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From the Editor

This time last year I was sitting at my desk, wishing I could be outside because the sun was shining and the garden needed my attention. Not so this year, as I think I'd need waders to get across the lawn! Hopefully by the time the magazine is posted through your doors, the weather will have improved.

There are three well-established events on the first weekend of this month. On Friday afternoon there is the Olveston School Summer Fayre and Proms, which is always a lovely local event. Then, on the Saturday, you can head for the Thornbury Carnival. If you like visiting gardens, on the Sunday you can find Open Gardens in Thornbury. Look inside the magazine for full details.

Making Space for Wildlife gives us some advance information about The Big Butterfly Count, which happens towards the end of the month. A quick Butterfly quiz is also included to test your butterfly knowledge

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The cover is by Amelia Rowell Y5 Olveston School

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

Meeting Point magazine and Meeting Point Directory are online at the Community Website: www.olvestonandaust.com

Olveston School Summer Fayre

Friday 5th July 3:30 - 5:30.



All the fun of the Fayre, including:

- o Bouncy Castle,
- Bungee Run,
- o Raffle,
- Stalls,
- o Games
- Refreshments

The School Proms will follow at 6pm, where there will be songs and music with a 'Musicals' theme. A magician will be performing between the two events.

Making Space for Wildlife Emma Williams

The Big Butterfly Count 19th July 2019 to 11th August 2019



This year sees the 10th Big Butterfly Count, a nationwide survey, which is the world's biggest butterfly survey and endorsed by Sir David Attenborough. Butterflies react very quickly to changes in the environment and so can be an early warning system for other wildlife losses, and hence the effect of climate change on our wildlife. Last year, with the warmer summer, we saw an increase in some butterfly species with a decline in others and the survey helps to identify longer term trends. There

are currently 59 different species of butterfly in the UK and 76% of these have declined in abundance in the last four decades.

Butterflies are not only beautiful to see and herald the start of summer, they are indicators that our gardens are providing a healthy ecosystem in which other invertebrates can thrive. Butterflies need nectar to fly, to refuel after winter and help build up energy for hibernation. You can encourage more butterflies into your garden by planting plants which they are attracted to in sunny spots. By choosing a variety of plants you will attract many different species of butterfly and provide nectar throughout the season from spring to autumn. Some of the favourites include Buddleia, Lavender, Wallflower, Marjoram, Marigolds and Verbena. Wildflower meadows are also a great idea for attracting butterflies along with other wildlife.

You can also boost numbers by encouraging breeding. Butterflies choose to lay their larvae on plants which the caterpillars will then eat once they emerge. A useful tip is to plant Nasturtiums alongside your vegetable plot, to encourage butterfly larvae to eat these rather than your prize cabbages!

To take part in the survey, you'll need to spend 15 minutes in a sunny spot, either in your garden, the park, or maybe on a walk through the fields and woods of the Parish, looking out for different species of butterfly and recording how many you see. You can record your sightings online at: https://www.bigbutterflycount.org/ or download the Big Butterfly Count App. There is an identification chart you can download from the website, listing the most abundant butterflies in the UK, to help you name the species that you spot.

It would be lovely to see how many we can find in the Parish. Happy counting!!

Do you know your Butterflies?

Can you identify these four British Butterflies? Three are quite common and one is rare.

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Answers at the back of the magazine.....

The Royal British Legion Women's Section Olveston Branch

June is the month when we meet up with other branches in Gloucestershire for the annual quiz and social event. We returned to Stonehouse to defend our title as last year's winners and were on course to achieve this until the final round, when we were declared joint winners with one other team. So, it was down to a tie breaker which unfortunately we lost. Although disappointed we had enjoyed our day in good company and look forward to returning to Stonehouse in November for the County Conference when we will receive our second-place trophy.



Saturday 6th July.

11am Parade along Castle Street and High Street
12noon Access to Mundy Fields

This year the carnival theme is 'Sport for All' and, in addition to the usual High Street parade and activities on Mundy Fields, Thornbury Rugby Club will be running a 'Sports Village' where visitors can view demonstrations of various sports and even have a go themselves.

The headline act this year is Adele tribute 'Rolling in the Deep' who will be performing in the evening, but there will be lots to keep adults and children alike entertained throughout the day including a variety of professional and amateur acts performing on the Horizon-sponsored main stage and the new 'Community Stage'.

There will also be a dedicated 'Kids Zone' with lots of free activities plus the



usual favourites including the arena displays, classic cars, Weston donkeys, the funfair, lots of stalls and two licensed bars.

Thornbury Carnival has recently launched its new website: www.thornburycarnival.co.uk which includes a comprehensive FAQs section for carnival visitors.

Open Gardens in Thornbury

From 3pm, Sunday July 7th



Don't miss the chance to visit a series of lovely gardens in Thornbury centred on the awardwinning garden at Pound Cottage, Church Road, opposite St Mary's Church.

Relax as you wander from one garden to another with a cold drink

or a glass of wine if you like, for the all-inclusive fee of £5. Just turn up at the gate from 3pm onwards for a perfect Summer treat!

All proceeds will go to the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project.

St Peter's Hospice Garden Party



St Peters Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to Grove House, The Street, Alveston (BS35 3SX) to a Garden Party.

Sunday 21st July 2.30pm – 5.00pm (by kind permission of Geoff and Carol).

Entrance is £4.00 to include tea and cake. Raffle and stalls.

Bring a picnic chair, listen to the music of The Standing Stones, and enjoy the gardens.

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

Thank You

Pat Ward and family would like to say thank you to all who sent sympathy cards concerning the death of Virginia Ward. The cards were very much appreciated by the family.

Thanks also to all those who attended Virginia's funeral at St. Mary's on 17th May. It was very much appreciated to know how much she was thought of in the village and elsewhere.

Aust Parish Council

Kath Godden austparishcouncil@ggoglemail.com

Annual Parish Council Meeting

The annual Parish Council meeting took place on 14th May, the first meeting following the elections. At the meeting Councillor Catherine Collinson was reelected as Chairman and Councillor Steve Meredith as Vice-Chairman.

The three villages within the Parish continue to be represented by:

- Aust Councillor Andrew Learmonth and Councillor David Spratt (with one vacancy)
- Littleton-Upon-Severn Councillor Catherine Collinson and Councillor Ron Gwyther.
- Elberton Councillor Steve Meredith and Councillor Claire Hawkins.

Contact details for each Councillor are on the Aust Parish Council website *(www.olveston.com)* or they can be contacted via the above email address.

Aust Ferry Improvements

South Gloucestershire Council is currently seeking feedback from the public on its proposals for the Aust Ferry Improvements. This public engagement will be open until Tuesday 9th July. Further details can be found on the consultation homepage:

https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/Austferry_2019/consultationHome

Thornbury Art Club Summer Exhibition

Thornbury Art Club will be holding its Summer Exhibition in Thornbury, from Saturday 27th July to Sunday 4th August 2019, 10 am to 6 pm (Sundays 2 pm to 4 pm) at the Methodist Church Hall. This is on the road leading off the High Street to the Castle Court Car Park. Entry to the exhibition is free.

There will be a wide variety of framed and unframed paintings on display. Most will be for sale. Some members will also have greetings cards on sale. Alongside our exhibition will be a display of paintings by the Stroke Group.

Details can be seen on www.thornburyartclub.org.uk, together with information about joining the club.

Stepping Stones Preschool Open Afternoon

Monday 8th July 1pm - 3pm

After the appalling weather we experienced at our Easter Egg Hunt, we are planning a Summer Open Afternoon to show you our wonderful outdoor facilities at their best.

At Stepping Stones we believe that each child is an individual who deserves the very best that we can offer. We have 12-18 children per session, aged between two and five and were rated 'good' in our last OFSTED inspection. Our staff are highly qualified and include two with Childcare degrees. All other permanent staff are qualified to level 3 or above.

We pride ourselves on our fantastic outdoor environment and are lucky to have woods in the grounds which enable us to offer forest sessions. We also have an amazing garden which has various trees for natural shade and offers a wealth of stimulating activities.

We have spaces available in September, so come and see for yourselves the excellent learning opportunities that we offer.

For more details please visit our website at www.steppingstoneselberton.co.uk or email Gill at gillpowell1961@hotmail.co.uk.

Diane Buckley

Diane, (Di), our most recently appointed Parish Councillor, was born in Marshfield and grew up in Hawkesbury Upton. When she left Katherine, Lady Berkeley, School she worked at the Petit France Hotel, having worked there part time while still at school. At nineteen a friend, who also worked there, introduced her to her future husband, David.



Di and David started their life together in Patchway where their daughter Sam (Samantha) was born. Sam is now twenty-eight and married to Jamie. Di and Dave have two grandsons, Alfie five and Freddie three and a half. They have lived in Old Down for almost twenty-five years, although Dave's family have lived there for forty-four years, his parents Brian and Blod owned The Fox Inn.

Di worked at a hotel in Aztec West for a few years and then cooked for the school meals service, which included Olveston and Marlwood. Next it was on to Alexandra Workwear where she stayed fifteen years, doing 'a bit of

everything'. Today she is South West Business Development Manager for Supertouch, a Midlands based company that manufactures Gloves and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE).

When I asked how she became involved with the Parish Council the answer was simply 'the phone box'. When it was decommissioned a few years ago, Di and Blod volunteered to keep it maintained and the Parish Council bought it for £1. They lovingly tended it until the night it was demolished by a motorist. Regarding it as a valuable landmark in Old Down, Di went to an open meeting of the Parish Council to request a replacement. This led to her attending every subsequent meeting on the subject until she was asked to survey local residents for their opinions; there was an overwhelming response to see it reinstated. When there was a vacancy on the Parish Council, Di agreed to be co-opted as there was no one currently representing Old Down. At the next AGM the Council was re-elected unopposed. She is now on the Recreation and Leisure and Planning committees.

The Buckley family enjoy their sport; they are season ticket holders at Bristol Bears. Closer to home, Dave is heavily involved with Old Down Cricket Club where he is a Life Member and Di is Vice President and was proud to have helped organise some celebrations last year for the Club; a match against the MCC and a dinner aboard the SS Great Britain. In the next generation, Sam plays Ladies Rugby for the Thornbees, also netball, and is soon to start a Ladies Cricket team at Old Down. Their grandchildren are following in their Grandad's footsteps by playing All Star cricket at Old Down.

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889727729

150 Club Winners June 2019:

£50 Iain Murdoch £15 Bill Finch £5 Simon Gould

Latest Bonus Ball Winners:

11/05/19 Helen Barnett 18/05/19 Malcolm Grosvenor 25/05/19 Helen Barnett

Home Fixtures July 2019 (1.30 Start)

06/07/19 2nd XI v Oldfield Park 13/07/19 1st XI v St Mary Redcliffe 20/07/19 2nd XI v Frenchay 27/07/19 1st XI v Failand & Portbury

Up the Down!!



Olveston Parish Council

Pat Savage

Annual General Meeting

At the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 the following were elected:

Chairman – John Hughes Vice-Chairman – Robert Harris

The following Parishioners continue to serve on the Council:
Mrs Di Buckley
Mr Adrian Baxter
Mr Martin Gibson
Mrs Pat Savage
Mr Tony Williams

Two vacancies for Councillors remain. If you are interested in joining your Parish Council and engaging in the present and future well-being of the Council please contact clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov

Proposed Footway Widening on Haw Lane/Orchard Rise

Consultation on this will run from 12th June to the 3rd July. Notices will be placed on the streets around the area for a period of three weeks for the general public to respond either online or by requesting a paper copy to be returned to South Glos. Council. The plans will be available online for inspection.

Improvements and Extension Work at the Alexandra Memorial Pavilion This continues apace. The dry and sunny weather has ensured that satisfactory progress has been made to date. It is anticipated that work will be completed in time for the start of the football season.

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the June draw, held on 6th June 2019 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Name</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| £150 | 339 | Mrs M Shurmer, Olveston |
| £75 | 288 | Mrs G Davies, Abergavenny |
| £25 | 605 | Mrs M Lewis, Olveston |
| £25 | 372 | Dr M Wright, Olveston |
| £25 | 179 | Mrs J Davis, Olveston |
| £20 | 434 | Mrs S Farr, Olveston |
| £20 | 219 | Mrs P Dash, Olveston |
| £20 | 474 | Mr C Malpus, Alveston |
| £10 | 380 | Miss L Cottam, Stapleton |
| £10 | 250 | Mr & Mrs R Williams, Olveston |
| £10 | 385 | Dr R Slade, Olveston |
| £10 | 287 | Mrs A Harley, Alveston |

If you are not yet a member and wish to join the lottery, please telephone Andy Phillips on 01454 614890.



News from St. Mary's

Debbie Harries

Bristol Sinfonietta Concert

We are delighted to welcome the Bristol Sinfonietta Orchestra for a concert on Saturday July 13th at 7.30pm at St Mary's Olveston.

They will be joined by St Mary's church choir. This is always an excellent evening. Tickets £7.50 available from Olveston Stores or contact 01454 613273/612781.

St Mary's Open Afternoon Saturday 20th July 2pm - 5pm

Have you ever wanted to know more about the history of St Mary's? Or about the graveyard? Or about local families buried there? Come along, enjoy the talks and find out more about your local church.

- **2.15pm** Talk by Richard Newley and Eric Garrett on The Graveyard Survey and tour of interesting memorials.
- **3.30pm** Talk and tour by Rev David Bone about St Mary's church.

A family treasure hunt available throughout the afternoon. In addition there will be cream teas, cakes and refreshments on sale. This is in aid of St Mary's 'Sow and Grow' appeal raising money for Olveston School to create an outdoor reflective space and to support 12 refugee families in Rwanda returning from Tanzania.

Flying round Australia

Imagine being able to fly your own light aircraft around Australia, flying over deserts, coral reefs, mountains and salt lakes. Local pilots, Angus and Fiona Macaskill did not just imagine it but actually did it! Last winter they purchased an aircraft lighter than half your car in Perth and flew over 7,000 miles around Western Australia, the Northern Territory and South Australia. They describe themselves as 'aerial backpackers' carrying only 10kg of luggage between them, staying in a variety of places ranging from sheep shearers' dongas (steel cabins) to luxury Airbnb homes with swimming pools, and everything in between.



Come and hear their story, accompanied by stunning photos of the expedition, on Monday 8th July at St Mary's Olveston. It will start at 7.30pm. (NB Monday Movies is taking a summer break). A variety of drinks and nibbles will be available. The talk will be followed by a short description of the two Sow and Grow projects that we are supporting this year. There is no entrance fee but a collection for Sow and Grow will be made at the end of the evening.

Tea and Chat

If you find it difficult to get out and socialise, why not come to Tea and Chat?

Meeting once a month, Tea and Chat is made up of people just like you and it's a great way to meet up with old friends and make some new ones at the same time.

The July Tea and Chat will be a special event. Instead of tea and cake there's going to be a lunch on Friday, July 12th at the home of Pat Savage, Westmead. Transport is provided and it's all free.

To find out details of the time of the lunch and to request transport if necessary, please telephone Lynn 01454 612201 or Lesley 01454 613804

Alveston Gardens Association



A Presentation on 'Wild Orchids of the South Midlands' will be given by Dr. Colin and Angela Scrutton.

Monday July 1st at 7.30pm in

Alveston Jubilee Hall

All welcome – Visitors (£3)

Full programme on www.alveston.org

A Musical Voyage from the East to the West!

Tuesday August 13th 7:30pm Alveston Methodist Church

Let yourselves be transported by the interpretations of Mariko Izumi (piano) and Michael Henderson (viola) as they take you from Moscow to Snape Maltings in the Aldeburgh area of Suffolk.



Mariko Izumi is a graduate of the University of Arts in Kyoto and is the unique laureate of the Kyoto Music Association. Winner of the 'Fresh Concert' (Japanese inter-university competition) she was invited to perform the 2nd concerto of Rachmaninov with the Osaka Philharmonic Orchestra. Mariko performs a wide range of musical styles including Bach, Chopin, Rachmaninov and Piazzola. She is Professor of Piano at the International Academy in Cabris and the Peymeinade School of Music.

Michael Henderson gained a place at the Royal Academy of Music where he won numerous prizes before winning an Arts Council Scholarship to study with Bruno Giuranna in

Berlin. Following his studies he joined the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra. Moving to France he worked with Daniel Barenboim in the Orchestre de Paris and Lorin Mazel In the French National Orchestra before settling in the south of France. Here he has played with the Nice Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as having a busy schedule performing chamber music, solo recitals and teaching.

Entry is free with a retiring collection.

For more information please contact Chris Hill:

conductor@thornburyorchestra.org.uk



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Getting Ready for Tockington Harvest Fayre 2019

Garry Phillips

This year we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of The Harvest Fayre on Tockington Green. It will be held on Saturday September 14th at 2 pm. As usual there will be delicious cream teas and homemade cakes, a children's fancy dress parade, dance displays from the Brownies and Rainbows, and a return of our local Zumba dance group. All the usual stalls will be there, including cakes, fresh vegetables and fruit, books, and 'As New' items, with games and skill stalls for everyone, young and old!

To mark this special Fayre, the Bristol Morris Men will dance on the Green. There will be an exhibition of photos and articles about Fayres and events that have been held on the Green over the years and we are very pleased that our Historical Society archivist, Mr. Eric Garrett, has agreed to officially open the Fayre.

If you are having a sort-out over the summer months, we would be grateful for any good quality donations of unwanted presents, bric-a-brac, or second-hand domestic items, books, toys and games. Please leave any items in plastic bags outside the Wesley Room doors anytime or contact Garry Phillips email *garryphillips194@btinternet.com* or tel. *613241*, Maggie Spooner tel. *610053*, Jane Sawyer email *jane@prologue.co.uk*.

We rely on this event as a major source of funds for the upkeep of The Wesley Rooms and Church at Tockington, and Olveston Church and Hall. They continue to be used extensively by many other local community organizations. However, the success of the Fayre also depends on the physical work in preparing, running and clearing up. You can really help us by meeting at 7pm on the Friday evening to help collect the old white pews from Olveston (including a free tractor ride!), and/or at 9 am on the Saturday to set up the

Fayre and then at 5pm help pack it all away. Please contact the above if you can help.

There will be an update in the August edition of Meeting Point giving details of our competitions for children and the theme for the Fancy Dress.

Here is a photo from last year's Fayre.

Word Search

Hidden in the Word Search below are six events that were featured in last month's Meeting Point, but with no place names included. For example OPEN GARDENS is in there.

See how many you can find. Answers in next month's magazine.



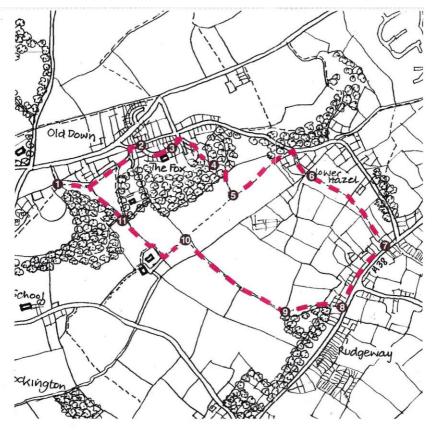
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A Walk for a Summer's Day.

This walk is taken from the series 'Olveston Parish Walks'. It covers Old Down and Rudgeway and is about 2.5 miles. This could be a lovely walk with the family. If you fancy combining this walk with a drink at The Fox, Old Down, simply check your timings and start from Point 3.



Start at Old Down football pitch 1 Go through the kissing gate in the top lefthand corner of the car park and walk towards the woods, then turn left after the horse paddock enclosure. Keep the paddock rails and then a hedge on your left. At the end of the field go through two kissing-gates, then turn left onto a tarred road and immediately right, then right again into The Inner Down

Walk past the Fox Inn 3 and within 100 yards turn right into the Inner Down cul-de-sac.

At the end of the tarred road turn right onto a track and then by the cattle-grid go right on to a narrow footpath descending through woodland 4.

Go straight across a footpath cross-roads in the woods, keep going downhill and on leaving the woodland go slightly to the left and then immediately turn right keeping the high hedge on your right. Keep going downhill until you meet a broad track. This is on the line of the old road from Greenhill (Alveston) to Tockington and was used for transportation of goods brought by boat along the waterways from the Severn to Tockington. To the right of the hedge in front of you is the waggon wash used to clean the mud off waggons in the winter and swell the wooden wheels onto their iron tyres in the summer 5.

Turn left on the broad track and continue to Hazel Lane. Just before reaching the tarmac road, turn hard right, following the footpath sign, down a track and through a kissing gate next to a five-bar gate with a cottage on the left. Carry straight on over a gate and a stile 6.

Climb straight up the gentle slope over/ through four stiles or gates, eventually emerging onto the A38 7. The A38 is one of the longest 'A' roads in the country at 292 miles end-to-end running from Bodmin in Cornwall to Mansfield in Nottinghamshire.

Turn right and walk about 250 yards along the pavement. 50 yards after passing the traffic lights you will see a footpath sign 8 turn right down this short lane, which bears to the left.

At the end turn right onto a narrow path, keeping a large laurel hedge on your right. Climb over the stile on your left and descend diagonally across the field aiming for two stiles 9.

Take the right-hand stile and keeping the hedge to your left walk down through the field. At the end is a narrow tunnel like gap in the hedge leading to the next field. Continue downhill, now keeping the hedge to your right. Cross the small stream (good place for a dog to get a drink) and begin to gently ascend still keeping the hedge on your right. After 100 yards, turn left 10 onto a broad track and head towards Sheepcombe. This is a very ancient site dating back to Domesday. At Sheepcombe turn right along the boundary hedge. When the hedge turns left, strike straight ahead towards the wood.

Enter the wood 11 through a kissing gate, go slightly left, then follow the path up the hill before crossing a stile into the field you started the walk in. Keep the woodland to your left and after 150 yards you will be back at the start point by the Old Down cricket green and football pitch.

Butterfly Quiz Answers

So, how well do you know your British Butterlies?

- 1. Comma
- 2. Peacock
- 3. Red Admiral
- 4. Swallowtail

The Swallowtail is the rare one. I wonder if any will be spotted in the Meeting Point area during the Big Butterfly count? Here's two more.



Small Tortoiseshell



Large White

From the Registers of St. Mary's, Olveston

| 10th May | Funeral of Charles John Hitchcock |
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| 12th May | Baptism of Matilda Ferne Chippindale, daughter of Oliver and Elizabeth Murray |
| 15th May | Funeral of Stuart Anthony Hook |
| 16th May | Funeral of Clarice Kathleen (Kate) Hickman |
| 17th May | Funeral of Virginia Faith Ward |
| 26th May | Baptism of Edith Jean Precious, daughter of Paul and Claire Randall |
| 1st June | Marriage of Kathryn Ann Rovery and Andrew John Bull |

Yours Faithfully

Rev. Ann Parker St. John's, Aust

Many years ago, when I first moved to Bristol to be with my then fiancé, I used to go to St. Gregory's Church in Horfield. I got on very well with the Vicar, Ken Preston (in fact it was he who suggested God might be calling me to the priesthood!), and he suggested I might befriend another woman in the church who was having a bad time, so I did. She and I got on like a house on fire, and did lots of things together, like going to the theatre, running the youth club and so on. I was teaching at Withywood School, which I loved. Like me, she was also a teacher, teaching PE at La Retraite (Catholic Girls Grammar School), and how I envied her in a way.

I took a short break from teaching in order to have my children and went back as soon as I could. The only teaching job vacant at the time was teaching English, History and Drama at La Retraite. I took the job and found La Retraite to be a great school, plus my friend and I became even closer. In fact, we were on the phone practically every night. Kenny, my husband, couldn't understand it. "For goodness sake, you see each other every day, what's to talk about?" he'd mutter. I would try to explain that there were things about the day's events that need talking about, but I don't think he ever really understood it.

As many of you now know, I live in Chepstow and am loving it. My eldest grandson has bought a bird feeder and hung it up in the back garden where I can see it from my study, and every morning I watch the birds queue (yes, really they do!) to feed. They visit on and off all day, and the feeder gets refilled every weekend when he comes to stay.

Now.... Bird feeder?...Teaching friend?...I haven't suddenly gone mad but, watching the birds the other day, it struck me how like God that bird feeder is; there all the time; just waiting for us to come and feed, to come and talk (pray) to him. With him, and just like it was with my friend, the more we do it, the more we want to do it.

We have a friend in the Lord, who, like any good friend will be there whether we feel we need him/her or not, always ready to listen; to advise and always ready to love us, just as my friend and I love each other. So, try making God part of your life, feed on him and he will fulfil your every need, he has mine!



Church News ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

| July 7 | 8am | Holy Communion | Rev Helen Webb |
|---------|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 9.30am | Holy Communion | Revs S. Oram & A. Lloyd |
| | 6pm | Evensong with Choir | Paul Harrod |
| July 14 | 8am | Holy Communion | Rev Steve Oram |
| | 9.30am | Morning Worship with Choir | Rev S. Oram & Trevor Cook |
| | 6pm | Taizé | |
| July 21 | 8am | Holy Communion | Rev Steve Oram |
| | 9.30am | Holy Communion with Choir | Revs S. Oram & D. Bone |
| | 6pm | Evensong | Trevor Cook |
| July 28 | 8am | Holy Communion | Rev David Bone |
| | 9.30am | Fourth Sunday | Paul Harrod |
| | 6pm | Evensong (BCP) with Choir | Rev David Moss |

Information on services correct at time of going to press. Rev David Moss, 01454 415190; email: mossds@gmail.com

Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk

WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION: At 9.15am, except 4th Wed when it is at

Olveston Methodist Church

Morning Prayer: 8.30am daily ex. Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

| July 14 | 10am | Morning Prayer | Rev Ann Parker |
|---------|------|----------------|----------------|
| July 28 | 10am | Holy Communion | Rev Ann Parker |

Focal Minister: Rev Ann Parker, 01454 632329

e-mail annatdibley@btinternet.com

Church Wardens: Jon Burnett 633835 & Jenn Dickens 632035

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

| July 14 | 9am | Morning Prayer | Mrs Tracey Black |
|---------|-----|----------------|------------------|
| July 28 | 8am | Communion | Rev David Moss |

Contact: Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

| July 14 | 9am | Morning Worship | Judith Heybyrne |
|---------|-----|-----------------|-----------------|
| July 28 | 9am | Holy Communion | Rev David Moss |

Contact: Mrs Judith Heybyrne 01454 616725

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

| July 7 | 10am | Tock Ch | Morning Worship led by Miss Christine Stones |
|---------|------|---------|--|
| July 14 | 10am | Olv Ch | Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney |
| July 21 | 10am | Tock Ch | Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by |
| | | | Rev David Deeks |
| July 28 | 10am | Olv Ch | Service led by members of the Congregation |

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

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP: will meet in the Swan at 12.15 on Thursday 18^{th} July.

COFFEE MORNINGS: Sats 10.30 - 12 noon in Olveston Methodist Hall. PRAYER MEETINGS: Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 in Olveston Methodist Church.

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THE VINE House of Prayer

Pilning Street, Awkley BS35 4HL

Designated as a 'House of Prayer for all Nations' in 2005 we continue to meet in a relaxed atmosphere seeking, with God's help, to find ways to influence the world in which we live through prayer and relevant actions. We meet, 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

| July 7 | 6.30pm | Derek Cleave - Chaplin to Bristol City FC |
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| July 14 | 6.30pm | Steve Mills |
| July 21 | 6.30pm | Chris Crocker |
| July 28 | 6.30pm | David Winfield |

Each Thurs at 6.30pm Prayer & Praise Time Contacts Jenny Parfitt jennyparfitt@ymail.com Sue Tett stett56@hotmail.co.uk

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact Danny Bamfield 01454 419324. e-mail danny@thebamfields.co.uk

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Evening Worship every Sunday at 6pm for details tel. 413247

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass Monday-Friday Daily Mass at 10am Tel 01454 412223, www.ctk-thornbury.orq,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: Brian Hawkins, hawkinsb863@gmail.com 01454 854867

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

Diary Dates for July 2019

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

| 1 st Mon | | | |
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| 2 nd Tues | Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning | 10.30-12 | DGCL |
| | Tea/Coffee & Biscuits 50p Monthly Raffle | | |
| | Macular & Low Vision Support Group | 10.30 | TMH |
| | British Legion, Women's section: Bingo | 7.30 | DGCL |
| | "Oliver" at Marlwood School, and Wednesday | | |
| 3 rd Wed | Holy Communion followed by tea & cake | 2.30 | DGCL |
| | Table Tennis every Wednesday | 7-8.30 | PH |
| 4 th Thur | Thornbury Farmers' Market | 9-1.30 | |
| | Olveston Playgroup every Thursday | 9.30-11.30 | MH |
| | Coffee Shop | 9-12 | OSt |
| 5 th Fri | Haven Memory Café | 10.15-11.45 | URC |
| | Thornbury Carers' Support Group | 1-3pm | Chy |
| | Summer Fayre & Proms at Olveston School | 3.30-5.30 | |
| | Tockington Archers: Have-a Go session by | | |
| | arrangement: email | 6-8pm | |
| | secretary@tockingtonarchers.co.uk | | |
| 6 th Sat | Coffee Morning | 10.30-12 | MH |
| | Litter Pick | 1pm | PH |
| | Thornbury Carnival | | |
| 7 th Sun | Coffee Morning | 10.30-12 | MH |
| | Coffee Morning | 10.30-12 | AVH |
| 8 th Mon | An Australian Adventure – Fiona Macaskill | 7 for 7.30 | S†M |
| 9 th Tues | Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning | 10.30-12 | DGCL |
| | Thornbury Memory Café | 10.15-11.45 | TMH |
| | W.I The Jessie May Trust | 7.30 | PH |
| | Aust Parish Council | 7.30 | EVH |
| 10 th Wed | | | |
| 11 th Thur | Coffee Shop | 9-12 | OSt |
| | "Cats"- TMTG Juniors until 13 th with Sat Mat | 7.30 | AH |
| 12 th Fri | | | |
| 13 th Sat | Coffee Morning | 10.30-12 | AVH |
| | Coffee Morning | 10.30-12 | MH |
| | Parish Council Surgery | 10.30-12 | MH |
| | BCO Sinfonietta Concert | 7.30 | S†M |
| 15 th Mon | | | |
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| 16 th Tues | Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning | 10.30-12 | DGCL | |
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| | Jazz at the White Hart Olveston | 8.00-10.30 | | |
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| 18 th Thur | Thornbury Farmers' Market | 9.00-1.30 | | |
| | Coffee Shop | 9-12 | OSt | |
| | Olveston Playgroup | 9.30-11.30 | MH | |
| 19 th Fri | Haven Memory Café | 10.15-11.45 | URC | |
| 20th Sat | Coffee Morning | 10.30-12 | MH | |
| | Church Open Afternoon | 2-5 | S†M | |
| 21st Sun | | | | |
| 22nd Mon | | | | |
| 23rd Tues | Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning | 10.30-12 | DGCL | |
| | Thornbury Memory Café | 10.15-11.45 | TMH | |
| | Olveston Parish Council | 7.30 | AP | |
| 24 th Wed | | | | |
| 25 th Thur | Olveston Playgroup | 9.30- 11.30 | MH | |
| | Coffee Shop | 10-12 | OSt | |
| 26 th Fri | | | | |
| 27 th Sat | Coffee Morning | 10.30-12 | MH | |
| 28 th Sun | | | | |
| Looking ahead to August | | | | |
| 17 th Aug | St Mary's Church Fete | | | |

KEY: AC Aust Church; AH — Armstrong Hall; AMC — Alv Meth. Ch.; AMH- Alv Meth. Hall; AP — Alexandra Pavilion; AVH — Aust Village Hall; ; CH — Cossham Hall; Chy — Chantry ; CS Castle Sch.CTK Christ the King DGCL — Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; EVH — Elberton Village Hall; LVH Littleton Village Hall MH — Olv.Meth.Hall; OMC Olv Meth Ch OS — Olv. School; OSt — Olv. Stores; OSH Old Sch. Hall Alm; PH — Olv Parish Hall; StM St Mary's Church, Olv.; StMA Almondsbury Church StMT Mary's Thorn TCh Tock Chapel; TBCh - Thornbury Baptist Church; TMH — Thorn. Methodist Hall; ; TMS Tock Manor Sch.. URC United Reform Ch Th

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