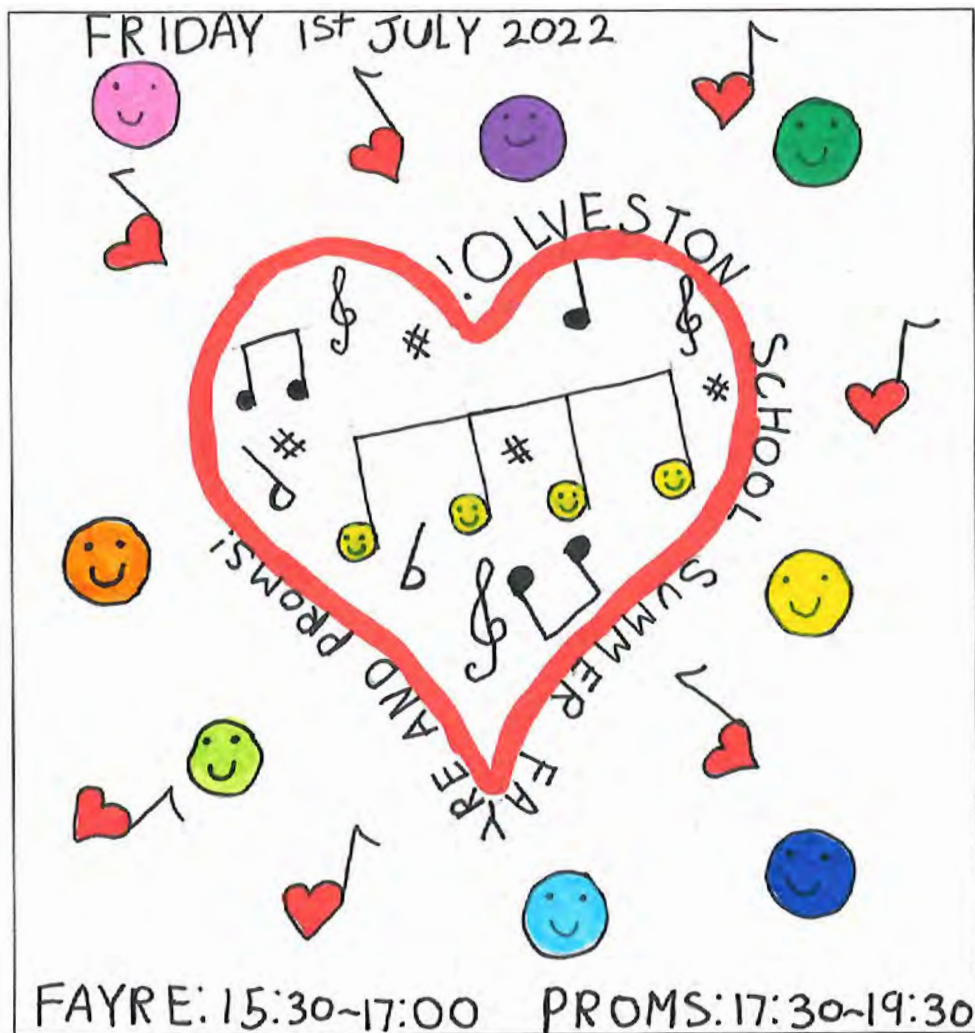


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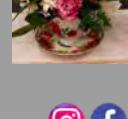
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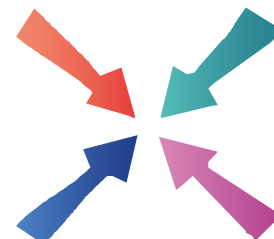
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## From the Editor

In the middle of this month's magazine, we have got a wonderful four-page spread of photographs from the Jubilee Celebrations in Olveston and Tockington. On behalf of all those who attended these events, we say a huge thank you to the Parish Council, and all the volunteers, for their hard work getting everything so well organised. Next month we are looking forward to getting details and pictures of the events held in Old Down and Aust.

July starts with a flurry of activity locally – the first weekend includes Olveston School's Summer Fayre, and our cover this month is by Grace Jeavons, who is in Year 4. Thornbury Carnival is back, plus, in Elberton, there is the intriguingly titled 'Jam Jar Flower Festival'. St Mary's is holding its Summer Soirée the following Saturday.

Parents (or indeed grandparents) might be interested in the Summer Reading Challenge for children, which is being launched by local libraries on July 9<sup>th</sup>. It sounds like a great idea to get young people reading.

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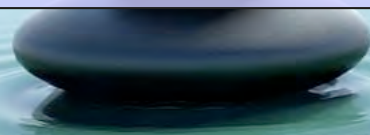
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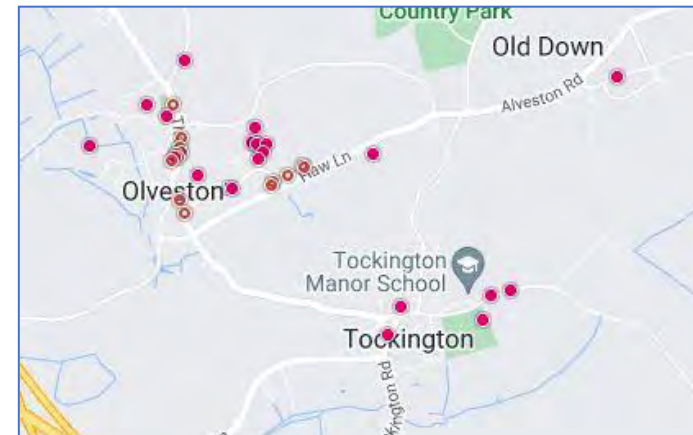
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## Hedgehog Update

Thank you to all those who have sent in their sightings, stories, photos and even videos of the hedgehogs that live amongst us in Olveston Parish. Since the call went out in the October 2021 edition of Meeting Point, residents have reported nearly 20 sightings (and we know there are more).

Now the weather is warmer, more hedgehogs are on the move, and we'd like to know where. If you spot a hedgehog, please consider logging the sighting onto the Big Hedgehog Map (see links below) or if you prefer, send us the details and we can do it for you. The email address to use is: [olvestonhedgehogs@gmail.com](mailto:olvestonhedgehogs@gmail.com). Send details of where and when you saw the hedgehog and whether it was alive, dead or roadkill.



The aim of this 'citizen science' project is to build up a picture of where hedgehogs are being seen in our villages. We will use this information to work out which roads are the most hazardous to hedgehogs.

Here's an extract of the Big Hedgehog Map: the red and pink circles show where hedgehogs have been spotted.

Scan this QR code to go the Big Hedgehog Map website, otherwise it can be found at:

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All proceeds will go towards buying new equipment for the school. We will send out an update with how much we have managed to raise and what the money will be used for.

We really look forward to seeing you there. The School Prom will be following the Fayre so feel free to bring a picnic and stay for an evening of music based on the theme 'United as One'.

## Olveston and Tockington WI

*Angela Green*

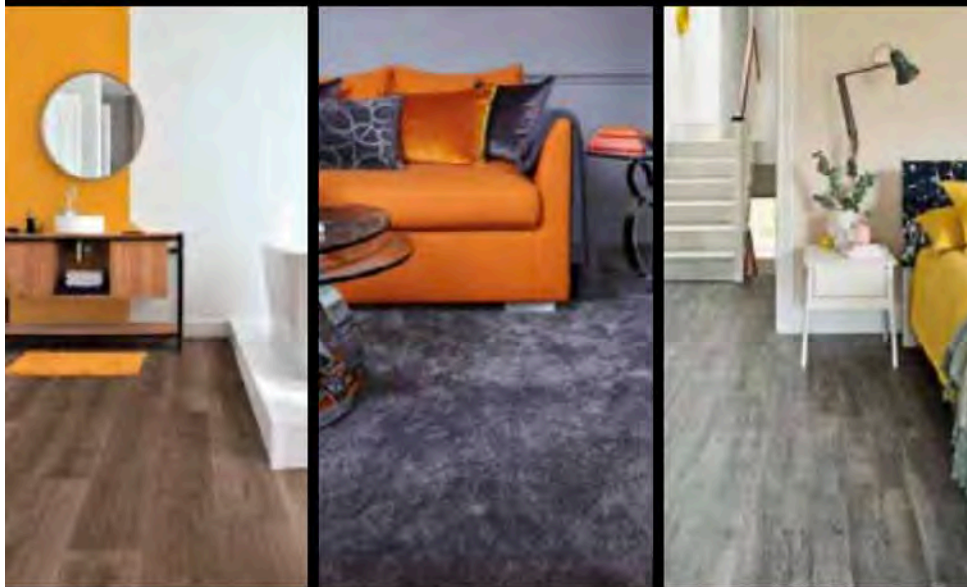
WIs have a regular monthly meeting but, as well as that, we've held a second, very sociable, gathering in the White Hart for new members, who are enjoying getting to know each other. If you think you'd like to meet some new people, do join us; you'll be really welcome.

We've been active in the community too: at the Jubilee celebrations our cake stall was a great success, and it was our members June Lyons and Pat King, the real Queens of Cakes, who judged the entries for the Jubilee Pudding competition.

Do you enjoy the wildlife articles in Meeting Point? If you do, our WI meeting this month is for you. Olveston's very own local naturalist, Paul Godwin, will be showing us his excellent photos and telling us about his finds, and perhaps what we can look out for in the great outdoors. We'll be meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th July.

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## News from St Mary's

*Debbie Harries*

### Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop has made a successful move into the church on Thursday mornings, and it is good to see Olveston Stores spreading into the old kitchen area, but we are short of volunteers to help run it. It is less than a monthly commitment, which requires you to make or bring a cake (which can be reimbursed) and it is a very valuable contribution to our community life. You get an opportunity to chat to new people, regulars, young and older, as well as serving and enjoying delicious coffee and cake. What could be better? If you can help, please ring Ruth 617139 or Sue 614861.

### Summer Soirée Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>

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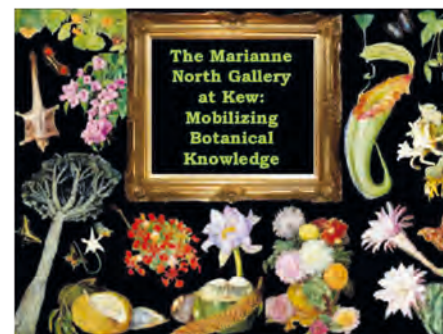
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# Glyn Roylance - Thornbury Radio Champion

Bernard Amos



Most people now know that Thornbury Radio is now broadcasting 24/7 in competition with Heart, Greatest Hits Radio etc, but probably don't know that one of the key champions and drivers to create it lives in Olveston.

Glyn Roylance was born in St Helier.....no, not the capital of Jersey, but St Helier hospital in Sutton/Carshalton. However, he was only there for 6 weeks

before the family moved to Downley near High Wycombe This is where he grew up. He went to school there up to middle school, but then had to travel to Aylesbury by train and bus, setting off at 6am and getting back home at 6pm.

Glyn has always been fascinated by the magic of wireless communication by radio technology, so he went up to Manchester University to understand more by reading Electrical and Electronic Engineering, whilst dabbling in pirate radio running a student radio station! It was there that he met his future wife, Suzanne, who was studying Medicine.

After university he landed his dream job with the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA). He must have made a good impression, because of 1000 people who applied only 10 were accepted, one of whom was Glyn. The IBA was focused on commercial broadcasting (radio and TV) and eventually became OFCOM having sold off their transmission interests. He says this job took him all over the country whilst Suzanne was now a junior doctor mainly in Chester and the Northwest. His first 18 months were mainly at the IBA training college in Devon and Newcastle Polytechnic, with placements in Yorkshire at the iconic Emley Moor transmission tower near Huddersfield. At the time this was the tallest free standing concrete structure in the UK at 330metres (1084ft) high and was built to replace an even taller metal tower that had collapsed in 1959.

Glyn describes his time on that project as 'brilliant' however his next placement was in Croydon - 200 miles away from Suzanne - so the job was no longer a dream. After a short time he got a job with Cable TV in Liverpool and

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moved to Pensby on The Wirral.....much closer to Suzanne, who was now a practising GP in Winsford and eventually they moved to Sandiway near Northwich in Cheshire. However, he found the culture at Cable TV very unprofessional and after 9 months he moved to a startup company called Microtel, which first became Hutchinson Microtel and eventually became Orange.

This was an exciting time, as the technology for mobile communications was developing rapidly and there were lots of technical hurdles to address with constant innovation and, of course, there was pressure to keep ahead of the competing mobile networks. Glyn became a radio network planning engineer.... finding sites for transmission masts all over the North of England. This involved him using his love of maps and computer modelling, combined with being outdoors. However, he was too successful and was promoted to Network Planning Manager for the North of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland meaning he now had 70 staff and was involved much more in meetings rather than being out in the field.

By now Orange was growing very rapidly and he then got his second 'dream job' as National Network Performance Manager, which involved optimising network performance. If you had a dropped call in this time, Glyn says it was his fault! Orange had been the last of the main mobile networks to launch and within two years had grown to be the biggest and, in those days, the best performing network, which he found very rewarding, especially being involved with some of the marketing, including major campaigns on TV and other media.

Things started to change as the internet bubble began in 1999/2000, Orange changed ownership several times, eventually ended up being part of France Telecom. By now his job involved a lot of trips from Cheshire to Bristol, so it made sense to move, which is how the family came to Olveston. He was now Radio Network Design manager, liaising with the regulatory bodies and setting the basic technical policies for the various regions. He and Suzanne had a growing family; Sam, Greg and Jenny, with Suzanne taking on a locum role in several GP practices in the South Glos. area.

Glyn's next job was with Orange (Global) heading up their New Radio Technology activities which involved identifying the potential of 4G and 5G (long before most of us had heard of them). This role involved lots of international travel, mainly to Paris, and did wonders for his French language skills. After nearly 30 years Orange consolidated its business to Paris and Glyn grabbed the opportunity to get redundancy and retire!

In his spare time Glyn had been doing some freelance technical consultancy with various small radio stations around the UK and then, in 2005, he saw an article in the Gazette about Rev. David Primrose, vicar of St Mary's Thornbury, who was planning to launch a community radio and Glyn volunteered to help.

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This was successful, having started the project in March, Thornbury FM launched in November. However, the regulations meant that Thornbury FM could only broadcast for one month at time and only twice each year, but Thornbury FM kept going until 2010 and Glyn considers this a successful period with hundreds of people involved in keeping things going. Towards the end of this period Glyn was becoming very busy in his 'proper job' and he had to suspend his involvement. Thornbury FM then applied for a full licence to broadcast, which was rejected on the basis that there were no spare frequencies, so the station limped on for about another year then folded as the rejection and battles with the regulators had knocked all the enthusiasm out of the team.

In 2015, Glyn was becoming very frustrated with the situation of Thornbury being denied its own radio voice, so he rolled up his sleeves and wrote a technical White Paper to demonstrate the fallacy of the claims of there being no frequencies available. Then began constant (polite) lobbying; he involved Luke Hall MP and wrote repeatedly to the key people – his theory being that if he made enough of a nuisance of himself, this would break the back of the denials of frequency availability. His persistence paid-off and eventually Thornbury Radio gained a licence for not just one, but two frequencies.

An internet only service was launched in 2017, and then Thornbury Radio went live in June 2021 on 107.5FM (Olveston, Almondsbury area) and 105.1FM (Thornbury area). Glyn says the whole purpose of the station is to be Thornbury's voice - help local businesses network and provide free publicity to local not-for profit organisations on the Community Spotlight segment. The station has been very active encouraging debate on the proposed changes to Thornbury High Street. The station itself is not for profit, but, of course, needs advertisers in order to cover their costs.

What else do they need? Well, Glyn says any volunteers would be welcomed with open arms and as little as an hour a week would be an enormous contribution. There are many small jobs such as helping create and maintain a spreadsheet/data base of all local charities/clubs, business administration, community engagement etc. Advocates are also needed, going to networking events, helping publicise the station, presenters, newsreaders, and numerous other contributions...for more information have a look at the station's website ([www.thornbury.radio](http://www.thornbury.radio)), under the Volunteers tab, for a more extensive list. You also can follow on Facebook and Twitter

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## THORNBURY Carnival

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The Carnival's nominated charity for 2022 is the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC), and that members of GWAAC will be attending the event, collecting donations to support their vital work. GWAAC will also be showcasing some of its kit in the 'Kids Zone' on the Saturday, teaching open air CPR sessions, and the committee is also keeping its fingers crossed the GWAAC helicopter will be able to do a 'fly by' over the Mundy Playing Fields at some point during the day.

For the first time ever, hot air balloons will be a feature of the event and organisers say: *We've teamed up with the Western Region British Balloon & Airship Club and we're hoping to launch 6-10 balloons from the field adjacent to Mundy Playing Fields at around 6pm on the Friday evening. We think this will create a fantastic spectacle to kick off our inaugural 'Swing in the Park' event, weather conditions permitting of course!"*

Back on the ground, as well as the Main Stage featuring an array of tribute acts including Abba, The Spice Girls, George Michael and Queen, Thornbury Radio is planning to do a live broadcast on the Saturday, another first for the event. The Community Stage line-up is also taking shape, thanks to the expert guidance of Elly McDonald, Director of Northavon Youth Theatre Company.

'Early Bird' tickets will be available to buy online at a reduced price until 48 hours before each event. For further information on ticket prices including Terms & Conditions, please visit: [www.thornburycarnival.co.uk/tickets](http://www.thornburycarnival.co.uk/tickets).

## Aust Parish Council

*Emma Pattullo, Parish Clerk*

### Jubilee Celebrations

I hope that by the time you read this, everyone will have enjoyed a fun-filled Bank Holiday weekend to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Many thanks to everyone who got involved and particularly the wonderful team of volunteers who organised the community event at the Boar's Head, Aust on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. A full report will hopefully appear in the next edition of Meeting Point.

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## New Councillor Welcome & Future Elections

Aust PC has recently co-opted a new member, Anne Wiseman, a resident of Aust. Welcome to the council Anne; we look forward to your contributions in the coming year.

Our area will have full elections for all local councils in May 2023. Most residents over the age of 18 are eligible to stand for election to the Parish Council. If you feel you might enjoy making a valuable contribution to your community, representing the interests of residents, and helping to keep Aust parish a vibrant and pleasant place to live, then do come along to a council meeting to find out a bit more about what is involved and whether you might like to stand for election next year.

## Annual audit and accounts

I am pleased to report that the annual audit of the Parish Council has been successfully completed. Residents have a legal right to inspect the accounts should they wish to do so; you can view details on the council web page (look for "Accounting and Governance Report 2021-22") or contact the Clerk for more details.

## Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm in Elberton village hall. The agendas for council meetings are posted on the village noticeboards at least five days before the date of the meeting and are also available on the council web page ([bit.ly/austpc\\_docs](http://bit.ly/austpc_docs)). Residents are very welcome to attend.

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## Wildflowers Part Two

Paul Godwin

### Garlic Mustard



This is a member of the cabbage family and has historically been used for treating an array of conditions, leg ulcers, coughs and colds. It is also known as 'Jack by the hedge' or 'poor man's mustard' or 'hedge garlic'. Its flowering season is

April to July. It is very common and often seen growing along hedgerows, woodland, roadsides. It is very identifiable and grows to about 90cms with small white flowers with large triangular leaves. The whole plant but particularly the leaves give a strong smell of garlic when crushed. Please note this is an entirely different plant to wild garlic. At time of writing there are large numbers of this flower across our area. This photograph was taken in May this year alongside woodland near Elberton

### Green Alkanet



This is one of my favourites, part of the borage family. The flowers are a vivid blue with a white centre which possibly may remind you of forget me not, but the colours are much more vivid, and the plant can grow between 30 and 100cms, so it is much taller. The



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flowers of green alkanet are in dense curved sprays. It is not native and was introduced back in the Middle Ages for the red dye which can be produced from its roots. It is in flower from spring into early summer. As you can see in the photograph, bees love this flower. It is often seen in compact groups alongside hedges and woodlands. Its leaves are large and bristly at the base with smaller leaves higher up the plant. The leaves can also be an irritant so do not touch without gloves. Although excellent for wildlife it is possibly not a flower for the garden as it seeds readily.

### Greater Stitchwort

Be warned - it is said that if you pick greater stitchwort you will start a thunderstorm, and in Cornwall it was believed that greater stitchwort was the property of the pixies and if you picked them they would become angry and enchant you. I thought it best I mention this at the beginning! They are a beautiful plant which you see along hedgerows, verges and in deciduous woodlands. Sometimes known as popguns or poppers, because when ripe seed capsules make a popping sound. It also has many other names such as 'adders' meat', 'star of Bethlehem', 'daddy's shirt buttons', 'poor man's buttonhole' and 'wedding cakes', to name a few. Greater stitchwort belongs to the carnation family and has white flowers which can reach up to 50cms in height and they flower from April to June. Whilst it may appear that they have 10 white petals there is actually only 5 as each petal is split in half. The flower has great value to many flying insects, especially bees, butterflies and moths.



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Please be aware that throughout the summer, from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the Volunteer Centre will be open on Monday and Wednesday mornings only, between 10.30am-12 noon. Normal opening hours will resume on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

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## Spotted in Elberton

*Jeanette and John Treby*



On our walk on 13th May we saw this snake on the field path between Primrose Cottage and the back of Elberton Church. We looked on the internet and think it might be a Red Corn Snake, a native of Florida. It then disappeared into the undergrowth. Has anyone else seen it or can confirm what it is?

*Update:* Paul Godwin, who writes about nature for Meeting Point, agrees that it is most probably a Red Corn Snake and definitely not a native species. It has presumably escaped from captivity somewhere. Thankfully it is not venomous but kills by constriction and can eat prey up

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The difference was that conveyor belts were manned and the sorting was done by hand; not a pleasant task. The end result of this sorting process was that individual elements such as plastic, paper, metal, and cardboard etc were baled up and each bale had a monetary value. Bales are sold on to further, more specialised plants, some very nearby but not owned or run by Suez. The money made pays for the running of the plant.

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Tony Flintoff, Chair of Thornbury and District Local Committee, said:

*"I would like to thank the generosity of the people in the Thornbury area. They, along with our committee members and volunteers, have always been very supportive of the work that we do and are the main reason that we have been so successful in raising this amazing sum."*

Money raised by the Thornbury and District Local Committee funds research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer, helping to ensure more people in the Bristol area and across the UK survive. The fundraising group are always looking for local people who might want to join us on our journey over the next 45 years, to bring their experiences and help us raise even more funds for Cancer Research UK.

Louise Gash, Cancer Research UK fundraising spokesperson for Bristol and the surrounding area, said:

*"The Thornbury and District Local Committee has made a huge contribution to Cancer Research UK's work over the past 45 years, and we are incredibly grateful for the part they have played in the fight against cancer....Our determination to beat the disease hasn't faltered and we are more focussed than ever on our ambition of seeing 3 in 4 people survive their cancer by 2034. However, our progress relies on the incredible dedication and commitment of volunteers and supporters like the Thornbury Committee without whom we would not be able to fund our life-saving work. One in two of us will get cancer in our lifetime\*. All of us can support the research that will beat it."*

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## Severn Vale Flower Club

What an achievement for Severn Vale Flower Club to celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? It is more notable as it falls in the same year as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Flower Club started when two ladies from Thornbury wrote letters to ladies around the district who were known to be interested in flowers and gardening, inviting them to a meeting, with a view of starting a flower club. The idea was a success, and with the help and suggestions of two ladies from the Dursley Club, which had started a couple of years previously, Severn Vale Flower Club was formed.

After two years of the pandemic, and the closure of the Armstrong Hall, our Monday monthly afternoon meetings are now held in St Mary's Church Hall and are still well attended. We have had some interesting and colourful demonstrations, where the demonstrators have given members productive ideas of how to arrange flowers without using foam.

Due to the closure of the Armstrong Hall, our recent open meeting was in Olveston Parish Hall. Pam Lewis our demonstrator gave an excellent demonstration. Our thanks go to those who made it such a successful evening. Our chairman thanked everyone and was quite moved to see so many of our members and friends who had come along to support us.

To celebrate our Anniversary, we are having an afternoon tea on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July with a small demonstration. This is at Eastwood Park at 2pm and is by ticket only.

## Yours Faithfully

*Tracey Black*

*Focal Minister St Mary's Littleton*

Do you ever marvel at God's creation in all its complexity? The world today is not the same as it was in the beginning. It has evolved and changed continually leading to some species becoming extinct, others adapting to the new conditions and surviving, and new species being formed that are suited to the changed environment and needs of the world.

Things don't stay the same no matter how much we want them to or how hard we try to prevent them changing. As human beings we often struggle to accept change, believing it to be unnecessary or that it will have a negative impact. However, while this may be true on some occasions, I think by and large change is usually positive and necessary. The world moves on so must we.



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Many of the things we now take for granted have actually not been in the world very long at all: electricity wasn't invented until 1879, telephones 1876, cars, 1885, radio in 1893, TV in 1926, airplanes 1903, penicillin in 1928 and computers in 1939. These items, plus many more, have influenced and changed our lives enormously. I can clearly remember only having an outside toilet, a bath in the kitchen and no central heating when I grew up in the Welsh valleys, even though I am only just 60 years of age. Just think of some of the changes that you have personally experienced in your lifetimes? There will be many, no matter how old or young you are.

In recent years the biggest change has been the development of technology. If you think back to the size of that first computer in 1939 it is difficult to believe that a small smart phone can now probably do as much a lot quicker. We now have a wealth of information at our finer tips in seconds. We can now programme many of our home appliances remotely from our phones. Life has become very much dependent on them despite the trouble many of us using them or tried not to have one.

God is the constant we have in our lives. His message remains the same, but he embraces change and uses it to further his purpose. Jesus' ministry changed the world, not just for the Jewish people, but for everyone. As God's message for the way forward was revealed, it transformed the way the Jewish people lived their lives. God was no longer out of reach but there waiting to have a personal relationship with everyone. A relationship that keeps on changing as we grow in faith and belief. A relationship that enables us to change the world we live in and the people we meet with God's help and gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Christian Church was founded on these principles, and we can see how it developed in the Book of Acts. Like the world, the Church has changed significantly since that time. Some may say to its detriment, that it has become too distant from reality, too steeped in tradition, too archaic for the modern world. Some of which may have a degree of truth, but we do need guidance and leadership as we seek to further God's kingdom. In an everchanging world, we just may need to rethink how we achieve this.



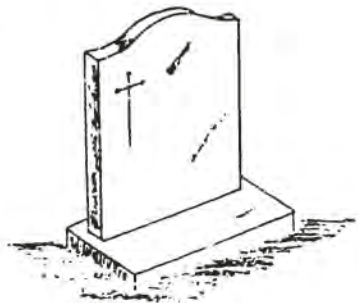
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## Church News

### ST MARY the VIRGIN, OLVESTON

July 3	10am 6pm	Holy Communion Evensong	Revs Lloyd & Bone Rev David Moss
July 10	10am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Janet McBride Rev David Moss
July 17	10am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evensong	Paul Harrod Rev David Moss
July 24	10am 6pm	Holy Communion Evensong	Rev David Bone Rev Ann Lloyd
July 31	10am 6pm	Holy Communion Sung Compline	Rev Ann Lloyd Ministry Team

**Every Wednesday, Holy Communion, 10am, usually with Rev Ann Lloyd**

**Contact:** Rev David Moss, 01454 415190; email: mossds@gmail.com

### CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

July 10	10am	Morning Prayer	Trevor Cook
July 24	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd

**Contact:** Trevor Cook, 01454 618442

Church Wardens: Jenn Dickens 632312 & Clive Roberts 632238

### ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

July 10	9am	Morning Prayer	Tracey Black
July 24	9am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd

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### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

July 10	9am	Morning Prayer	Judith Heybyrne
July 24	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

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July 3	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Rosemary Clews
July 10	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Alveston Church</b>	Morning Worship with Holy Communion with Rev Dr Simon Edwards
July 17	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Rosalie Doyle
July 24	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Rev Dr John Emmett
July 31	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Ken Luxon

**Contact:** Rev Dr Simon Edwards 418176,  
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# Diary Dates for July

1 Friday	Olveston School Summer Fayre Thornbury Carnival - 'Swing in the Park'	3.30-5pm 6-10pm	School Mundy
2 Saturday	Thornbury Carnival	11am-10pm	Mundy
3 Sunday	Almondsbury Horse Show & Gymkhana, Washingpool Hill, Tockington	10am	
4 Monday			
5 Tuesday	Thornbury Macular and Low Vision Group Over 60's coffee morning, every Tuesday	10.30-12.30 10-12	TMH DGCL
6 Wednesday	Table Tennis every Wednesday	7pm	OPH
7 Thursday	Thornbury Farmers' Market		
8 Friday	Over 60's Bingo or Quiz, every Friday	2-4	DGCL
9 Saturday	St Mary's Church's 'Summer Soirée' at Tockington Manor School		
11 Monday	Severn Vale Flower Club, Afternoon Tea, Eastwood Park. Ticket only		
12 Tuesday	Over 60's coffee morning Thornbury Memory Café Aust Parish Council W.I. 'Local Wildlife', Paul Godwin	10-12 10.15-11.45 7.30 7.30	DGCL TMH EBH OPH
14 Thursday			
15 Friday	Over 60's Bingo or Quiz	2-4	DGCL
16 Saturday		7.30	StM
18 Monday			
19 Tuesday	Over 60's coffee morning	10-12	DGCL
21 Thursday	Thornbury Farmers' Market	9 - 1.30	
22 Friday	Over 60's Bingo or Quiz	2-4	DGCL

25 Monday	Severnvale Flower Club, Practice Class	2pm	SMCH
26 Tuesday	Over 60's coffee morning, every Tuesday Thornbury Memory Café Olveston Parish Council	10-12 10.15-11.45 7.30	DGCL TMH OPH
27 Wednesday	Alveston Historical Society,	7.30	AMH
28 Thursday			
29 Friday			
30 Saturday			
31 Sunday			

KEY: **AMH** - Alveston Methodist Hall, **DGCL** - Daldry Gardens Community Lounge, **EVH** - Elberton Village Hall, **OPH** - Olveston Parish Hall, **StM** - St Mary's Church, Olveston, **SMCH** - St Mary Church Hall Thornbury, **TMH** - Thornbury Methodist Church Hall



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