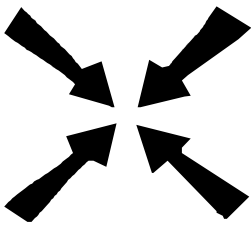


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From the Editor

This edition of the magazine focuses on cycling – an expert's view on its present popularity, and news of a fund raising long distance ride by an enterprising local student.

You too can cycle - to Littleton, to Elberton and to Aust to join in local fêtes; or in more leisurely fashion walk round local gardens, visit the flower festival in Olveston and then relax and enjoy jazz on a summer evening.

Let's hope the weather is kind to all these and many other events featured in Meeting Point this month.

The cover: The Green at Littleton-upon-Severn with passing cyclist, photographed by Peter Haworth

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A Very Quiet Revolution

Jonathan McGee

A bright Sunday morning and as I walk to the shop to pick up the morning papers a soft whirring sound approaches from behind. I turn to see a small group of men and women streaming past on racing bikes. Where have they come from, where are they heading? Before I can answer these questions they are around the bend and out of sight. This is not the only group I will see today. Groups like this are becoming more and more common in our villages.

What is happening? A cycling revolution is taking place in front of our very eyes.

Why is this happening? To answer this question I need to look at the local, national and international level.

In 2008 Bristol was named the first cycling city in the country and given a substantial amount of money to develop cycling within the city. This money has been spent upgrading and installing new cycle lanes on the major roads leading into Bristol. Education and training programmes have been implemented to encourage children and adults to get on their bikes. Money well spent? I will let you decide.

Alongside this, sustainable transport charity Sustrans have been a major mover and shaker in developing new dedicated safe cycling routes across the whole region. The latest being a tunnel underneath Bath where classical music is played to ease us on our way.

Following on from this, Bristol's new Lord Mayor, George Ferguson, has spoken very publically about his desire to see more people on their bikes around the streets of Bristol. One of his first policy decisions is to commit £760,000 (half of which will come from central government) to create safer road junctions on nine dangerous routes into Bristol. He hopes to create a cultural change in how people use the roads in the city. A long term target is that by 2025 20% of all journeys made in the city will be made on bicycles, a 400% increase over current levels. An ambitious target indeed.

On a national stage Boris Johnson has been one of the strongest advocates for better cycling provisions in the capital. Cycling superhighways, Boris bikes and maybe one day SKY cycling routes above the roads are all part of his vision.

At an international level our newest superstars are becoming household names. Sir Bradley Wiggins, Sir David Brailsford, Sir Chris Hoy, Mark Cavendish, Victoria Pendleton and Laura Trott to name but a few. These

athletes are role models who offer us so much more than our highly paid footballers in the Premier League.

A quiet revolution.... I don't think so.

Bristol to Berne by Bike

4th - 14th July 2013



Many readers will be familiar with the Bristol based charity Penny Brohn Cancer Care.

A former pupil of Tockington Manor School, Poppy Thompson (pictured left) who lives in Ingst, and whose family and friends have experienced cancer at first hand over several years, has decided to do something to help. So, after her GCSE exams this summer, Poppy is setting off with her cousin to cycle from Bristol to Switzerland, to raise money for the charity.

The route will take them from the Centre at 10am on 4th July, over Salisbury Plain, across the channel and into France. They will then skirt round Paris and head for the mountains via Berne to finish at the foot of the majestic Eiger in Grindelwald. The challenge is about 760 miles over 10 days.

Penny Brohn Cancer Care changes the lives of people with cancer, and their families. The charity provides support, advice, therapy and counselling to improve quality of life and help manage the fear and devastation that a cancer diagnosis brings. To provide all these services free to those who ask for help costs a vast amount of money, and it all comes from donations. More information can be found on the charity's website at www.pennybrohncancercare.org

Any contribution, great or small, will be very much appreciated and can be made through the Just Giving website at www.justgiving.com/Poppy-Thompson or by cheque (marked on the reverse "Bristol to Berne - PCT") sent directly to Penny Brohn Cancer Care.

Elberton Church Fête

Saturday July 13th at Elberton Church. 2pm.

Come and join us for a cream tea, tombola, cakes, draw, skittles, etc
And enjoy looking at the work of local artists, displayed in our church.



Elberton Church Grounds

St Mary's Olveston Flower Festival

5th – 7th July in St Mary's Church

Don't forget to visit the Flower Festival from 5-7 July, opening hours 10am to 7pm. On Sunday there will be Morning Worship at 10am and Evening Worship at 6pm and all are welcome to combine them with the flowers. The theme is 'A year in the life of a Parish Church', with over forty displays ranging from the liturgical year to the Film Club and Pet Service! There's no entrance fee though donations will, of course, be welcome. The festival finishes with a Songs of Praise at 6.00 pm on the Sunday.

Tea and coffee will be available in church. The Crusty Loaf, our village bakery, and The White Hart pub are nearby. The Crusty Loaf sells sandwiches, filled rolls, pasties etc, and the garden at the White Hart will be open for lunch after 12 o'clock.

Littleton - a very brief history

Carolyn Watkins

We bought an old farm house in Littleton in 1986 and after my son had completed his exams at a school in north west London we eventually moved in the following year.

The house still contains lots of old beams and features which despite the woodworm have survived for hundreds of years. Linda Hall in her book about Gloucestershire farmhouses describes the house as having clay mortar in the oldest part of the building which dates back to the fifteenth century, whilst the “new” part was added in the seventeenth century. We were also told that there was a tunnel which led to the church, or the river, or (and this was my husband’s favourite) to the White Hart. Everyone we spoke to knew someone who had seen the entrance, or had been a little way down the tunnel, but the whereabouts of its exact position was never forthcoming.

This was exciting information to me as I have always been interested in history and I eagerly looked at the deeds, but what a disappointment to find that they only went back as far as 1898. Who had lived in the house during those six hundred years that it was known to have been on the site? In order to get clues about its previous inhabitants I began to find out more about the village of Littleton.

The area was known to our early ancestors; a flint axe was found on the higher, drier ground above the village and a Roman coin dating from the time of Vespasian (69-79 AD) or his son (Titus (79-81 AD) was discovered in a garden at Brick Cottages.

The first written record of a settlement here was in 986 when King Ethelred the Second was on the throne of England. He gave land “commonly called Lytletun” to one of his followers, a man called Wenoth. Wenoth later donated it to Malmesbury Abbey and it was owned by the Abbey when the Domesday Survey was taken in 1086. The Survey shows that there was a church with a priest, five hides of land, eight ploughs and about 70 – 80 people. The Abbey owned the village for the next five hundred years.

This ownership ended in 1539 when Henry VIII took possession of Malmesbury Abbey and its lands. He gave Littleton to one of his followers and then over the next five hundred years it passed from owner to owner with small areas of land gradually being sold off until the last Lord of the Manor to own a significant amount of land was Robert Cann Lippincott of Over Court. He owned 245 acres here in 1891. Littleton remained a small agricultural settlement of about twenty families and the two open fields Northfield and

Eastfield, with the remains of the strip system, can still be seen in places today.

In the late 1850s George Wintle opened a brickworks on the riverbank. He built ten cottages for his workers in the lane leading to the works and one for the foreman on the site. These new families increased the number of pupils to over fifty at the two room village school which was built in 1858. There was a teacher and an assistant: unfortunately many of the weekly entries in the school log are “nothing in particular”. I suppose that, with fifty children to manage all week, the teacher would need to switch off at the weekend and not write detailed notes! Sally Taylor was the last pupil to be admitted to the school before it closed in 1965.

In 1871 George Wintle bought a single masted boat called the ‘Matilda’. This he used to take the bricks to ports up and down the estuary, returning with coal which was sold in the neighbourhood. Sand was also collected in the estuary and used in the brick making process. The brickworks continued under various ownerships until the 1930s when it closed.

There was great excitement on 24th January 1885 when a sixty eight foot whale became beached in the pill. A large number of visitors arrived at Thornbury Station on special trains from Bristol and, together with local families, converged on Littleton causing traffic chaos. The whale was claimed by the Crown and taken away to Bristol. As it was now rapidly decaying, Littleton was glad to see it go. Another unexpected visitor to the river bank was in February 1954 when a Britannia on a test flight made a crash landing on the mud flats. No one was seriously injured but it proved impossible to recover the aeroplane and it was cut up for scrap and removed.

Have I found out more about previous owners of the house? Only a little. I know that there were various tenants in the house after 1851 and that before then Robert Taylor owned and lived there for thirty years and his father, William, was there for thirty five years before him. This takes it back to 1787. I think that I shall have to keep up my research for a bit longer...

Littleton-Upon-Severn - Village Fête

**The Marquee – (next to the village hall)
Saturday 13th July 1.00 - 4.00pm**

Traditional Village Fête including dancing by the ‘Applejacks, the famous ‘Made in Littleton’ stall of homemade goodies, local produce and traditional games.

Oveston Parish Council Matters

Richard Rogers (olvestonpc@gmail.com)

The Parish Council would like to welcome Mrs Sue Hunter, Mr Jamie Mayes and Mr Richard Panes who have kindly agreed to become Councillors, and wishes them well for the future. Both Mr Panes and Mr Mayes have already joined the Rec & Leisure Committee, while Mrs Hunter has joined the Planning Committee. At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, Mrs Lyons was again elected as Chairman, with both Mrs Reid and Mr Hughes agreeing to stand as Vice-Chairmen. Mrs Webb is to continue her responsibility for Footpaths and the Environment, with Mr Baxter becoming chairman of the Projects Committee. There are always opportunities for others who are thinking about serving the Parish in this way to get involved. All are welcome to come along to Parish Meetings to find out what goes on.

The Parish Council has approved funding to help the Methodist Church set up internet facilities in Oveston for the benefit for all parishioners (more details to follow), and is helping the Jubilee Committee to purchase the first defibrillator for the Parish.

Recent meetings have been held with Oveston School and the School Travel Plan Group to alleviate traffic congestion around the School by providing additional parking on the Aust Road verge. However, this requires active support from parents to succeed.

Speeding through the Parish continues to be an issue, and it is hoped that the recently formed 'Speed Watch Group' will shortly begin active 'monitoring' at various points. Reducing the speed of everyone coming into each of the three villages, and more consideration being given to responsible parking to benefit traffic flow and avoiding parking close to junctions and blind corners, should reduce the risk of accidents and associated injuries to the benefit of all.

The trial Parish Council facebook page is now regularly updated and, with the Oveston Website as well as articles in this periodical and the notice boards sited round the Parish, the Council feels that it is better placed to inform parishioners of what is going on. However, to improve communications, feedback is vital and your views are always welcome.

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Severn Estuary Flood Risk consultation The Environment Agency is consulting about flood prevention and management in this area and what it should do about it between now and 2060 – the consultation closes at the end of July. See www.environment-agency.gov.uk/severnestuary

Street parking in Aust village Residents and the Parish Council have been concerned about the number of commuter cars parked near the church, and also on Passage Road. We are discussing possible measures with South Glos Council and hope some measures can be taken. The Council doesn't think residents would like a formal yellow line scheme – which would anyway take at least two years and be costly - so any measures are likely to be advisory.

Woodwell Nature Reserve A national register of meadows is being prepared to commemorate 60 years from the Queen's coronation. There will be one from each local authority area, and it is likely that Woodwell will be the one in South Gloucestershire.

Flooding in Aust village Residents in some parts of Aust suffer periodical flooding. The Parish Council has for some time been pressing for proper measures to be undertaken to deal with this. The Council is keeping up the pressure but the matter is not helped by the number of agencies involved – the Environment Agency, South Glos Council, the Highways Agency and the South Glos Internal Drainage Board.

South Gloucestershire consultation on grass verge cutting

South Glos Council has proposed reducing the amount of grass cutting of verges, where this has been more than 2 cuts a year, one metre each side, and road safety measures. If parishes wish to have more done, then they will be asked to pay for it out of Parish Council funds – so there would be an increase in the Parish Council precept. It looked initially as if Aust might be asked for a high amount to cater for the grass around the Aust roundabout. However, after a meeting with South Glos Council, it has been agreed that there will be no extra charge on the residents of Aust parish.

New Permitted development rights for large home extensions The new law allowing larger rear extensions to houses came into force on 31 May. In general, house owners may now construct single storey extensions to the rear of a house, up to 8 metres (if detached) or 6 metres (in other cases) so long as they are not more than 4 metres high. No planning permission is required, but prior notification must be made to South Gloucestershire planning department.



Cook's Calendar:

July

Natasha Harrod

So many things in life are enjoyed for their scarcity; just as diamonds would not be put in rings if they were commonplace, so a perfect English summer's day would be unremarkable if we had more than a handful of them.

This recipe is the encapsulation of English summer. Half of the ingredients could come from our garden, although I suggest frozen peas as it seems a shame to puree precious home grown ones. For me, it is the smell and taste of home in the sunshine which even my pea-hating husband loves as a part of our July ritual.

The only mildly taxing part of this recipe is taking the broad beans out of their papery shells. I pay my children to help with this, small fingers are remarkably agile. If you have no biddable children to hand, you could always pod to a podcast.

So, what to do with your glowing emerald bowl of summer goodness? It is very versatile. I like to spread it on bruschetta and have it as a starter; it is delicious with breadsticks as a dip or stirred through tagliatelle as a pasta sauce.

Broad Bean and Pea Puree

250g broad beans (weighed after they have been podded)

250g frozen petits pois

Juice of 1 lemon

A bunch of mint

3 tablespoons of olive oil, preferably extra-virgin

150g parmesan, grated

You need a food processor to make this recipe.

Get two saucepans on the boil. When they have reached boiling point, add the broad beans to one pan and the peas to the other. Allow them each to boil for five minutes, then drain them separately, putting each into a bowl of iced water. Chilling them quickly in this way keeps the amazing jewel-like colour.

Continued overleaf

When they are cold, drain again and put the peas into your food processor bowl. The broad beans need to be skinned, each of the papery white skins removed and the green inner bean put in the food processor. This may sound like a hassle but I never liked broad beans until I tried them this way, the taste is fresh and clean rather than muddled by the tough skin.

Add the mint leaves, oil and lemon juice, and pulse until chopped but still retaining some texture. Add the parmesan and pulse until the cheese is incorporated, but be careful not to lose the texture.

Eat in the sunshine with Pimms on a sunny day and capture the moment of English summer perfection.

1st Olveston Scouts

Trip to Thornbury Council Offices
30th April 2013

by Dan Phelps



We were met by Matthew Riddle our councillor for our area. When we went to the council offices the first thing we did was look at the badges and medals in the lobby, as we did we were told about the history of South Gloucestershire Council and its predecessors, such as Avon County Council.

We then looked at a famous picture of one of the old Chairmen and we found out that he served for many many years. We then went in to the Council Chamber where meetings are held it was really impressive. We sat in the big chairs and used the microphones and learnt how the meeting proceeded.

Finally we looked at the areas controlled by the council and other councils and learned how all the councillors did their jobs in their particular fields. We were asked what we would like to change. It was a fantastic trip and I learned a lot. A big thank you to Councillor Riddle for showing us around.

*Interested in becoming a Scout? Aged 10.5-13yrs
Call Lynda 01454 632484 or Email Lynda.spratt@icloud.com*

News from St Mary's Olveston

Roly Bain

We try to keep our churchyard looking trim and we're very grateful to those who help us do so, but we are short of people prepared to mow the grass. If you could help occasionally or regularly, please let Roly Bain (616593) or Rod Williams (612850) know. We, and many others, would be grateful.

Meanwhile, as you would have seen from the traffic lights at the end of May, we have had to spend over £5,000 repairing the churchyard wall to make it safe. We are grateful to those who contributed, and we apologise for any inconvenience it may have caused.

Thanks to the generosity of a legacy from Carmen and Freddie Pitts, and with the approval of the family who think it both inspired and appropriate, St Mary's has spent part of that legacy on some portable staging in their memory. It seemed appropriate with their historic connections to the Parish Players. It will certainly enhance concerts and productions, and make school events and services more readily visible.

Message from the Crew family

For the last three years we have enjoyed living and working in the Severnside area. However, by the time you read this, Ruan's curacy will have come to an end, and we will have crossed back over the Channel to live once again in the Netherlands. From the beginning of July, Ruan will be minister of the international English-speaking Anglican Church of St. James in Voorschoten, a small town close to the university city of Leiden. Emily, Hannah & Tim will be going to the Dutch school just across the street. And we will be living within 30 minutes of grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins, which we are looking forward to.

But even though we are excited about this next chapter, we are sad to be leaving behind so many dear friends and precious memories. So thank you, from all of us to all of you, for welcoming us into your community and giving us such a memorable three years. And for those who have been asking, our new address is Chopinlaan 17, 2253 BS Voorschoten, The Netherlands.

Olveston Parish Council & Olveston Tockington Methodist Church Internet Café

We are hoping to begin the above proposed Internet Café shortly and would welcome any volunteers who would like to help us run it. The more volunteers we have the less arduous the task on us. If YOU would like to volunteer, say for one session a week, then please have a word with Adrian Baxter (07957 433091) or Glyn Varney (0117 9696387).

Pam Rhodes visits Severnside Churches

Pam Rhodes from BBC's 'Songs of Praise' will be at Old Down Manor, the Country Park on Sunday 21st July at 6.00pm



A "Celebration of faith" including individual testimonies with Pam, combined choirs, youth band and popular hymns will be held inside wonderfully refurbished Old Down Manor (courtesy of Mr & Mrs A Banks). There are seats for 120 and plenty of standing room, parking no problem (further details from your local Severnside church). Come along, look, listen, sing and meet your friends.

Aust Church Fête

Saturday July 20th at 2.0 pm

In the village. All the usual stalls, teas, games for children, skittle for a Salmon, Bar B Q all day. Evening rounders and games.



ALL PROFITS TO CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in the June draw, held on 6th June 2013 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	217	Mrs J. Hahn, Olveston
£75	320	Mrs E Whitford, Tockington
£25	292	Mrs I Phillips, Olveston
£25	531	Mr M J Scott, Olveston
£25	537	Mr R A Hicks, Cornwall
£20	311	AL & JK Maunder, Cornwall
£20	153	Mr A Heming, Olveston
£10	357	Mr D J Smart, Thornbury
£10	554	Mrs B Kingscott, Almondsbury



Severn Beach Village Hall

Saturday 13th July 2013

7.30pm

Band

*Inspiring
Talks*

YOUTH EVENT

Tuck shop

Ages 14-18 welcome..
Bring your friends



News from Olveston Parish Hall

“The Strongman”

This was an outdoor performance by Bash Street Theatre inspired by Charlie Chaplin’s 1928 film “The Circus”. It was silent comedy at its best with circus skills, live music and a little bit of magic! Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us on the day, which resulted in a low turnout. Those who did attend enjoyed themselves and were rewarded with tea and cakes! The Parish Hall is able to stage such productions with the assistance of Rural Arts South Gloucestershire to whom we extend our thanks. The next production is scheduled for the spring.

Jazz on a Summer’s Evening with The Panama Jazz Band

at Olveston Parish Hall on Saturday 27 July at 7.45pm.

Tickets: £8.00 Telephone: 01454 610388

Great music with interval refreshments in a Jazz café setting.

Olveston and Tockington

W.I.



Our talk on July 9th is called “Bristol Pirates and Privateers” and no, it’s not a fancy dress evening! Mark Steeds, our speaker for the evening, is a co-founder of the Long John Silver Trust which aims to educate people about this subject. While the real threat of piracy overshadowed the West Country for hundreds of years, it also provided a rich literary inspiration for books that are now part of our national heritage, the most famous being “Treasure Island” which was set against a backdrop of eighteenth century Bristol. We welcome visitors to our talks and are delighted if they join us for refreshments afterwards. As always, our evening starts at 7.30, in the Parish Hall.

Christian Aid

Pat Thirkettle

My very grateful thanks to a small army of collectors who braved the miserable weather to collect a magnificent £1,927.77 for Christian Aid. My especial thanks to Lesley Thomas who has called it a day after over twenty years.

Anyone for Tennis?

During the Wimbledon period, Olveston and Tockington tennis club is holding a free 'taster' session at our regular club evening slot on Thursday July 4th from 6.30 to 8 pm. Any adults wishing to revive their tennis skills will be given a warm welcome. Refreshments are provided. Our club courts are situated behind the car park at the Parish Hall.

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners June:

£50 John Fox £15 Ted Sharpe £5 John Cryer

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

11th May Malcolm Grosvenor
18th May Simon Higgs
25th May Tony Gardner
1st June Greg Welsher
8th June Richard Panes

July Fixtures at the Park: (2.00pm Start)

6th July 2nd XI v Portishead
13th July 2nd XI v YMCA 'A'
20th July 1st XI v Bristol Indians
27th July 2nd XI v Coalpit Heath

Please come along & support, everybody welcome. Up the Down!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Thornbury Carnival

Saturday 6th July 2013

Thornbury Carnival Parade starts at Thornbury Castle School at 11.30 am. There will also be a Pre-Parade Cavalcade of Old Cars heading up Castle Street and the High Street from 11.15 am.

Entry onto the Carnival Field is £2.00 per person, with pre-school children in a pushchair going free. Free overflow car parking is provided by the Leisure Centre. For more information, please visit our website

www.thornburycarnival.co.uk

Alveston open gardens for Cancer Research UK

Sunday 21st July 2 - 6 pm

8 gardens open in Alveston, Mumbleys and Elberton (including two new gardens). Transport provided for distant gardens. Tea and cake, plant sale and raffle in Alveston. Tour of all gardens £5. All proceeds to CRUK.



For the first time ever in Thornbury!

NAFAS Three counties and South Wales Annual Area day event

Tuesday July 23rd

Main event & trade stands in the Armstrong Hall complex from 10.30 – 4.30. FREE ADMISSION to the Annual Floral Art Competition in the Turnberries Community Centre: 12.30 – 5.0pm. Public welcome at both venues.

Thornbury Horticultural Society Summer Show

Saturday August 3rd

Thornbury Horticultural Show is one of the longest running shows around. We are an open show which means anyone can enter. Classes include: vegetables, top tray and novelties, flower classes, floral art, cookery, preserves, and handicrafts. For the photographers, there are classes available for you. For the youngsters, there are classes for you to enter as well. Prize money and cups for winning entries. For W.I. Groups there is a Challenge Cup for the highest classes.

Supporters, helping, entering or visiting the show on Saturday 3th August 2013 at 2:00pm at The Armstrong Hall in Thornbury are very welcome. Tea and cakes will be available. Schedules available from J.T. Owens, Thornbury Library, Town Hall and The Garden Shop. Schedules also available at <http://www.thornburyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk>

Movies at St Mary's: July

Trevor Anderson



THREE movies this month at St Mary's Church Olveston. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book:

MONDAY MOVIES (*Recent releases and popular classics*)

Mon 1st July at 7.30pm: Multi-Award winning political thriller chronicling the covert operation to rescue six

Americans during the 1979 Iran hostage crisis. *Cert 15*

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

Mon 15th July at 7.30pm: The true story of an African hotelier whose humanity and compassion enabled him to save 1,200 refugees during the Rwandan genocide of 1994. *Cert 12*

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

Mon 29th July at 10.00am: An astonishing adventure of a wily orphan boy whose quest to unlock a secret left to him by his father will transform him and those around him. *Cert U*

Refreshments available at all the shows. Admission is free although a **donation** at the end towards expenses is always appreciated.

For copyright reasons we can't name the films here, but if you **join the Movie Club** we'll send you titles and full details by email. It costs nothing to join – just email me at trevoranderson@btinternet.com.

BCO Sinfonietta concert at St Mary's

Saturday July 13th, 7.30pm

BCO Sinfonietta returns to St Mary's for a fifth consecutive year on Saturday 13th July. Violin soloist David Lewis makes a welcome return to play Spring and Summer from Vivaldi's Four Seasons with the orchestra, and St Mary's Church Choir will also join them to perform Fauré's Pavane. The main work will be Beethoven's 2nd Symphony.

These popular concerts have established a reputation for superb quality music-making and the humorous introductions by Stefan Hofkes make for an evening of music and entertainment.

Tickets: £10 from 616593 or 617491 or at the door (in aid of Church funds).

Police Report: May 2013

The Severn Beat has received a total of 42 calls for the month of May and a total of 12 crimes for the area. Bramley Close, Olveston has suffered two incidents. One was a break in to a garden shed where the offenders cut the bolt on the doors to gain access; however, no items were stolen. The second was the theft of advertising boards from within a vehicle. This is now the third incident over the last couple of months for Bramley Close. May I urge residents to be vigilant and ensure all valuables are locked away and that any suspicious activity is reported, whether that be a person or a vehicle.

In the early hours of Bank Holiday Monday at approximately 00:45am Olveston Stores was burgled. Offenders entered the premises via the shop door and once inside stole alcohol and cigarettes. Theft of a horse box which was situated next to outbuildings at a property in Sweetwater Lane. Offenders gained access via a gate where the padlock and chain were removed.

The next Beat Surgery will be held on Thursday 4th July at Olveston Stores Coffee Shop between 10:30-11:30.

Contact Nos: PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery on 0117 945 5959 or Bridget Whittle on 01454 864404. kelly.dimery@avonandsomerset.police.uk
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How about joining a community oil buying scheme?

Householders and community buildings all over the West of England are paying less for their heating oil by joining a community oil buying scheme run by a local charity, the West of England Rural Network (WERN). The scheme works by placing a single collective order at the beginning of every month, and having greater negotiating power with heating oil suppliers.

Scheme co-ordinator Jill Baker says: "Summer is a really good time to fill up your heating oil tank, as demand drops and prices tend to be lower. Members can order as little as 500 litres, and as infrequently as they choose, and still pay the negotiated price. The member oil price in May was 55.35p per litre (plus VAT at 5%). The annual membership fee is £20 for households, £30 for community buildings and £100 for businesses.

If you are interested in joining the scheme, visit www.wern.org.uk/oil or call Jill Baker on 01275 333701.



St Peter's Hospice – Garden Party

St Peters Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to Heneage Court, Falfield to a Garden Party to be held on Sunday 28th July, 2.30pm – 5.00pm (by kind permission of Mr G. Durston). Entrance is £3.00 to include tea and cake. Raffle and stalls. Bring a picnic chair, listen to the music of “The Standing Stones” and enjoy the beautiful gardens. Please come along and support St Peter’s, your local hospice.

Friends of South Glos Strays Fun Family Companion Dog Show and Fair

in aid of charity on Sunday 18th August 2013 at Avon Riding Centre for the Disabled, Kings Weston Rd, Henbury, BS10 7QT. Dog Show is under cover. Open 10.00am, pedigree and novelty classes with prizes and rosettes to 5th place. Pay on the day. All monies to Friends of South Glos Strays – saving our local stray dogs. Visit us on www.fosgs.com/le.com or on facebook.

For more details ring 07768 285009 evenings (Julia) or email a.j.s.b.deane@btconnect.com



Yours faithfully

Reverend David Hardy

Dear Friends

GOD OUTSIDE THE BOX

A recent survey conducted in this country revealed that 76% of those questioned admitted to having some form of "religious or spiritual" experience. In a society that is so dominated by materialism and the scientific worldview, I find this is a surprisingly high percentage. As a Christian Minister I am fascinated as to why many of these spiritual people do not look for answers to their questions within the family of the Church. I have to ask "What are we doing wrong in the Church that means we are irrelevant to many of you who are reading this letter!?"

Most people who take the trouble to study the life of Jesus are drawn to Him as a very good man and wise teacher. Many non-religious people would say that if everyone followed His ethic of loving our neighbour the world would be a much better place. So why is the family of Jesus, the Church, not attracting people?

No doubt there are many different and complex reasons why people do not attend Church! Sadly, the Church is not without fault! Those of us who belong to the Church, have not always been as welcoming as we should. We have sometimes condemned people because we think they do not keep to "our standards". Some people think that we have made worship boring and uninspiring. We have not always cared for people with their needs as we should have done. We have not been prepared to search for ways to meet people who are asking the deep spiritual question and have conversations with them. For all these, and our other failings, we need God's forgiveness.

The main function of the Church is to introduce people into a living relationship with God through Christ (which, in essence, is what Christianity is). We inside the Church must listen to those who feel alienated from us and be prepared to move "out of our boxes"! The great genius of John and Charles Wesley, the founders of the Methodist movement in the eighteenth century, was that they were prepared to go to where the people were and to listen to them and talk with them. They were also willing to help in practical, caring ways. As well as preaching, the Wesleys set up clinics and dispensaries for the sick, visited the prisons, provided food for the hungry and schools and orphanages for children. Actions must back up words.

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For me, as someone who has been privileged to experience something of the wonderful spiritual richness and fulfilment within the family of Christian believers, I want to help those now outside of the Church to discover the difference that knowing Jesus can make to everyday living. How tragic if we have shut Jesus up within the "box" of our churchy institutions and worship, so that people cannot find Him!

Pamela Neal

Michael, Deborah, Karen and Nicola would like to thank our many friends for their love and support during and after Pamela's long illness.

From the Registers of St Mary's Church Olveston

May 14th 2013 Funeral Service for Brian Clare at St Mary's Olveston
followed by Burial at St John's Church Aust

June 8th 2013 Wedding of Alexander Forsyth and Josephine Hill

From the registers of St John's Church Elberton

12th March 2013 Funeral Service & Burial of Gilbert Thomas Taylor

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Jul 7	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev. P. Rowe & Mrs A Lloyd
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Songs of Praise	Rev Roly Bain
Jul 14	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mr D Jones & Rev R Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev P Rowe
Jul 21	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev R Bain & Rev D Bone
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Sevenside Festival at Old Down	
Jul 28	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Mrs Janet McBride
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Contacts:

Rev Philip Rowe, 01454 613223; email: office@stmaryssevenside.org.uk

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

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

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

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

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Jul 14	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Jul 28	10am	Morning Prayer .	Rev David Bone &

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

Church Wardens: Terry McLeavy 633680 Janet Ford 633300

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Jul 7	9am	Matins	Mrs Tracey Black
Jul 21	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Jul 7	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole
Jul 21	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Jul 7	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch. St Andrews.	Morning Worship led by Mr Peter Jones Evening Worship led by Rev David Hardy
Jul 14	10am	Olv. Ch.	All Age Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney Breakfast Club to join later
Jul 21	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Blenkinsopp
Jul 28	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 10th July. To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 18th July. To book please ring 613241, or 612112

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

HOUSE GROUPS One led by Mr Glyn Varney or Mrs Rosalie Doyle on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10.30am at 7 The Green Olveston. Another led by Rev. Sandy Williams on the 4th Wednesday at 10.30am Please ring 416528 for details of venue

CONTACT: Rev David Hardy 0117 9693135,
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THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer and conversational Bible studies incorporating Communion, on Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm We also visit other Churches and events so please check our Notice Board or contact .

Mike and Barbara Matthews, tel. 07512 917229 or email:
thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Jul 7	6.30pm	David Godfrey
Jul 14	6.30pm	Steven Loader
Jul 21	6.30pm	Rev Colin Lewis
Jul 28	6.30pm	Mike Cooper

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer Time

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

Paul Ashford, 07774 110814 or email: Paul@CalebGroup.net

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

'The Door' for young people on the last Sunday at 7pm

www.THEDOORYOUTH.CO.UK or tel 07837234949

For more details, please phone 632564.

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Evening Worship every Sunday at 6pm

For details tel. 413247

Resound (B.C.F) Twice monthly meetings are held at 4pm at Thornbury Baptist Church (Youth Block)

Contact 0117 3050969 www.bcfnet.com

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Tel 01454 412223 www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

Local contact: Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603

National: www.quaker.org.uk Bristol area: www.bristolquakers.org.uk

Diary Dates for July 2013

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

1 st Mon	Th. Art Cl. Exhib/Teas Swan High St-13th Monday Movie Alv. Gardens Assn Talk at Jubilee Hall	10.00-7pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	S+M
2 nd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R.B.L. Women Flower Arranging & Pudding	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
4 th Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market Thornbury Volunteer Fair Coffee Shop Beat Surgery Olveston Toddlers Open Mic. At White Hart	9.00-1.30 9.00-1.00 9.00-12.00 10.30-11.30 2.00-4.30 8.30pm	OST OST MH
5 th Fri	Flower Festival & 6 th & 7 th	10am-7pm	S+M
6 th Sat	Coffee Morning Thornbury Carnival Jazz on a Summers eve. Panama Jazz Band	10.30-12.00 7.45	MH PH
9 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Women's Institute	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15 7.30pm	WR DGCL TMH PH
10 th Wed	S. Vale Flower Cl. Coffee at Heneage Ct	10.30	
11 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Th & District Flower Club Demonstration	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OST MH TMH
13 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Elberton Church Fete at the church Littleton Village Fete in the marquee BCO Sinfonietta	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 2.00pm 1.00-4.00pm 7.30pm	AVH MH LVH S+M
14 th Sun	Daags Allotments (Thornbury) Open Open Air Shakespeare at Itchington	2.00-5.00pm. 2.30pm	
15 th Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	S+M
16 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R.B.L. Women Bingo	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
17 th Wed	Butterfly Ball at Tockington Manor Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	8.30pm	

	Museum led evening walk around Thornbury		
18 th Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS MH
20 th Sat	Coffee Morning Aust Church Fete in the village	10.30-12.00 2.00pm	MH
21 st Sun	Alveston Open Gardens	2.00-6pm	
23 rd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15	WR DGCL TMH
24 th Wed	Severn Valley Quilters Group visit		
25 th Thu	Coffee Shop Th & District Flower Club Practice class	10.00-12.00 7.30pm	OS TMH
27 th Sat	Coffee Morning Car Boot Sale at Marlwood School	10.30-12.00	MH
28 th Sun	SPH Garden party at Heneage Court	9.30-11.30	
29 th Mon	Childrens Movie Club Severn Vale Flower Club Practice	10.00 1.30pm	StM AH
30 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00	WR DGCL
Looking ahead to August			
18 th Sun	Friends of S Glos Strays Dog Show	10.00	

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; ; CH – Cossham Hall; Chy – Chantry ;CS Castle Sch. DGCL – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; EVH – Elberton Village Hall; LVH Littleton Village Hall MH – Olveston Methodist Hall; OMC Olv Meth Ch OS – Olveston School; Ost – Olveston Stores; OV – Olveston Vicarage; PH – Olveston Parish Hall; StM St Mary's Church, Olv.; StMA Almondsbury Church SMH St Mary,s Ch. Hall Thornbury; TCh Tockington Chapel TBCh - Thornbury Baptist Church; TMH – Thorn. Methodist Hall; URC - Thornbury United Reform Church; WR – Wesley Rooms.

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