly try to make it a memorable occasion!

Thornbury Methodist Church's Rainbow Fair

Pam Stringer

There may be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover, and the rain may well be in Spain (on the plain!) but on Saturday 27th September there will be every colour of the Rainbow at TMC, when the annual Rainbow Fair will be held in aid of church funds and the Matthew Rusike Home in Zimbabwe. The colourful stalls, on the ground and upper floors (access via lift), will have lots of wonderful bargains – from home-made cakes, jams, chutneys and handmade goods to bargain toiletries and books galore. Toasted teacakes, tea, coffee and home-made cakes will be served all morning in the Rainbow Café on the ground floor. So, why not come along – there will be something for everyone, including early Christmas bargains.

Saturday 27th September – 10am to 12.30pm. Don't miss it.

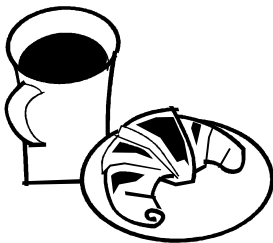
St Peter's Hospice - 30th Anniversary Flower Festival

Kath Burgess

To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of St Peter's Hospice and by kind permission of Thornbury Methodist Church, we will be holding a Flower Festival at the Church between the 19th and 21st of September. The Church will be open on Friday and Saturday from 9.00am until 6.00pm and on Sunday from 1-5pm for viewing. Light refreshments will be available in the hall.

On Saturday there will be a concert in the evening commencing at 7.30pm, the guest performers are Anna Hayward – harpist, and after the interval the 'Goode Companye' choir will entertain. There are no bookings or tickets, please come along and enjoy the music; retiring collection for St Peter's. On Sunday evening at 6.30pm there will be a Songs of Praise service to conclude our celebrations.

We do hope you will be able to join with us at some time over the three days and give thanks for St Peter's and its valuable work within our community.



South Gloucestershire Local Food & Drink Festival 2008

The popular South Gloucestershire Local Food & Drink Festival is back again for the fourth time from Saturday 13 September to Sunday 12 October.

- Would you like to visit a farm, bakery or brewery to see where your local food and drink is produced?
- Are you keen to watch a cookery or craft butchery demonstration?
- Ever wanted to see how ice cream is made or picnic in a traditional Gloucestershire orchard?

Then join in this year's festival of food and drink! Brochures with full details of all the events, which include several farm, bakery and brewery visits, can be found at libraries, leisure centres and tourist information centres. Alternatively you can contact the Local Food Co-ordinator, Val Harding, at South Gloucestershire Council, on 01454 863883 or e-mail val.harding@southglos.gov.uk or visit the Council website at www.southglosCouncil.org.uk and go to the section on Local Food for a brochure.

Guitar and Gamelan Summer Concert

St Mary's Church 26th July

Dave Stone

During the first half of the concert we were treated to some really superb guitar playing from Andrew Warn, Jacob Warn, Arne Brattland and Debra Adamson. The ability of these four guitarists was breathtaking. A special mention must go to young Jacob, who also played a brilliant solo on the recorder. The first half was brought to a close with the quartet of guitars playing a very clever piece called "Cuban Landscape with Rain" The guitars picked out a few drops of rain at first, then built the momentum gradually to a raging storm.

The second half opened with Andrew and Arne explaining the history of Gamelan. Then came the moment I guess we had all been waiting for, when Andrew Warn invited all the heroes who had taken part in the afternoon workshop to come and join him and play the huge array of instruments, drums, metalphones and gongs of all shapes and sizes. They all took up their positions on the floor and, under Andrew Warn's direction, the Olveston Gamelan Orchestra gave their first ever performance. It was a triumph! Well done to everyone who took part.

Verger June Robbins was delighted with the attendance and wishes to thank everyone who took part in this enjoyable musical evening.

Thornbury Library

Author Saffia Farr will visit the Library on Wednesday 17 September 7.30pm.

Tickets: £1.50 library members, £2.00 non-members, in advance from any South Gloucestershire Library

Ever fancied getting away from it all and living in a yurt? Saffia Farr did just that when she moved to Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia with her husband Matthew, who is a water engineer, working on aid projects. What's more she was fifteen weeks pregnant with her first child!

Come along to hear Saffia talk about her experiences and read extracts from her book, which has been described by Susie Weldon in the *Western Daily Press* as 'an engaging, vivid and often hilarious account of how Saffia survived expat life...' There will also be an opportunity to sample a real Kyrgyz welcome - with costumes, crafts, music and vodka! More details about Saffia and *Revolution Baby*, her first book, are available on Saffia's website www.saffiafarr.com which contains photographs, articles and chapter one – Dawn Arrival.

Dads' story-times - Saturday afternoons - kick off 2.15pm!

In addition to our Monday afternoon pre-school story-times (re-starting on 8 September), we thought it would make a change to have a Saturday afternoon pre-school story-time also starting at 2.15 that will give Dads a chance to bring their children to the library for a story. Unlike our weekly Monday story-times, these will probably be fortnightly and will start on Saturday 6 September. Look out for more details in the library.

Olveston & District Bowling Club

75 Years of Jacks, Woods, Greens & Ditches

Ken Tudor

75 years of Lawn Green Bowling is being celebrated this year at Olveston & District Bowling Club.

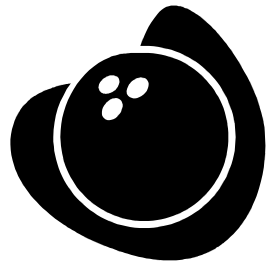
Situated at Old Down Sports Ground on the Olveston Road, a mile outside Thornbury, the Club has grown since Colonel C.E. Turner in December 1932 first suggested the idea of having a bowling green for the parish of Olveston. Landowner Captain Harry Salmon gave his permission for one to be sited at The Park at Old Down with local firm R Pitcher & Sons, under the supervision of St. Andrew's Bowling Club of Bristol, completing the work of laying the green.

The green was officially opened on 22nd July 1933, by Mrs Turner, supported by the Club President Colonel Turner, and had a Membership of 38. The Club now has over 100 male and female Members with two men's and two ladies' league teams along with various friendly team fixtures throughout the week.

The Club is looking to expand over the next 18 months and hopes to attract players of all ages in 2009, including youngsters still at school. Bowls has a reputation as a game "just for the old". Nothing could be further from the truth with many of the top awards in the game being won by players in their twenties. There are also competitions to cover all age groups, both locally and nationally.

To commemorate the 75th anniversary, several events are planned throughout the season, with one of the highlights being a trip to Windsor to play The Royal Household Bowling Club. Finally, to bring the Anniversary season to a fitting climax, an End of Season Club Dinner & Presentation has been organised for October. The countdown will then begin towards the Club's centenary celebrations in 2032!

Anyone wishing to join should ring the Club Secretary, Graham Ellis, on 01453 511971.



Scout Annual General Meeting

Nikki Clarke

The AGM of the Olveston Scout Groups will be held on **Sunday 7th September from 3pm until 4pm** at the Sports and Social Club, Old Down. There will be short presentations by the chairman, treasurer and, hopefully, the District Commissioner when the year's business will be discussed. This will be followed by short presentations by each of the group leaders – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

There will be time for questions and answers and an opportunity to look round the nearly completed Scout hut. Anyone with an interest in Scouting locally is welcome to join us.

Olveston Children's Play Area

Will the person who took the bench seat from the picnic table please bring it back. **The table and bench set was bought with charitable funds for the benefit of people who use the play area.**

Music in the Church at Aust

Peter Dobbins

Dominic Allan (Vocals, Guitar and Bagpipes) made his first set of pipes in 1992 while working as an oboe maker in Worthing, Sussex. Throughout the late nineties until 2002, Dom played in the French traditional band "Citizen Camembert". The bagpipes played (and made) by Dom draw their inspiration from the "border pipes" of Northern England and the "pastoral pipes" found throughout the UK in the eighteenth century.

Woody Woodward (Vocals, Guitar, Piano and Hammer Dulcimer) spent the nineties working as a singer/songwriter, session musician and piano technician. He brings a wealth of experience from the jazz and rock arenas.

They have been playing English and continental traditional music together since 2003, and have performed at such diverse events as Music in the Church at Aust and something called Glastonbury Festival (twice!).

Dominic Allan and Woody Woodward will be at Aust church on **Saturday 13th 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.



St Mary's, Olveston

Harvest at St Mary's

Roly Bain

St Mary's are having their Harvest Celebration on **September 21st**, and they're following last year's very successful model. It begins with Harvest Festival, and groups from the Primary School and Breakfast Club will be taking part. The preacher will be John Beastall who will be talking about The Lamb Project, helping the needy in Bangladesh, and there will be a collection for that charity. A DVD about their work will be shown afterwards. Then there's apple bobbing and a treasure hunt and a magician, and lunch, of course: pork from Scott the Butcher, served with local cider. There's a Harvest swap shop where you can swap all sorts of harvest produce and items, and if you bring along unwanted tools, they'll be passed on to Tools for Self-Reliance, refurbished, and sent overseas. All in all, it should be a great day. Once the service is over, we hope everyone will stay - it's £2 for adults and £1 for children to join in the rest of the event. The Harvest Festival service is, of course, free!

September 28th sees the advent of Back to Church Sunday, a nationally observed day, when churches try to invite people to church who have stopped coming for whatever reason over the previous years. St Mary's will be sending out some invitations. One person who has accepted the invitation is former Vicar of St Mary's, Canon Brian Carne. He'll be leading and preaching at the 10 o'clock service, and he hopes to see lots of old friends as well as new ones. It will be a straightforward communion service. You don't have to wait for an invitation, just come!

Learning Opportunities

Rev Philip Rowe

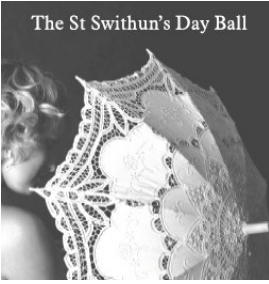
One of the responsibilities of St Mary's is to provide opportunities to learn about the Christian Faith. A brilliant way to do this is the **Alpha Course**. Many people in the parish have benefited from this over the past 10 years we have been running it.

At Alpha we meet in a home and explore the Christian Faith in a relaxed non-threatening, open manner. We start with a meal, watch a DVD and then invite comment. No-one is required to speak, sing or pray out loud. No question is out of order and everyone is respected. It is a first rate opportunity to address the first order questions of life – Who am I? What am I here for? What happens when I die?

We meet for a meal on Wednesday 17th September at 7.30pm at Almondsbury Vicarage. You are warmly welcomed to come along and listen to an introduction to the course without any obligation or expectation to attend again. There is no charge for this evening or the course. Please phone or email me to book your place.

office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk 01454 613223

The St Swithun's Day Ball



The sun shone on St Swithun's Day, the wind dropped and a fabulous evening was enjoyed by all present at the **St Swithun's Day Ball on July 15th**. This was the launch event of fund-raising for St Mary's (Olveston) improvement of facilities project. Ballgoers were treated to a magnificent venue at Tockington Manor, by courtesy of Richard and Jane Tovey, dressed overall in fine style by the decorations team and welcomed by local harpist, Tessa Sullivan.

Tables were named after 17 distinguished vicars of Olveston, stretching back to Richard of Vienne in 1280, including a synopsis of their achievements. Fine food was provided by Napier Catering, there was an extensive bar to supply all tastes and the happy throng danced the evening away to the superb sound of the Veroneka Big Band – all 21 of them.

A grand raffle of excellent prizes donated by our generous sponsors was well-supported and the whole evening raised in excess of £7,633, a very encouraging start to our fund-raising.

Thanks to all those who attended and all those who worked so hard to make it happen. We look forward to the next one.

Royal British Legion Women's Section

Our September meeting will be a flower demonstration by Sally Taylor. All visitors welcome on **Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30pm** at Daldry Gardens.

TPH Film Season starts September 5th

Thornbury Picture House is screening two interestingly diverse films in September, both inspired by significant 20th century artistic figures. *La Vie en Rose* (subtitled), screened on **5th September** is Marion Cottillard's convincing portrayal of the extraordinarily eventful life of 'the sparrow' Edith Piaf and contains glorious samples of her music. *The Painted Veil*, screened on **26th September**, is a beautifully filmed realisation of Somerset Maugham's 1925 classic melodrama, of an ageing English socialite who must put herself in turbulent surroundings before finally finding her true self.

You can join TPH for the season and see these two critically acclaimed films for just £3 each, or pay £5 at the door if you are not a member. Phone 01454 412272 or find details on www.thornburyartsfestival.com/film.

We look forward to seeing you at the Armstrong Hall at 7.30 on these Friday evenings:

September 5th: *La Vie en Rose*. TPH Film. Armstrong Hall. 7.30pm 412272

September 26th: *The Painted Veil*. TPH Film. Armstrong Hall. 7.30pm. 412272

Stepping Stones Pre-school

Now taking children from age 2

Gill Powell

Stepping Stones is a small friendly Pre-school in the heart of Olveston village. We run our sessions from the Methodist church hall which is on the main high street. The hall has a homely atmosphere and has recently been decorated by the Methodist church, which is committed to enhancing the children's play environment by continually giving us their support.



Our philosophy is "Where the environment is small and friendly the learning comes naturally". To support this, we only have a maximum of 12 - 16 children per session with a high adult ratio. We are grant-funded and your children will be entitled to 5 free sessions from the term after they are three. We are also registered with Ofsted who gave us an excellent report in March this year.

In September we are opening Monday all day (9.15 – 3.10), Wednesday all day and Friday 9.15 – 11.45. Monday afternoon will be a new session where we invite children from age 2 upwards. This will provide them with an excellent opportunity to gain their first steps away from their primary carer, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The sessions are £8.50 (the same amount as the grant) for all non-funded children.

We offer a wide range of activities to all children, with an emphasis on social development and gaining independence. Activities include messy play, painting, play dough, sand and water, exercise, crafts and cooking. The computer is always available for the children to use a variety of programmes, either independently or with adults' help. After milk the children have free choice where they can select activities as they wish from the trolley.

We regularly use the adjacent garden area for outside play, by kind permission of the owner. In nice weather we have story, singing, milk time etc outside as well as free play and exercise. We also feel the children benefit from visiting the local community, and as we are ideally located in the centre of the village we arrange walks out to incorporate this, e.g. to the Post Office to post letters, visits to the churchyard to collect leaves, look at bugs etc. Seasonally we also walk the children to the local allotments, where one of the gardeners talks to children about growing vegetables.

During the year we arrange many extra activities for the children and their parents to participate in. This summer our children enjoyed a trip to Cattle Country and a sports day at Mundy playing fields. We also opened up on a Saturday afternoon for dads or working mums to come and play with their children. The children also enjoy visits from the police, a nurse and the library.

We invite you to come in to visit us during any session but why not firstly visit our website at www.steppingstonesolveston.co.uk which also has a direct link to our Ofsted report. If you require any more information, please phone Gill Powell on 01454 632828.

Cub Camp - A Diary

Richard Sawyer, aged 9

Wednesday 6th August

We went to camp for 4 days. First Anne our leader told us who was in our sixes and I ended up with Jack, Ben, and both Daniels in one of the two Coleman tents. Then we had lunch and some playtime playing football on the field. Then we played 'Danish longball' and started to build our shelters in the woods. Our shelter was in a ditch and it had a very muddy and rocky side where we could place leaves and long branches. It had a huge log over the top and we made that wider for a roof with lots of other branches. The other groups built their shelters around the trees. Then we had tea and a game of card bingo! Next we went to bed.

Thursday 7th August

First we woke up and talked about things. At 7 am we tidied our tent and had a game of football on the field. At 7.40 am Josh a leader came in and gasped 'This is very tidy, even tidier than ever!' Then we had a cooked breakfast and washed up. We walked through the woods with the Beavers to the barbeque site where we played in the playground and ate sausages and burgers. Later we made kites and we tried them out. Ours survived and managed to get 10 foot off the ground! Then we showed the Beavers our shelters in the woods. We had a quiz and each six had to answer with the letters S and M. Then we went to bed.



Friday 8th August

First we got our tent ready for inspection and then we played football until cooked breakfast. Soon after we had washing up inspection and then we made tripods for our six flags using sticks and ropes which we had to tie together. We did some cooking around the campfire. We had to light the fire with flints by rubbing them together. Next we finished our shelters. In the afternoon we did the athletes badge by jumping as high as you can up a wall, running 4 laps of the field, skipping, a shuttle run and throwing a cricket ball. In the evening we had a campfire. We sang songs, cooked marshmallows and had chocolate bananas and hot chocolate. Each six had to perform a very funny sketch. Our sketch was about someone having a stiff neck and looking up. Everyone laughed. The older boys then went on a night hike for their outdoor plus challenge badge.

Saturday 9th August

First we all helped to take the tents down in the rain and then we took our bags to the chalet before cooked breakfast. We played the beetle game and had lunch. Now we are packing away and going home. We had a great time!

Richard Sawyer, 1st Olveston Cubs



Olveston Guides v Olveston Scouts

Lynda Spratt

Forget the memories of Wimbledon or Euro 2008 and the expectations of the Olympics, the match of the season was held at Old Down football pitch in the form of a rounders match.

The guides were on time and, once the scouts had had their pep talk, they too arrived. The leaders sneered at one another as they made eye contact! The scouts were wearing enough smellies to keep even the most tenacious of mozzies away and enough hair gel to keep Superdrug in business.

The two captains stepped forward. Neil lost the toss and Carys chose to field first.

Some fantastic bowling by Anna H was followed by some mighty swings on the bat, almost making the boundaries, with Carys in deep field catching Nick out (not impressed!). Frank broke through their defences, scoring the first rounder for his team, followed by Thom, then Neil scoring two more. Katy was on last post, making some remarkable catches, much to the scouts' disgust! Luckily, time was running out (the scouts were running out of bowlers!) Frank hit another whopper just making it to last post, the guides called him out, but the umpire (guide leader) awarded half a rounder to keep the peace. Unfortunately it didn't work and tempers were raised. But leaders have been trained in peace keeping circumstances, her decision was final, half a rounder was granted.

Time had run out, all change. The boys, dressed in their smart red tops, took their positions dotted around the field. James, as bowler, was faced with 18 eager girls hoping to thrash the scouts and take the title. Sarah scored the first rounder, followed by Anna M and then Robynne, but with Sam on last post they were going down like flies. I quote: 'Some supreme fielding' was said by one of the guide leaders. The girls were quick but couldn't quite break through.

Time was called and the final scores were Scouts 6½ and Guides 3.

A great night in all and it was lovely to see two strong and enthusiastic groups in Olveston.

Lynda Spratt
SL 1st Olveston Scouts

Sally Denton
GL 1st Olveston Guides

Thornbury Musical Theatre will present **Kiss Me Kate** from **14th to 18th October** at the Armstrong Hall. Tickets are £8.50, £7.50 Telephone enquiries can be made on 01454 415850. The box office opens in Wildings in Thornbury High Street from Monday 29th September; mobile phone bookings will be also be available on 07707 673734.

Food Market on Saturday September 13th

10.00 – 2.00 on The Plain and Castle Street

Following the great success of the May Food Fair earlier this year, and to launch the 4th South Gloucestershire Local Food and Drink Festival, Castle Street and Thornbury Chamber of Commerce is set to host a September Food Market. Bringing together the best of local producers with members of the popular Thursday Farmers' markets and also stallholders from the highly successful Slow Food market in Bristol, the market will provide a wide range of fresh produce to suit all tastes. There will be ample chance to sample stallholders' wares and there will be hot food and refreshments available.

Not only will it be a great place to stock up on great food, it is also a great chance to meet up with friends and neighbours for a chat and a cup of tea.

So come along and join us on Saturday September 13th. You'll be amazed by all the wonderful things our area has to offer.

Our Parish Matters:

A visit to Buckingham Palace

Andy Clarke



Sitting in Arthur and Valerie Webb's delightful traditional lounge in Old Down, complete with polished and tasteful prints, may seem a far cry from Buckingham Palace's rolling lawns and tree-lined avenues. Yet Arthur's beautifully flowered pots and borders and regimented tomato plants provide an inescapable parallel with the traditional grandeur of the Queen's awesome residence.

On Tuesday July 15th, Arthur's commitment to the service of Olveston Parish Council was recognised by an invitation for him and his charming wife to attend a garden party reception in the company of Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace. It was on Councillor Riddle's recommendation that what Arthur reckons to be over 30 years of council service was rewarded with the Queen's invitation.

Very kindly Irene and Jane Turley Green (now Webb!) drove Arthur and Valerie to London where they enjoyed a brief guided tour of the area before alighting outside the towering Palace gates. Once inside they passed through huge, echoing halls hung with historic portraits and punctuated by half columned busts, before reaching the vast tented reception area on the lawns beyond. There, thousands of other guests gathered in their finery of lovely dresses, hats and suits and colourful regalia, to enjoy the monarch's hospitality.

After an impressive appearance from the Yeoman of the Guard, followed by a stirring rendition of the national anthem, the guests, from all over the Commonwealth, were presented to the Queen. Valerie described her as 'lovely', although they didn't actually exchange greetings directly as she passed. Under a baking sun the couple enjoyed an exquisite finger buffet as they mingled with the many other guests. The wide variety of service uniforms on view reminded Arthur of other times when he too wore the Queen's colours, but that's another story.

Looking back over his council service, Arthur felt that seeing through projects like erecting the Pavilion, were satisfying highlights, although he had enjoyed it all. When Irene and Jane dropped them off that night they were able to reflect on a day they would always remember as an experience of a lifetime.

As summer sun and bursts of heavy rain have combined to produce rapid growth, Arthur Webb would undoubtedly join his ex-colleagues on the council in exhorting householders to inspect borders of their property to ensure that overhanging hedges get trimmed back so that ease of access can be maintained over pathways.

Cricket Club News

150 Club Winners, August: £50 Ian Bradley; £15 Bill Finch; £ 5 Lesley Clarke.

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

12th July - Tony Gardner; 26th July - Greg Welsher; 2nd August - Greg Welsher.

September Fixtures at The Park:

Sunday 7th Sept: SUNDAY XI v BLAGDON - 2pm Start

Sunday 21st Sept: SUNDAY XI v CHAIRMAN'S XI - 11am Start

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

Note for all Players: there is a working party at the ground at 10am on Sunday 31st August. No excuses accepted, so please be there!!

Diary Dates:

Friday 5th September: Quiz Night at the Club with quizmaster Reg Purchase doing his best impression of Bamber Gascoigne/Jeremy Paxman!!

Saturday 11th October: Dinner & Dance at Cattle Country

Friday 14th November: Race Day at Cheltenham

Tony Gardner 07889 727729 www.olddowncricketclub.co.uk

Pilates classes

Come and tone those abdominal muscles (and all the rest too!) at Pilates classes in Tockington. There are places for beginners on Fridays at 11.15 a.m at the Wesley Rooms, Tockington. Turn up, or contact Maree Rice on 0117 950 2411.

Olveston Parish Historical Society

John Shepherd

Programme: October 2008–April 2009

All events will be held at the Methodist Hall, The Street, Olveston at 7.30 pm, unless otherwise indicated.

2008

Wednesday, October 1st

The Society will hold the AGM, to be followed by the showing of a DVD of local interest, and we look forward to seeing a good attendance at this event.

Wednesday, November 5th

Archives Evening. This will be an exhibition of some of the pictures, maps and documents from the Society's archives.

Please note: This event will be held at **The Parish Hall, Olveston** at the usual time of 7.30 pm.

Wednesday, December 3rd

Kurt Adams and Peter Twin will be giving us a talk on "Portable Antiquities" found as a result of archaeological work with metal detectors in the local area.

2009

Wednesday, January 7th

Brian Bailey is to describe a walk along the Severn Way, which could inspire some of us to walk at least a part of the Way and see for ourselves some of its interesting historical features.

Wednesday, February 4th

Madge Dresser will be talking to us on "Slavery in the Bristol Area", touching on the involvement of some of our local families in both the slave trade and its abolition.

Wednesday, March 4th

The Rev Brian Torode will give us a talk on "Medieval Pilgrimage in Gloucestershire".

Wednesday, April 1st

Alan Freke, a historian from our neighbouring Frenchay Tuckett Society, will give us an insight into "The Fry Family of Frenchay".

Members are welcome to bring with them friends who might be interested in joining the Society.

Flower arranging classes

These begin at Filton Community (Folk) Centre, Elm Park (behind Filton Police Station) on Tuesday 9th September 1.30pm - 3.30pm; and Thursday 18th September 7pm - 9pm. Ring 01454 412087 for more information.

Thornbury Camera Club news and tips

Peter Haworth

Where has summer gone! Will we have an Indian summer in September? Will this month's photography tips be appropriate on sunsets and sunrises?

Sunsets and sunrises are classic photo subjects. Their crisp compositions tolerate a wide range of exposures and tend to provide vivid colours in infinite variety. Pictures taken from one position on one day might look entirely different from one taken at the same place the next day.

You can photo unadorned sunrises and sunsets with nothing but the sky and horizon showing, or incorporate foreground subjects into the picture. Place the emphasis on the sky itself with a wide angle lens, or zero in on the grandeur of the setting sun with a telephoto.

Your choice of photographing a sunset or sunrise depends primarily on whether you're willing to get up early! And where the sun will be when you take your picture. For example, on the east coast of a country the sun peeping over the ocean's edge must be captured in the early morning and on the west coast in the evening. In different locations you can still photograph the setting or rising sun, such as in the desert, by a lake, mountain range, or city skyline.



The twilight hours 15 minutes after sunset or just before sunrises are colourful and worth capturing as is interesting light created by the sun behind clouds. Sunrises and sunsets are backlit giving the perfect opportunity to photo silhouettes. You can outline subjects at the horizon or create silhouettes from closer subjects such as people, buildings, or trees. Silhouettes usually look best when the outline subject is sharp. Try to use imaginative compositions with dramatic lighting or perhaps a sunrise on a cold and misty morning.

THORNBURY CAMERA CLUB COURSE

On **13th September, 2 – 5pm** at United Reform Church: “Pictures to Exe Workshop”
This workshop/demo will explain how to use the software and present your pictures and mix them with a sound track. Cost £10. Contact Tony Byram 0117 9561896



On **Sunday 7 September**, ACT presents **Summer Swing at the Chantry** to celebrate the end of Summer, featuring Standing Stones saxophone ensemble and Rock of Ages – a four piece band of 'gents'. The **Chantry garden will be open from 1pm, Bar until 2pm, Music: 2-4pm.**

Please bring a blanket or chair and optional picnic.

Tickets from Thornbury Garden Shop: £6/£5 FACTs & Children, Family Ticket: £20 [max 2 Adults, 3 Children], Under 5s FREE

ACT's next event is when a Ladies' Barbershop Choir, *Fascinating Rhythm*, plus talented Harpist and Singer Tessa Sullivan will appear at the Cossham Hall, 8 pm - Friday 10 October.

Police Report

PC Roger Hopes

Our Police priorities for the Severn Ward remain speeding vehicles and HGVs on the B4461 at Elberton.

There were 52 calls to the police from the beat, resulting in 15 crimes being recorded, which is a bit above the average . Figures can be obtained from the local pages of the Avon & Somerset web site.

2/7/08: Theft of number plates from motor vehicle overnight in Aust.

7/7/08 to 15/7/08: Attempted burglary to a house in Denys Court, Olveston. Attempt made to gain entry through rear patio doors to conservatory.

8/7/08: Damage caused to a garden of a house in Olveston.

9/7/08: Burglary at house in The Street, Olveston. Various electrical items stolen. Entry believed to be around 8am.

9/7/08: Theft of building materials from a house in Laxton Close. Material left at the side of the house.

13/7/08: Theft of a mobile phone from the cab of an HGV parked up overnight at Aust services. Driver in the cab at the time but was distracted.

13/7/08: Burglary at house in Denys Court, Olveston. Electrical items stolen overnight.

16/7/08: Burglary at an outbuilding in Elberton. Gardening equipment stolen.

21/7/08: Burglary to house in Littleton. Offenders used ladder to climb up to open bedroom window, then removed antique fire grates and irons. Items also stolen from outbuilding. This happened in the afternoon.

26/7/08: Theft of a car from Passage Rd, Aust during the day.

Kelly and I now have keys to a shared office at Olveston Parish Hall at Upper Tockington Rd. We are using this as a beat office and if you see the car parked outside please feel free to call in.

Parish Hall News

Geoff Chappell

Village Harvest Supper This is arranged for Saturday 4th October at 7.30 pm when a traditional Harvest Supper is planned with bar, local entertainment and raffle at the Parish Hall, Tockington. Proceeds will go towards the ongoing refurbishment of the Hall. We look forward to your support for this event. Tickets, priced at £10 each, are available now from June Robbins tel. 617491, or Geoff Chappell tel. 615806.

Beat Office see notice in Police Report on previous page.

Active For Life In conjunction with South Glos Council we are organising a Saturday morning in October of action, free and open to all ages, to include a health walk, exercise class and multi skills for children and teenagers. Please take advantage of this offer and feel the benefits of a healthy lifestyle!

Dates for your diary

TBC October	Active For Life
7 th November	Family Quiz Night
6 th December	Christmas Sing Along
21 st January	Classic Graffiti – String Quartet

Quakers (Religious Society of Friends),

Quakerism is a way of life rather than a set of beliefs or spoken rituals. Worship takes place in an expectant silence where we seek to experience God within our hearts. Out of this silence anyone may feel led to speak briefly.

We have discussion groups, social outings, and a monthly shared lunch. We also have a library which includes 'Quaker Faith and Practice', a regularly updated anthology of Quaker insights and experiences, such as our testimonies to simplicity, truth, equality and active peace-making. Many of us are involved in Quaker concerns and various social issues. If you would like to know more, look up the website www.quaker.org.uk. The Bristol area website is www.bristolquakers.org.uk and your local contact is Elizabeth Sidwell on 01454 412 975

From the Registers at St Mary's, Olveston

Baptism on 13th July of Henry Oliver, son of Matthew and Talia Slade.

Marriage on 9th August of Simon Hatley and Claire Walker.

Baptism on 10th August of Emily Beatrice, daughter of Simon and Elizabeth Shaw.

Baptism on 10th August of Sebastian Brian, son of Giles and Hayley Fairhead.

Funeral Service followed by Burial in the Churchyard of Joan Hicks, late of Daldry Gardens, on 1st August.

Yours Faithfully: "Michaelmas"

Helen Webb

Michaelmas Day is celebrated on September 29th and is more formally known as the Feast of St Michael the Archangel. St Michael is mentioned in the Bible on several occasions where he and his band of angels fight the dragon, which symbolises the eternal fight of good versus evil. There is a popular custom, which suggests that Michaelmas Day is the last day when blackberries are worth picking. The reason for this belief has ancient origins - it was said that the devil was kicked out of heaven on St Michael's Feast Day, but as he fell from the skies, he landed in a bramble bush! He cursed the fruit of that prickly plant, scorching them with his fiery breath, stamping on them, spitting on them and generally making them unsuitable for human consumption.

It sounds like a good story - a glorious battle between an angel and the devil and the devil being overcome and thrown out of heaven. The stuff of myths and fairytales.

And yet I find that I just can't just dismiss this compelling story of warfare in heaven, a fight to the bitter end, where God's warrior, Michael, takes on the Devil and prevails. It does after all paint a picture of conflict at the heart of all that is, of an elemental struggle, cosmic in its proportions, between Good and Evil; a titanic battle for the soul of the universe, whose features run right through every part of our existence like lettering in a stick of seaside rock. In heaven too, that is - as close to God as it's possible to get - evidence of this conflict is to be found. And if it's eaten its way that deeply into the very fibre of all that is, then we must not be surprised to find it in the everyday life we live. Good and Evil, Michael and Satan, light and darkness, hope and despair, chaos and order, - locked in battle. We don't have to look far to be convinced - open a newspaper, switch on the radio or TV, listen to someone talking about Bristol (or Thornbury!) on a Friday or Saturday night, examine our own behaviour when things don't go the way we want.

Somehow we have to situate ourselves within this struggle. The way we live, everything we stand for, the five pennyworth we put back into life will inevitably have a bearing, however small, on that overall conflict raging around us between the forces of good and evil. Every one of us is engaged in the struggle for good to prevail over evil. We all need to play our part in fighting for a decent world, a fair world, a just world for us and others (especially the weak) to live in.

In the last book of the Bible, in Revelation, chapter 21, we're given a vision of the New Jerusalem, the world as it should and will be one day. *"God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"*

That's the promise to hold onto - where the tears at the heart of things have finally been brushed away, the moment when, finally, Good can be seen to have won its battle against Evil.

Church News: ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Sept 7 th	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Breakfast Club Evensong with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe Rev Philip Rowe Breakfast Club Team Rev David Bone
Sept 14 th	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship with Choir Breakfast Club Evensong	Canon David Sansum Mrs Janet McBride Breakfast Club Team Rev Philip Rowe
Sept 21 st	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Harvest Festival with Choir Evensong	Rev. Philip Rowe Rev Philip Rowe Rev. David Bone
Sept 28 th	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) 4 th Sunday Breakfast Club Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Canon David Sansum Canon Brian Carne Breakfast Club Team Rev. 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

Sept 7 th	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Sept 14 th	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Sept 21 st	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Sept 28 th	10am	Morning Prayer	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

Sept 7 th	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Pole
Sept 21 st	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Sept 14 th	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Sept 28 th	11.30am 6.30pm	Baptism Harvest Festival	Rev. David Pole Rev. David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sept 7 th	10am	Tockington Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Joe Withington. Junior Church in the Wesley Rooms.
	4pm	St Albans Westbury Park	Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit Inaugural Service
Sept 14 th	10am	Olveston Ch.	All Age Worship led by Mr Colin Blenkinsopp. The Breakfast Club will join us later in the Service.
	6pm	Tockington Ch.	Evening Worship led by Rev. Audrey Standhaft
Sept 21 st	10am	Tockington Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Iesinga Vunipola. Junior Church in the Wesley Rooms.
	6pm	Daldry Gardens	Evening Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
Sept 28 th	10am	Olveston Ch.	PARADE HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE led by Mr Glyn Varney
	6pm	Olveston Ch.	United Harvest Festival Service led by Rev. Peter Mortlock

LIGHT LUNCHESES: Thursday 4th Sept 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 17th Sept. To book your lunch please ring 416528.

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 not be any Coffee Mornings at Tockington 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 23rd Sept.

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

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 our 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, OLDDOWN

Sept 7 th	6.30pm	Claud Sanderford
Sept 14 th	6.30pm	Roger Greenslade
Sept 21 st	6.30pm	Steve Loader
Sept 28 th	6.30pm	Tony Curtis (Christian Solidarity Worldwide Open Doors)

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 11am** and to **Evening Worship at 6.30pm**. For more details, please phone **632564**.
'Happy are the people whose God is the Lord'.

BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN OLVESTON

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 **01454 613305** for more information or on the internet at **www.bcfnet.com**

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, THORNBURY

Each Sunday:

8.30amMass

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. Anyone can come but children welcome with prior notice.

National website: **www.quaker.org.uk**

Bristol area website: **www.bristolquakers.org.uk**

Local contact: Elizabeth Sidwell Tel: 412975

Diary Dates for September 2008

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

1st Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club. Practice Ikebana	1.30	AH
2nd Tues	Tockington Toddlers Friends' Walking Group: Tudor Arms, Slimbridge British Legion Women: Sally Taylor Flower Demo	10-12 10am 7.30pm	WR DGCL
4th Thu	Olveston Baby & Toddlers Coffee Shop, Olveston Stores	2.30-4.30 10-12	MH
5th Fri	La Vie en Rose, Thornbury Film Club Cricket Club Quiz Night	7.30pm	AH AP
6th Sat	Olveston Methodist Hall Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	
7th Sun	Thornbury Rambling Club Sapperton: Long Tel. 411305 Cricket Match at the Park Olveston Scout Group A.G.M. ACT Summer Swing at the Chantry	9am 2pm 3-4pm 1-4pm	 Scout Hut
9th Tues	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute	10-12 7.30pm	WR PH
10th Wed	British Legion Men	7.30pm	DGCL
11th Thu	Olveston Baby & Toddlers Coffee Shop, Olveston Stores Thornbury Rambling Club Waterley Bottom: Short Tel 413853 or 416464	2.30-4.30 10-12 10am	MH
12th Fri	Tockington Toddlers	10-12	WR
13th Sat	Olveston Methodist Hall Coffee Morning Tockington Harvest Fayre Music in the Church at Aust Food Market , The Plain & Castle St Thornbury	10.30-12.00 2pm 8 pm	 AC
16th Tues	Tockington Toddlers	10-12	WR
17th Wed	Saffia Farr at Thornbury Library Alpha course starts at Almondsbury Vicarage	7.30pm 7.30pm	
18th Thu	Olveston Baby & Toddlers Coffee Shop, Olveston Stores	2.30-4.30 10-12	MH
19th Fri	St Peter's Hospice 30th anniversary Flower Festival	9-6	TMH
20th Sat	Olveston Methodist Hall Coffee Morning St Peter's Hospice Flower Festival & Concert	10.30-12.00 9-6 & 7.30pm	TMH
21st Sun	Thornbury Rambling Club Brokenborough: Long Tel 414746 St Peter's Hospice Flower Festival & Songs of Praise Cricket Match at the Park	8.45am 1-5 & 6.30pm 11am	 TMH
22nd Mon	Parish Players read through of Oklahoma Chat Group meeting at Hazeldown	7.30pm 7.30pm	PH

23 rd Tues	Tockington Toddlers Parish Council Meeting	10-12 7.30pm	WR AP
25 th Thu	Olveston Baby & Toddlers Coffee Shop, Olveston Stores Thornbury & District Flower Club Practice Class: 'Space Odyssey'	2.30-4.30 10-12 7.30pm	MH TMH
26 th Fri	The Painted Veil Thornbury Film Club	7.30pm	AH
27 th Sat	Olveston Methodist Hall Coffee Morning Rainbow Fair	10.30-12.00 10am	TMH
28 th Sun	Thornbury Rambling Club - Street: Long Tel 0117 9518913 Marlwood School Car Boot Sale	9.00am 9.30am	
29 th Mon	Parish Players read through of Oklahoma	7.30pm	PH
30 th Tues	Tockington Toddlers	10-12	WR

Looking Ahead to October

1 st Oct	Historical Society AGM	7.30pm	MH
4 th Oct	Village Harvest Supper	7.30pm	PH
11 th Oct	Music in the Church at Aust Cricket Club Dinner & Dance	8pm	AC Cattle Country
18 th Oct	The Stones in Concert		St M

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

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