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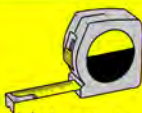
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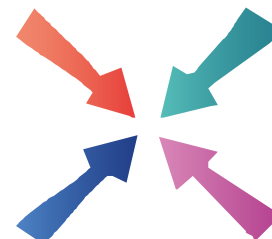
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From the Editor

So here we are – it is August and the weather forecast is somewhat mixed. I hope that families with school-aged children will manage to have a good time over the summer holidays. It always used to seem so unfair, back when I had small children, that we sweltered through July and then had a rainy August. But maybe I'm misremembering, and I know that whatever the weather, summer can be great fun.

I had wondered if this edition would be a 'quiet' one, with several local organisations taking a summer break. However, articles have come in thick and fast. One was even sent from a boat sailing off the western isles of Scotland! I leave it up to readers to try to guess which one.....

This month's cover photograph is by Les Harper.

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Garden Ponds

Paul Godwin

All types of ponds have a significant benefit to wildlife, no matter what their size. They provide habitats where amphibians can breed, where insects can live or visit, and a place where birds and mammals can drink or feed. It is said that a pond in your garden is the single best wildlife habitat that you can create, and I believe that to be true. It is also true that many people say how much they would like a pond, but for many good reasons do not quite get to the point of creating one! So, this article is to try and encourage you to take the plunge and create a pond, no matter how small or how large, in your garden. A pond does not have to be difficult to create, even a mini pond in a trough or bucket will attract wildlife.

There are a few basic rules: you need to ensure creatures can get in and out easily by having at least one sloping side, that they are in a suitable location with plenty of sunshine, there is at least 75cms depth, that there are suitable plants both in and around the pond and of course that you have a seat near the pond to sit and wonder. You will need some more information than that and thankfully it is easy to find. There are many sources - you can do an online search for creating a wildlife pond or go to a book shop and you will find all the information you need. These will give you options on materials and construction. Equally a pond does not need to cost a lot of money or take up a

lot of space. A basic pond with the right conditions can work very well.

We have two small ponds in our garden, one of which is circular, approximately 5ft (1.5m) across, and a smaller pond which is pear shaped, approximately 3 feet (90cms) by 18 (45cms) inches. Both ponds were dug into the ground with varying depths and a sheet pond liner used. They needed a bit of effort to dig, a small cost to purchase the felt, liner and some plants, but in



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basic terms that was it. Interestingly, the newts appear to prefer the smaller of our two ponds.



The rewards for wildlife, and us, are immense. We see a lot of breeding damselflies and dragonflies which use our pond as both a breeding and feeding area. This year there has been a greater number of smooth newts and for the first time we have seen them with their young in the smaller pond. We see many insects and birds drinking from the ponds, especially finches, blackbirds and various types of wasps, hover flies and bees. In late spring and early summer, larvae and nymphs emerge from the pond and climb up the taller plants to undertake an incredible transformation into insects such as mayfly and dragonfly. You can sit and watch this unfold in your own garden. What more can you ask for?

In addition to all this there is another world on and under the water. You may see pond skaters, great pond snails, whirligig beetles and other life - such as flatworms - that you may not see until you do a pond dip. How all these creatures find their way to your pond you will probably never find out, it is truly fascinating. Sitting by the pond, relaxing and observing all the wildlife, is one of the most stress relieving things you can do. So, all I can do now is say, 'Make some Space for Wildlife', and put a pond into your garden.

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Olveston and Tockington WI

For our IT workshop at the July meeting, phones, tablets and Kindles were brought along. Led by tech whizz-kid Jed, from Jed's NEAT Services, we shared tech tips, hacks and tricks. Technology is wonderful when you know how to work it! One of our members very kindly hosted a garden party and the money raised will go to our charity for this year, Missing Link. There is no meeting in August, but we will be having our annual lunch at a local pub.

Nationally, membership of the WI has grown by 21,000. We have welcomed new members into our own WI with the result that our membership has also increased. If you would like to join us, please contact Angela Green on 01454 615222.

Olveston and Tockington WI's next meeting will be on 12th September at 7.30pm in Olveston Parish Hall.

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Come along for delicious cream teas and cakes on Bank Holiday Monday 28th August on Tockington Green. We shall be serving between 2.00pm and 4.30pm. Bring your family and friends and enjoy this special village event. There will be gluten free, dairy free and vegan treats too, plus decaff drink options and plant milks available – just ask. Cash or card payments accepted, and you can take-away as well. We will be there come rain or shine!

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We would be very grateful for any donations of 'As New' items/unwanted presents, good quality books, toiletries, toys, plants, vegetables, and bottles for the tombola. Please leave items in the box placed in Olveston Methodist Church porch or bring more valuable items to the 1st Friday of the month coffee morning in Tockington Chapel or the 2nd and 4th Saturday coffee mornings in Olveston Methodist Hall. Alternatively contact Maggie on 01454 610053 or Jane Sawyer, email jane@prologue.co.uk We can always collect if needed.

Get creative over the summer holidays!

The theme for this year's children's Fancy Dress Parade is 'The Lovely Bug Ball'. Come as a butterfly, caterpillar, snail or other creepy crawly!

And here are details of the two the children's competitions:

- 1) Design a colourful sign/ poster for a wildlife friendly garden, with the words 'Bee Friendly' (A4 landscape)
- 2) Make a 3D model of a bee or hedgehog using any medium (junk, clay, cake.....)

Competition entries can be brought on the morning of the 23rd with the child's name, age and contact details clearly displayed.

We rely on this event as a major source of funds for the upkeep of Tockington Methodist Church, the Wesley Rooms, Olveston Methodist Church and Hall. They continue to be used extensively by local community organisations. However, the success of the Fayre depends on us having lots of volunteers to help with the physical work in preparing, running stalls and clearing up. You can really help us by offering a small amount of your time to make this year's Fayre a success – please use the contacts above.

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I now work for St Peter's Hospice at their warehouse, undertaking the same role as before, which is dealing with new goods rather than charity donations from the public. If you visit and support any of the local St Peter's charity shops, most of them will have a section of 'New Goods' such as Christmas cards or pocket money toys. From September to December my main role is to fulfil any orders from their website, from their online shop or catalogue - mainly Christmas cards. For the rest of the year my tasks vary from stock taking to order picking and allocating the new goods to various shops according to their orders.

I thoroughly enjoy my weekly visit to the warehouse, I have made new friends, learned some new skills and gained a far better insight into the tremendous work that they do for our part of the country. St Peter's Hospice currently has over 1200 volunteers and people may be surprised to learn that much of their work (approx. 90% I understand) takes place in people's homes rather than the hospice building itself. St Peter's is always looking for volunteers and if retail isn't for you, then there are several roles outside of the shops that you could get involved with, for example administration, gardening at the Hospice, or working in the Hospice Café.

I have found working with St Peter's a joy, a privilege and an education. If you would like to know more and can offer any of your time to this worthy charity, then please contact 0117 915 9448 or email volunteer@stpetershospice.org

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These dates are, of course, in the school summer holidays. Supervised children are very welcome and, if they would like to play on the village green, it's no problem to take your tea and cake outside to keep an eye on them.

Our 'regulars' also include an increasing number of canine community members. Do feel free to bring well-behaved dogs.

Finally, if you could help us run a future coffee morning or do some baking for us, please get in touch via TOCS.friends@gmail.com. Also, please let us know if you have any suggestions for ways to support the chapel and the other local Methodist buildings.





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Jacks in the Belfry?

Peter Floyd

Well, not perhaps in the belfry, but certainly in the roof of St Mary's.

Jackdaws are noisy birds, (jack jack!) black with grey heads, who like nesting in buildings. At my home they pack twigs all the way down the chimneys. At St Mary's they had pushed their way past the wire mesh defences at the west end of the nave roof and, rather than a proper nest, had piled up sticks into a large untidy heap.

The rooves of nave and both aisles were replaced in 1955 which, at about 70 years ago, means these rooves need to be watched carefully for deterioration. At the recent inspection of the interior of the roof, which is required every five years, these previously unknown heaps of twigs were discovered.

Getting the sticks out proved to be a problem since access to the restricted space at the far west end of the nave roof is along crawl boards from the distant door, and the prospect of hauling large dumpy sacks by hand did not appeal. After some thought it was decided to erect a scaffold tower and remove some slates from the roof, gaining access from nearer the site of the heap, which was successfully completed, and the slates replaced. Having been carefully imported into the roof by the not very big birds, the photo below shows one of the three bags of kindling that we removed.



As the inspection of rooves proceeded it was found that the blighters had done the same thing at the east end of the south aisle roof, so the action had to be repeated there too. If jackdaws were not such a nuisance, they would be admired for their persistence. The vents through which the birds had forced entry have now been thoroughly protected.

The chancel roof is going to be the next concern. It was not reroofed in 1955 and since the tower was destroyed in 1605 there has been no access to the interior from the tower at all and since it now has an arched plaster ceiling there is little roof space to access. The slated roof is not in the best condition and the church has had problems with

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internal damp which necessitated the replastering of one of the chancel walls. It was decided at that time that the problem had been caused by blocked gutters which was fixed, but there may have been internal damage to the roof structure. This roof will be inspected too, and scaffolding will once again be used, this time from a tower on either side, allowing a visual inspection.

Such is the nature, complexity, and age of our lovely old building that there are challenges to be solved all the time.....watch this space!

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the July draw, held on 6th July 2023 were:

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£20	447	Mr K Richards, Tockington
£20	502	Rev'd D Bone, Tockington

If you want to find out more, we will be on our colourful stall at the Olveston Church Fete on Saturday 19th August, where we will be encouraging you to join our local lottery. Anyone who joins on the day will get a free pen....pretty good so far! Not only that, but you might be able to help us fulfil our aim, which is to give away even more prizes.

It's our 30th anniversary next year, and we want to be able to give another £50 in prizes every month of 2024. (We currently give £425 in prizes every month.) To do that we need another 50 entries, and you can have up to 10 entries per person. What do you think? Can you help us achieve this milestone?

It's £2 per month per entry, with a £1 going to the Church and £1 going into the prize pot. During our 30th year we predict that we will have our 4,000th winner who will get an extra special cash prize, and it could be you.

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We have local meetings in Yate, Kingswood, Thornbury, Patchway and Emerson's Green on a rolling monthly basis and zoom meetings once a month.

If you care about your community and would like to be involved in helping to make it a better place please do

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a raffle and much more.

And don't forget (who could?) the very popular dog show with an agility course which is open to dogs of all disciplines (and none) and over various categories.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church - Property Update

Jennifer Bone

Last Autumn our Church Council decided to reduce the number of our premises (we have two in Olveston and two in Tockington), and we invited anyone interested to express a view on the choice to be made. Thank you so much to all of you who responded.

This review has been in effect a re-run of the review which we had undertaken in 2019-2020, at which point lockdown and the pandemic prevented us from implementing the changes planned for 2020-2022.

The decisions taken by our Church Council in June this year are built on these earlier decisions, this time for 2023-2025. We are aware, however, that today our Church's resources, both human and financial, are significantly reduced from where we were in 2020.

In Tockington, the Chapel on the Green remains our priority for investment and improvement to ensure its future. The Wesley Rooms will also be maintained for their substantial community use. There will be a further assessment in 2025.

In Olveston the position is more complicated; although the site consists of two distinct buildings, with separate deeds, it can only operate as a combined site,

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In January this year we gave an assurance to users that premises will remain available at least until Summer 2024. Our timetable for implementing the Review takes us to 2025. Our warmest thanks to everyone who has taken time and trouble to show interest and give us assurances of your support, which have influenced our planning.

Alveston Repair Café

A Volunteer

"If you can't repair this don't worry. I will just drop it off at the tip on my way home".

I have had this conversation with repair café customers more times than I can count. But it is sometimes surprising what we are able to achieve, and it is a very satisfying feeling to see a happy customer take their item home ready to be used once more!



Repair cafes are increasingly popular in this country and indeed in Europe and our humble efforts have been well attended and have given much enjoyment to both customers and volunteers. I noticed that Alveston is full of middle-aged, retired, grey-haired men (and it was mostly men) who have shedloads of tools and like taking things apart (just like me!). I decided that if I could recruit five friends to be volunteers it would be worthwhile to try to set up a Repair Café. I had 20 names within a few days. The range of skills was a relief and there were several ex-aerospace professionals. It is basically DIY, but that covers a lot!



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It's not just about saving things from landfill. We also thrive on sharing skills between the volunteers and encouraging the customers to pick up new skills too. But above all it's about having fun. It is always gratifying to hear the hubbub of conversation and even see some customers getting involved with their own repair. The atmosphere of the events is always cheerful with lots of lending of tools and opinions.



Both the repairs and the refreshments are free, but we ask for a voluntary donation to help with costs. Our next event is on the 7th October between 10:00 and 13:00 at St Helen's Church in Alveston. Everyone is welcome. Bring something you would like repaired or just come to see what is going on and enjoy some coffee and cake.



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Moving forward to 2023, Collaborative Productions, a new amateur group of local thespians, is very excited to be putting on four performances of the play at Rangeworthy Village Hall from 21st to 23rd September. This is a charity event raising funds for BUST (Breast Cancer Unit Support Trust) supporting the Bristol Breast Care Centre at Southmead Hospital, and Blood Cancer UK.

The play is based on the inspiring true story of eleven WI members who persuaded one another to pose for a charity calendar, with a difference, to raise money for the Leukaemia Research Fund. When Annie's husband John dies of leukaemia, she and best friend Chris resolve to raise money for a new settee in the local hospital relatives' room. They manage to persuade four fellow WI members to pose for an 'alternative' calendar, with a little help from hospital porter and amateur photographer Lawrence. Overcoming their initial

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reserve, the friends drop their dressing gowns, their modesty spared only by cleverly placed cakes, knitting and flower arrangements. Riding the wrath of the WI, they spark a global phenomenon as news of the women's charitable venture spreads like wildfire, and hordes of press descend on the village of Knapeley in the Yorkshire Dales. The calendar is a huge success, but Chris and Annie's friendship is put to the test under the strain of their new-found fame. Calendar Girls is a funny, charming and touching tribute to the fundraising efforts of a group of extraordinary women.

Suitable for those over 16, there are three evening performances at 7.30pm and a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets at £12 and £10 (concessions) are available now, either online via www.ticketsource.co.uk/collaborative-productions or by TicketSource phone line 0333 666 3366 (for additional £2 fee plus regular 7% booking fee). Online group bookings of 10+ get one free ticket. Walk-in cash bookings are also available at the Rose & Crown in Rangeworthy. There are only 140 seats for each performance and tickets are likely to be snapped up, such is the popularity of this play. If you've not yet seen a professional or amateur production of Calendar Girls, or just want to see it again and re-live that wonderful experience, here is your chance.

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

June 24th Baptism of Wilfred Boyden Davies and Hugo Boyden Davies

June 25th Baptism of Olympia Kinga Fahd-Klarecka

July 1st Marriage of Richard Stuart Lyons and Megan Elizabeth Hickson

Recipes from Readers?

Occasionally, in recent years, we have published recipes from readers. One that I have used several times was for a courgette and cheese loaf. Good to make when you have got a glut of courgettes! Another, that I use every year, was for elderflower cordial. Of course, elderflowers are long finished for the year, but the taste of the cordial preserves the memory of spring.

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Gareth Williams trained in medicine in Cambridge, London and Geneva and was Dean of Medicine at Bristol University and Chair of the Trustees at the Edward Jenner Museum. His books include *Angel of Death: the story of smallpox*, *Paralysed with Fear: the story of polio*, *A Monstrous Commotion: the mysteries of Loch Ness* and *Unravelling the Double Helix: the lost heroes of DNA*.

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Christ the King, Thornbury

Tradition is an important part of life, whether that is of family, nation or culture. Saint Paul recognised the importance of tradition in the handing on of the Faith. He was most concerned that the Faith he preached was what he himself had been taught, as he wrote in one of his letters: "This is what I received from the Lord and in turn passed on to you."

The tradition of the Church is twofold: there is the oral tradition and there is the written tradition. The oral tradition is what has been handed down through successive generations by word of mouth. This was the way primitive tribes passed on the story of the tribe's history to new generations. The position of Storyteller was one of high status in ancient tribal life. He or she was the one who passed on to future generations the stories of the past, keeping alive the tribe's history. It is said that at the heart of every legend there is a grain of truth. The problem was that though many of the stories may have been based on real-life experiences, over time they became so distorted as to become quite unbelievable. Quite simply, the story is changed in the telling.

Oral (as in spoken) tradition on its own therefore is flawed. However, this is where the written tradition comes in. We know it as the Sacred Scriptures, the Bible. The pages of the Old Testament contain the history of God's chosen people. And then in the years following Christ, the infant Church recognised the importance of writing down first hand experiences of Christ and the teaching surrounding his coming by people like Saint Paul. As the eyewitnesses were becoming fewer in number with the passage of time, it was important to put in permanent form, what they could remember before it was too late. In this way, a reasonably accurate picture could be passed on down the line of subsequent generations. These pages make up the second part of the Bible we know as the New Testament.

On its own, the written tradition of the Church is confusing and difficult to understand. The oral tradition, therefore, expands and elucidates, but it can never wander too far from the truth because it is in constant reference to the written word. The two work together. Through our tradition of prayer and worship and study of the written word in the Bible, we show and keep alive what we believe, and hand on to future generations. Our belief in the Eucharist and the living presence of Jesus among us is revealed. And so, we ourselves, like Saint Paul, are able to pass on to future generations what we ourselves have received.

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Church News

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Aug 6	10am 6pm	Holy Communion Evensong	Rev David Bone Rev Ann Lloyd
Aug 13	10am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Rev Lloyd & Rev Bone Rev Ann Lloyd
Aug 20	10am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Janet McBride Rev David Bone
Aug 27	10am 6pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Rev Ann Lloyd Janet McBride

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CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Aug 13	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Moss
Aug 27	10am	Holy Communion	Trevor Cook

Contact: Trevor Cook, 01454 618442

Church Wardens: Jenn Dickens 632312 and Jon Burnett 633835

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Aug 13	9am	Morning Prayer	Rev Ann Lloyd
Aug 27	9am	Holy Communion	Tracey Black

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Aug 27	9am	Holy Communion	Judith Heybyrne

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Church Wardens: Catherine Gunnery 413225 and Cheryl Meredith 411065

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Aug 6	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Rev Hilary Cooke
Aug 13	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Rosemary Clews
Aug 20	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Robert Wallace
Aug 27	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Adam Biddlestone

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Diary Dates for August

Information believed to be correct at going to press.

1 Tues	Over 60's Coffee Morning every Tuesday Citizens Advice, every Tuesday, Town Hall Macular and Low Vision Group RBL Women's Section	10-12 10-12 10.30 7.30	DGCL TMH DGCL
2 Wed	Table Tennis every Wednesday	7pm	PH
3 Thurs	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop 'Good Afternoon Choir', every week	9.30 10-12 1-3	S+M URC
4 Fri	First Friday Community Café. (Cash only) Haven Memory Café Bingo	9- 11.30 10.15 2pm	TMC URC DGCL
10 Thurs	Coffee Shop	10-12	S+M
11 Fri	Bingo	2pm	DGCL
12 Sat	Coffee Morning at Olveston Methodist Hall	10.30	OMH
14 Mon	Men's Walk and Chat Group, 2nd [†] and 4 th Mondays, meet Tockington Green Severn Vale Flower Club	9.30 2pm	 SMCH
17 Thurs	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop	9.30 10-12	S+M
18 Fri	Haven Memory Café Bingo	10.15 2pm	URC DGCL
19 Sat	Summer Fete, Church Hill, Olveston	2pm	
21 Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club	2pm	SMCH
22 Tues	Olveston Parish Council	7.30	PH
24 Thurs	Coffee Shop	10-12	S+M
25 Fri	Bingo	2pm	DGCL
26 Sat	Coffee Morning at Olveston Methodist Hall	10.30	OMH
28 Mon	Men's Walk and Chat Group, tbc. Bank Holiday Teas on Tockington Green	9.30 2pm	 TMC

Looking ahead to September

2 Saturday Aust Fete at The Boar's Head 2pm
9 Saturday Talk on Edward Jenner St. Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Road, Thornbury 7.30pm
21 Wed to 23 Sat, 'Calendar Girls', Rangeworthy Hall 7.30pm
23 Saturday Tockington Harvest Fair 2pm
Recycling Week. More information in September magazine

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