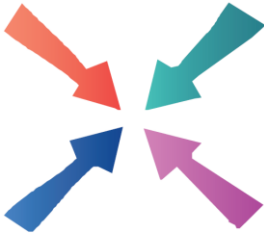


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From the Editor

Many of us will remember the stunning display of crochet poppies that was installed in the churchyard of St. Mary's, Olveston, in time for the Remembrance Service in 2018. Our striking cover photograph captures some of the beauty of that display, although you really had to be there to get the full impact.

In this month's magazine we have an account of the only WWII civilian death in the Parish. Nick Fear tells the story of an unfortunate young man who just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. He is buried in St. Mary's churchyard, not far from where he died.

Elsewhere in the magazine we look back to the summer, with reports on the 'Fayres' held in Aust, Olveston and Tockington. We look forward, too, to a range of local events, including skittles in the White Hart, Olveston, raising funds for the 'Sow and Grow' appeal, and Olveston Parish Historical Society's talk on the first woman in the world to qualify as a doctor.

Marelin

The cover is by Nick Fear

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Aust Village Fete @ the Boar's Head

Jenn Dickens CW St.John's

Wasn't Aust Village Fete wonderful this year? How many times has that been said to me lately? Too many to count! Thank you to everyone who attended the planning meetings and volunteered to do something, even if you couldn't actually be there on fete day.



Thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly on preparing the pub garden on the Friday evening, returned early Saturday morning to carry on, later looked after the stalls and, as if they hadn't done enough already, came back on Sunday morning to clear it all away in record time, so it didn't look as if we'd ever been there.

Thank you to those of you who came to support us and, most importantly, people who came to spend money. Let's be honest, that's what the day is all about.

The Boar's Head is the perfect setting for the fete and we're also fortunate to have the use of an adjoining garden and the pub field. New landlords Big Rich and Little Rich, together with their hard-working team, made us very welcome and added their own blend of magic to the venue. We had use of their ice cream van, outside bar and bouncy castle, all of which added to the lovely fete atmosphere.

The stalls included bread and cakes and plants, a BBQ, 'Pimm's and Pamper', spin the bottle, a wood turner, local artwork, tea and scones, skittles, local wine and honey, games suitable for both children and adults. There was the very well attended and popular Dog Show for young and old participants, (dogs and humans), a raffle and 'Live Music in the Marquee' came from Rowan and Ben throughout the afternoon and evening. Aust's very own local photographer Rachel (*rarebirdphoto@hotmail.com*) captured all the action brilliantly. Some of her photos have been uploaded to the Aust Village website.

We made a total of £1,916 which will go towards some much needed projects for St. John's, with a donation of £500 to the Aust Village Hall Committee in recognition of their continued support. Thank you, all of you.

Next year's Aust Village Fete will be on Saturday 25th July in the garden of the Boar's Head, so make a note of it now and you won't miss it.

Oveston Allotment and Gardeners Association AGM

If you are interested in allotments and fruit and vegetable growing, you may like to come along to the AGM of the local allotment society, OPAGA. The business will be brief and then we have an interesting speaker who is one of our allotment plot holders.

The AGM is on Friday 15th November in the Parish Hall. Arrive at 7pm for light refreshments and the AGM will start at 7.30. Jerry Harding will talk at 8.15 pm. He will share his experiences of growing vegetables organically. All members welcome and if you are not a member you are welcome too, but please email the secretary, *janwinterolveston@gmail.com*, to help us with numbers for catering.

Jack Shelley

Peter and Lynn Shelley would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and support during Jack Shelley's short illness and after his death on 14th September. Aged 99, Jack led a full life, serving in the army during World War II and, after Dunkirk, spent the rest of the war as a pilot in the RAF. A follower of Jesus Christ since his teenage years, Jack knew that he would close his eyes in this life and open them again in heaven. He had no fear of death. Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live." (John 14 v 19).

November Movie

Programme

Trevor Anderson



Brief details of our two films for November are given below. More information about these, and those for December, can be found in the leaflets which are on display just inside St Mary's Church door. Everyone is welcome to come along (you don't need to be a Movie Club member), admission is free and there is no need to book.

Mon 4 Nov at 7.30pm: In a small German town in 1919, a young woman regularly visits the grave of her fiancé who was killed in WW1. One day she spies a mysterious Frenchman also laying flowers at the grave. As she gradually gets closer to the handsome and melancholy young man, she learns of the deep friendship he had with her fiancé. The film is a thoughtful probing of the aftermath of war through the memories and relationships of loved ones left behind. *German and French with English subtitles. (2010, 1h 53m, Cert 12)*

Mon 18 Nov at 7.30pm: Follow the wonderful tale of an octogenarian lady as she embarks on the adventure of a lifetime to rekindle childhood memories that have been clouded over by the fear of growing old. Through an unlikely friendship with a young local guide, she learns just how strong and resilient she can be, and in doing so, proves to herself and everyone else that it's never too late. *(2018, 1h 40m, Cert 12).*

All the films are shown in St Mary's Church, Olveston and doors open 30 minutes before the start. Refreshments are available at all the shows, plus licensed bar in the evenings and popcorn and soft drinks at any morning films.



We make no charge for entry, but we do value and appreciate a small donation towards church running costs if you have enjoyed the show.

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



A Solution that is as Simple as Trees

Melinda Evans

Sometimes, when there is so much that needs to be done to deal with the climate emergency and biodiversity loss, it can be a little overwhelming. As an individual it is also hard to know how you can help to 'do your bit'. It turns out that one of the most effective solutions to dealing with both of these challenges is low tech, low budget and actually quite nice. It's trees. Trees are the ultimate multi-taskers, they absorb carbon, fight flooding, reduce pollution, nurture wildlife and make landscapes more resilient.

As a nation we have been given a target of planting 1.5 billion trees by 2050 to help deal with climate change. That's a lot of trees in just 30 years. This winter, our community can make a start by getting involved in South Gloucestershire Council's winter tree planting programme. In conjunction with The Woodland Trust, the Council is giving away 1,000 free trees of various species – oak, birch, field maple, crab apple, hazel, hawthorn, wild cherry, rowan, holly and goat willow. They will be quite small, 30 - 60 cm whips, but this means they should establish more easily and grow well. Olveston Parish Council is hoping to get 10 trees for the Parish. The Making Space for Wildlife group will be selecting locations to plant the trees in the coming weeks and planting them as part of National Tree Week 23rd November to 1st December. As ever, if you would like to be involved with the project, including planting some of these trees or becoming a 'tree warden' to help look after the saplings in the all-important first few years after planting, please get in touch with Melinda Evans on melinda_rackham@yahoo.co.uk.

If you can't help with tree planting this time but would like to help with the 1.5 billion tree target, The Woodland Trust is asking individuals to Pledge to Plant and plant a tree on National Tree Charter Day on 30 November (or thereabouts). Lots of useful information about planting trees is on their website <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>.

Alveston Gardens Association



Monday 4th November
AGM followed by: 'Les Fleurs en France' with Pam Forrest.
7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall. All welcome.

Visitors (£3) Full programme on www.alveston.org

Amanda Seevaratnam

Pat Thirkettle



Amanda lived with her family in Dunstable, Bedfordshire, until she was eighteen. Her first job, at the age of five, was cleaning out the water buckets on a goat farm, where her brother mucked out and her sister milked the goats. Her early life was very much outdoors, living in a small hamlet two miles from the nearest town, with a mother who lectured on living off the land and herbalism.

At eighteen Amanda went to Bournemouth University for an HND in Business Studies. Meanwhile her family had moved back to Chipping Sodbury where her parents had got married and her brother and sister had been born. Amanda remembers travelling between University

and home in her mother's bright orange Robin Reliant known as 'The Carrot' - perfect student transport!

Amanda's mother and sister had opened a wedding shop called Champagne and Confetti, which provided holiday jobs and then a full-time job after University, until Amanda decided to spread her wings. She went to Tenerife to sell time shares (she stresses she was not on the streets but back in the office). However, it was not her scene, so she gave it up and worked in a restaurant. This led to her working with the same family when they opened a local 'pub'; she both managed it and worked there as a singer.

When her mother became very ill, Amanda came home. She worked in the shop, but her heart remained in the pub trade, so she worked at the Railway Inn in Yate for eighteen months and started a Whitbread training scheme to become a landlady. She was then unlucky enough to have a car accident and unable to continue at the pub, so she opened a delicatessen shop in Chipping Sodbury called the Sodbury Pantry, which has changed hands a few times but is still there.

A friend was applying to the Civil Service, so Amanda showed her how fill in the form and by accident both forms were posted. Amanda was accepted, her friend wasn't, and on the day she was offered a job, someone walked into the shop with an offer to buy it. The coincidence was too great to ignore. The job was with the Benefits Agency in Fishponds, but as she missed the bar work, she worked 7am -3pm in the Agency and 7pm to closing time (often around 2am) as a barmaid at the Bell in Chipping Sodbury.

Still being single, Amanda handed in her notice in order to go on holiday to Egypt. When she came home, she took on several temporary jobs and as Chairman of Young Rotary, (called Retroact), she volunteered at the Fairford Air Show where she met some young cadets who were looking for a female leader for a visit to Canada, Amanda was asked and accepted.

By now Amanda was working as Facilities Manager for MBDA, where she met her husband Peter. A year later she moved to BAE Systems on the Aircraft Carrier programme. In 2003 she and Peter got married and they made their home in Peter's house in Laxton Close. In 2006 their daughter Emily was born and they have since moved to Orchard Rise. Emily went to Olveston School and Amanda, who admits she is a 'joiner', was on FOOS (Friends of Olveston School) for five years, acting variously as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer. When Emily changed schools, Amanda left FOOS and joined Olveston Parish Twinning Association (OPTA), hosting families from Bréhan but only managing one visit to France so far.

Spinal surgery in 2015 led to Amanda having a few months off work; during this time she became reliant on family and friends in the village to recover, reinforcing the importance and joy of having such a caring local network of friends to help.

Daughter Emily is horse mad and has her own horse stabled at Old Down, which keeps Amanda busy. Emily has also been a Rainbow, Brownie and Guide so Amanda always tried to help out those groups too. Amanda loves living in Olveston for the sense of community it offers to those that want it and appreciates being part of such a vibrant and caring village.

St. Mary's Summer Street Fayre

Rosie and Brian Arkle

As Church Hill, Olveston, residents, there was a little trepidation at the news of the arrival of the Church 'Summer Street Fayre' in Church Hill this year. The thought of an invasion of privacy, the inconvenience of the road closure and the need to move parked cars had crossed our minds. However, that trepidation proved to be unfounded and, on the contrary, the Fayre came and went without a hitch as did the clouds.

After the Fete had finished - within fifteen minutes - there was not a jot of litter left behind and no sign of the Fayre's presence. Congratulations to all the stall holders and all those who helped in making what turned out to be a most enjoyable, and hopefully profitable, village occasion, which we feel sure has paved the way for future events.

Tockington Harvest Fayre

Garry Phillips

This year's 50th Harvest Fayre was certainly a day to be remembered. From sunrise to sunset the weather was a scorcher.

By 9am the Village Green was already filled with many helpers preparing for the Fayre, taking out chairs and tables, setting up stalls, building the arena with the famous white pews, putting up bunting, testing the sound system and getting out the amazing amount of donations of books, 'nearly-new' and produce which had been donated. By 2pm all was in place - the sun was now really hot - and there were literally hundreds of people on the Green, more than we have ever seen in any of our previous Fayres.

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Fancy Dress Parade and to this year's Harvest Queen, Grace Marr, and her attendants Amelia Rowell and Charlotte Oates. Our thanks also to Mr Eric Garrett for opening the Fayre and telling us some of the history of the Green. A Fayre has been held here for 620 years when in 1281 a licence was granted to hold a Fayre twice a year, in May and December. We were entertained by the Bristol Morris Men; the local Zumba Dance group and the Brownies, who gave us a brilliant dance at the end.

Many, many thanks to all of you who helped make this Fayre our most successful yet, not just the money raised - £2,800 - but the wonderful community spirit that came when hundreds of local people joined together to enjoy a Harvest Fayre on their historic Village Green. It even made the front page of The Thornbury Gazette!



News from St. Mary's

Debbie Harries



Remembering

Sunday November 3rd at 6pm is our Memorial Service, when we remember especially those who have died during the past year, and those we still mourn and never forget from years gone by. You are invited to bring a photo of your loved ones to put on the altar and light a candle during the

service. Our Parade Service for Remembrance Sunday is on November 10th at 10am with the British Legion. All uniformed organisations will be taking part.

Advent

To mark the season of Advent David Moss and Philip Rowe will be leading four Advent Lunches at St Mary's Olveston on Wednesdays 27th November and 4th, 11th and 18th December from 12.30 to 1.30pm.

They will explore "Walking Backwards to Christmas: an Advent journey from darkness to light" by Stephen Cotterell. This is a combined North and South Severnside initiative for all in both Benefices. Soup will be served.

After a 10-minute introduction there will be discussion, questions and a time of prayer.

Salvation Army

On Sunday December 8th at 10am we will be holding our toy service. Please join us and bring a toy for vulnerable and deprived children at Christmas, which the Salvation Army will distribute. At 7pm we will be welcoming the Easton Salvation Army Band to be part of our evening service. Donations towards the Salvation Army's special and important work will be greatly appreciated.

Murder Mystery

The suspects will assemble in St Mary's Church Olveston on Saturday November 2nd at 7.30pm. Pit your wits against the Red Herrings to find the killer in our murder mystery evening. Tickets £8, which includes a finger buffet. A paying bar is available if you need more inspiration!

Tickets available from Debbie Harries on 01454 613273 or June Robbins on 01454 617491

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the October draw, held on 3rd October 2019 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	558	Mrs S Chick, Olveston
£75	329	Mr & Mrs M Gibson, Tockington
£25	331	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£25	417	Mr & Mrs J Graham, Olveston
£25	444	Mrs J Skinner, Sneyd Park
£20	212	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£20	370	Dr M Wright, Olveston
£20	265	Mr & Mrs I Hughes, Olveston
£10	361	Mr & Mrs T Roper, Fern Hill
£10	351	Mrs M Evans, Olveston
£10	504	Mrs S Farr, Olveston
£10	255	Mrs F Riley, Bitton
£10	260	Mrs P Kerrison, Olveston

Following the recruitment of some new members at the Church Summer Fayre we have been able to provide an additional prize this month!

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

Cheese, Chutney and Skittles

On Saturday 16th November St Mary's Church is sponsoring a skittles evening in the White Hart, Olveston.

Everyone is welcome to join in regardless of age and no skill is needed (but please don't tell the professional skittlers!).

This will be a community event supporting not just the church's Sow and Grow Appeal, but also village businesses, namely the White Hart itself and the Crusty Loaf who will be providing all the bread.

The ticket price of £6 includes a generous plate of bread and cheeses plus chutney. Start time 7:30pm.

Tickets available from Martin Gibson 616856, June Robbins 617491 or the Village Stores.

Remembering Whistling Jimmy Fowler

Nick Fear

On Remembrance Day in November we remember the men and women who have been killed in wars through the years. Hopefully also giving thanks for those who returned home safely once peace was restored. It is fitting that we always remember our service personnel in this way, but there is a large group of war victims rarely recalled. St Georges Chapel in Westminster Abbey, London, houses a book of remembrance which records the names of over 67,000 Second World War civilian war dead. One of them, a beloved local, lost his life in Olveston on the 15th of June 1941.

Cyril John Bowkett's early life is a slight mystery. We believe he was born on the 24th August 1922 and a person with this name had his birth registered then in the town of Worcester. Local memories associate him with Thornbury, but this was many years later. What we do know is that he was orphaned and in the 1930s came to Olveston to live with George and Emma Fowler in their family home, Rose Cottage, on The Common. It seems that the family took to Cyril from their first meeting. Whilst officially keeping his birth name of Bowkett, the family crowned his special nature by giving him the Fowler surname and a family name of James. This was accepted locally and he soon became affectionately known as Jimmy Fowler.

George Fowler, a Wiltshire man, was a carter and farm labourer who found work locally and had married Olveston girl, Emma Curthoys, in 1861. Settling in the village their family grew steadily in number. The 1911 census records that they had had seven children, two of which had sadly died. After George and Emma's deaths the family was headed by an unmarried daughter, Margaret. The 1939 census shows that she was still the head of the family, caring for an Ernest and James Fowler. Ernest, a widower, worked in the tobacco industry, James, Jimmy, was single and worked as an 'office boy at the aeroplane factory'.

The Parish Hall in Tockington has been used for local dances since it opened in 1901. Bands of various sizes perched on the stage and played the tunes for local people of all ages to dance to. No refreshments were provided, however an interval at about 9.30pm allowed a respite for tired feet. For those who wished it a short journey to The Swan Public House provided the opportunity of a 'swift half', no more, and then to return to the hall at 10.00 pm when the pub closed. Dancing continued until just before midnight - before Sunday began - when no revelry was respectable and these dances were above all respectable. The hall emptied, a few groups formed to bid farewells, trysts were made, and hearts fluttered away into the dark night.

Jimmy was a regular at these dances. There is no record as to his dance floor abilities, but he appreciated music and was famous for his harmonious skilful whistling. At 18 years of age he was a bright strong boy with prospects who was admired by quite a few local girls. The dance on Saturday 14th June 1941 was as enjoyable and melodious as ever. The final musical rendition of the night may have drowned out the air raid siren which, although sounded in Thornbury, could clearly be heard in Tockington. The message that a raid was on was quickly passed around the dispersing groups. Raid warnings were frequent and did not overly concern many, but the drill was to get home or into cover as soon as possible. Jimmy chose to return home and within a few minutes he was below St. Mary's at the junction of Ley Lane and Church Hill.

Overhead a German aircraft, its crew bent on destruction, had either missed its target at Filton or Avonmouth and was heading home. As was normal it jettisoned its bomb load to add speed to its flight. A rack of twelve bombs was released, the first of which came to earth by Port Farm. The lethal falls continued in an arc behind Hill House and onto the side of Olveston Court. The last bomb landed in the field alongside the horse pond close to where Jimmy was walking. He must have heard the plane and bomb explosions coming in his general direction, but perhaps never heard the last one which took his life. He died instantly. Villagers who attended him included the local police officer Constable Gregory, but there was nothing which could be done for Jimmy.



Jimmy was buried with care in St. Mary's churchyard on 19th June 1941 after a solemn service led by the Reverend Thomas Ridgwell-Barker. Parish records show that Jimmy is documented under his official birth name. His funeral service was well attended, Fowler family tears were shed. Many who had danced with him or appreciated his whistling prowess brought precious memories. Work colleagues from The Bristol

Aircraft Corporation felt his loss and a special irreplaceable gap in their ranks.

Jimmy lies at peace in an unmarked grave to the north side of the churchyard extension, a short distance from where he lost his life. In summer his grave is garlanded with wildflowers. He was the only World War Two civilian death within the Parish. Cyril, or Jimmy, will forever be remembered in Westminster Abbey, but I feel is deserving of remembrance locally as well.

'Lest we Forget'.

Elizabeth Blackwell of Bristol, First Female Doctor

Wed. 6th November at 7.30pm. Methodist Church, The Street, Olveston.



Come along to the November meeting of Olveston Parish Historical Society to hear Mary Wright describe the astonishing story of Elizabeth Blackwell.

Born in Bristol in 1821, one of nine children, at the age of 27 she graduated in medicine in New York State, the



first woman in the world to qualify and register as a doctor.

She also lived, for more than half of her long life, in England, and was the first woman to have her name on the British Medical Register. This is a truly inspiring story of a woman who, 170 years ago, battled prejudice and difficulty to beat a path for women in medicine.

All are welcome; visitors pay £2.

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner
07889 727729

150 Club Winners September 2019:

£50 Tony Gardner
£15 Jean Panes
£5 Bill Finch

Latest Bonus Ball Winners:

17/08/19 Diane Grosvenor

Up the Down!!

Olveston United Promise Auction



Friday 29th November 7.30pm start.

All proceeds going towards clubhouse redevelopment.

For more information contact Russell Knight, Vice Chairman Olveston United FC on 07793672782 or olvestonfc@gmail.com

The Royal British Legion Women's Section, Olveston Branch

In the UK, what is the average weekly household expenditure and what are the employment circumstances of the UK population? It will be no surprise that cheddar cheese is the UK's favourite cheese but what percentage of the total cheese consumed in the UK does it represent?

We learnt the answers to these and other diverse questions when a representative from The Office for National Statistics (ONS) came to speak with us at our October meeting. It was a very informative talk and we learnt the importance of the ONS gathering information from such surveys to inform government policy and decision making which is ultimately intended to benefit our society as a whole.

We are also preparing for the annual Poppy Appeal and fund-raising events which will be commencing shortly.

Sew Almondsbury

Did you know that there is a sewing group meeting on the third Tuesday of each month in the Old School Hall, Almondsbury from 7-9pm?

If you are interested, please contact sewalmondsbury@gmail.com or call 07511807586 or just come along. There will be in-house workshops to try out new skills.

Wine Tasting Challenge

Do you fancy an enjoyable evening of wine tasting that will also, in a fun way, test your knowledge of wines? Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee are holding just that on Saturday 23rd November in St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Road, Thornbury at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets are £15 per person which includes the tasting of different wines, together with cheese, pâté and nibbles.

For tickets please call Jennie on 01454 415856 or alternatively contact any of our Committee Members who you may know. Do come and join us all for what promises to be an evening of fun whilst raising much needed funds for Cancer Research UK. Don't delay or all the tickets will be gone!

Be careful!

A Tockington resident has asked Meeting Point to draw readers' attention to the following theft that occurred in early October. Even though this resident was busy working in the garden, an opportunistic thief entered the open garage and stole two small, but valuable, pieces of garden equipment. There is no chance of these items being found, or returned, but the victim of this rather random and upsetting crime wants to warn people to be careful in similar situations.

Tea and Chat

Do you find it difficult to get out and socialise? Would you like to meet other people for tea and cake once a month? We'd love you to join us at Tea and Chat where people just like us have a piece of homemade cake and get to know each other. Transport is provided and it's all free.

The November Tea and Chat will be on Friday November 22nd at 2.30 at Rose Lodge, New Road, Olveston. For details or to request transport if necessary, please telephone Lynn: 01454 612201 or Lesley: 01454 613804

Almondsbury Patient Participation Group

Clive Wiltshire

Patients of Almondsbury Surgery will probably be aware that there is a Patient Participation Group (PPG) which has been set up to form a regular link between the patients and the clinical services of the practice. Members meet with the practice management and doctors every quarter to discuss any issues highlighted by patients for discussion or action within the practice where appropriate.

The surgery has recently been approved by Severn Deanery as a training practice. This means that there will be rotating trainee doctors being supervised in GP training. These trainees are fully qualified doctors at various stages of their postgraduate training; some are doing their foundation level training prior to specialising, others are GP trainees. Training is deemed an important aspect of the work of the practice and all trainees are carefully supervised by the regular GP staff. Patients should be asked if they are happy to see a trainee and are welcome to decline if they wish. The PPG welcomes this development and sees it as a vital function to increase the GP staffing in the NHS.

Recent visitors to the practice may have noticed extensive building works over the last few months. These are nearing completion and amongst other improvements the practice will soon be opening a Minor Surgery Suite. Full details will be released shortly.

Almondsbury Surgery currently offers an extended evening surgery on Tuesdays from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The surgery is hoping to extend this to include Thursdays.

The practice now has a Carers Support service available to local carers which can offer practical advice and help. If you are caring for someone and would like to know more about possible support and information, contact the Carers Support Centre on 0117 965 2200, or contact the surgery and make an appointment.

The PPG is always keen to hear from patients on issues related to the practice so please feel free to contact me by email on: wilts.clive@gmail.com, or Pat Hinton on pathinton5331@gmail.com.

St Peter's Hospice Events

Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be held in the Methodist Church Hall, Alveston, on Wednesday 6th November between 10.30am and 12noon. Entrance to include tea/coffee £1.00. Stalls, Bring and Buy table, Christmas Cards and Raffle. Please come along and support St Peters, your local Hospice.

Community Quiz

A community quiz will be held at The Butchers Hook, High Street, Thornbury on Thursday 21st November at 7.45pm. Cost per person is £3.00, raffle, all proceeds go St Peters Hospice. Please come along and pit your wits whilst trying the range of real ales. With thanks to the Butchers Hook for hosting the event and supplying the prize.

From the Registers of St. John the Evangelist, Elberton

September 15th Baptism of James Thomas Bernard Gunnery, son of
Gemma-Jane and Edward Gunnery

September 22nd Baptism of Charlie Edward Stephen Oxlade, son of
Thomas and Hayley Oxlade

From the Registers of St. Mary's, Olveston

October 3rd. Baptism of Luca James Eugene Biant, son of
Matthew Biant and Lana Sylvia Herrera

Alveston Singers

Our Christmas Celebrations include a programme of Messiah choruses, along with carols and Christmas songs, which are guaranteed to get you in the festive mood. More details to follow next month.

Saturday December 14th St. Mary's Church, Thornbury 7.30pm
Tuesday December 17th Alveston Methodist Church 7.30pm



Thornbury Eisteddfod

Did you know that Thornbury has its own Eisteddfod? It has classes in singing, speech and drama, choirs, piano, orchestral instruments and

family groups. The Eisteddfod is a celebration of the great range of talent in the local area. Taking part in a competitive festival can be an enjoyable and encouraging experience, especially as there are professional adjudicators judging the classes. It provides a platform for young performers so - if that's you - why not have a look at the syllabus and enter a class or two?

For more information visit thornburyartsfestival.org.uk › *eisteddfod* or pick up a copy of the syllabus from The Town Hall, Thornbury.

Remembrance Day Concert

Now in their fourth year, the Thornbury Young Musicians Concerts offer a platform for young performers to share their musical gifts with the general public. Some of the past participants have gone on to study music at a professional level and the standard of performance invariably surprises and delights audiences. No prizes, no adjudication, just a celebration of youth music-making in all its diversity, something for which Thornbury has long had a proud record. Brighten up a dark November afternoon with some heart-warming music and complimentary tea and cake! Instrumentalists aged 11 – 18 will perform a selection of solo pieces and ensembles organised by well-known local professional musician Michael Lunts.

The concert will take place on Sunday 10th November at the Cossham Hall Thornbury at 4.00pm and proceeds will go to the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project.

Tickets, to include refreshments, are £7.50 adults and £5.00 for children under 16. These are available from the Town Hall or phone 01454 412272

Concert at St Mary's, Thornbury

Sunday 24th November 4pm at St Mary's Church, Thornbury.

A concert will be given by a local windband The T'hornblowers. There will be music from all genres including movie themes, pop and classical.

Everybody is welcome. There will be a retiring collection, and tea will be served at the end of the concert.

Sustainable Thornbury

As part of the worldwide climate protests on Friday 20th September there was a well-attended climate change protest on Thornbury High Street staged by the newly formed group Climate Action Thornbury and Surroundings. (CATS) To follow this up CATS have organised a free instructive interactive indoor event to showcase our ideas and hopes. Everybody is cordially invited to our launch event:

Saturday 2nd November 1pm to 4pm, Methodist Church Hall, Thornbury.

CATS is a group of local residents concerned about climate change and its implications for the future. We will be implementing practical solutions for the Thornbury area and we are looking for more people to engage with us in this new community venture. We will have local experts with proposals for renewable energy generation, electric cars, community energy, tree planting, wildlife and pollinators, plastic free shopping and recycling. There will be exhibition stalls and refreshments and a child friendly play space to enable parents to come along.

For more information see www.sustainablethornbury.org

T'hornblowers Wind Band

T'hornblowers is a welcoming, friendly, adults only wind band which meets on Wednesday evenings from 7pm in The Studio, Turnberries, Bath Road, Thornbury and we are always on the look-out for new members.

Did you play a wind instrument when you were younger and stopped playing for some reason? Would you like an excuse to get back to playing this once loved instrument? Have you played a brass or woodwind instrument for a while but don't feel ready for the main music groups and orchestras?

Then T'hornblowers is the perfect place for you to join our friendly group of enthusiastic players. We have flutes, clarinets, saxophones, bassoon, bass clarinets, euphonium, tuba and percussion but we need more of these and different instruments to complete our group. We would particularly welcome trumpets and trombones to complete our ensemble.

We play music from all genres; movie themes, classical, pop and are open to suggestion for other types.

For more details please contact Turnberries Community Centre on 01454 868485 or enquiries@turnberries.co.uk who will pass your enquiry onto our Music Director.

Thornbury Library

Here are just some of the November events in Thornbury Library:

Lego Club

Saturday 2nd November 10.30am-11.30am

Saturday 30th November 10.30am-11.30am

Come and join us for a story. Create your own Lego masterpieces. Display them in the library for your family and friends to see

Have You Read...?

Friday 4th November 2pm

Come and join our friendly library book group on 1st Friday of every month. This month's theme will be 'Name your Desert Island Book'.

The Craft Group and Repair Café

Thursday 7th November at 2pm

New members will always be made welcome by this friendly group. Share tips and ideas for your knitting, sewing or crochet projects. Bring your small items of clothing or soft furnishings for repair. Refreshments provided.

Vision West of England

Thursday 7th November 10.30am-1pm

Support and advice for people with visual impairments.

The Hatch Camphill Community

Saturday 9th November from 10am to 11.30am.

Selling their beautiful hand-crafted items – ideal Christmas presents.

Chatterbooks Group

Saturday 16th November 10.30am-11.30am

Are you in years, 4, 5, or 6? Participate in book themed activity sessions every month.

For more information please contact us:

Telephone: *01454 868006*

Email: *thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk*

Visit our website to find out more: *www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries*

Art Session Leader Needed

If you are interested in art, or have the skills to organise a small group whose members produce amazing work despite their difficulties, please get in touch

with Thornbury Stroke Support Group and arrange to come along and see for yourself what a rewarding opportunity this may be for you. The Art Group meets in the Alveston Jubilee Hall from 2pm to 4pm, fortnightly, between September and April each year.

To find out more, visit our website at thornburystroke.co.uk and if you are interested in helping please contact Maggie Rowley:
rowley02@blueyonder.co.uk or 07708 244398 or 01454 852453.

Yours Faithfully

Simon Edwards

Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church

I am told by many people that they taste lovely, that they are able to improve the flavour of all kinds of food, from salad to lasagne. Now, I do not wish to upset you but peppers, whether they are red, green or yellow, are all unpleasant things which are not welcome on my plate! In fact, when I was younger, I would tell people that I was allergic to peppers, because I really did not want to have to eat them! Children will always tell you what food they don't like, often by removing it from their mouth and placing it on the table with a loud "yuck!" Perhaps adults are a little more subtle when it comes to food which we are not fond of!

We have recently celebrated Harvest, churches around the country have decorated their churches and celebrated God's provision. On the day of the Harvest Festival, altars and communion rails were adorned with all kinds of food. Some of the food we enjoy, some we do not enjoy. Either way, it is all placed at the front of the church and often taken from the church and given to an organisation which feeds the hungry.

We are fortunate to be able to look in the cupboard each day and decide what to eat. We can make decisions when we shop about which foods to buy. But there are so many people around the world, and even here, who are unable to make those choices. People who wake each day hungry and go to sleep just as hungry; people who can't be picky about what they eat because they don't know when they will eat again.

So, as we give thanks to God for all He has given to us, let us always keep in mind those who do not have what we have. And perhaps the next time we turn our nose up at what is in front of us, think of the people throughout the world to whom food is far too precious to waste.

Church News
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Nov 3	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion All Souls Remembrance Service with Choir	Rev Helen Webb Revs S. Oram & A. Lloyd Rev Steve Oram & Paul Harrod
Nov 10	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Remembrance Service with Choir Holy Communion	Rev Steve Oram Rev S. Oram & Trevor Cook Rev David Bone
Nov 17	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Evensong	Rev Steve Oram Revs S. Oram & D. Bone Trevor Cook
Nov 24	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Fourth Sunday Worship Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev David Bone Paul Harrod Rev Ann Lloyd

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 9.15am

Morning Prayer: 8.30am daily ex. Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Nov 10	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev Ann Parker
Nov 24	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

Nov 10	9pm	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black
Nov 24	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Nov 10	9am	Morning Worship	Judith Heybyrne
Nov 24	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs Judith Heybyrne 01454 616725

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Nov 3	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Chris Leese
Nov 10	10am	St Mary's Ch	Remembrance Day Service
Nov 17	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mrs Hennie Gray
Nov 24	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Simon Edwards

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 13 November. To book your lunch, please ring 416528.

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP will have their **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** at 12.15 on Thurs. 28 November at the Swan. If you wish to come please ring 613241.

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

PRAYER MEETINGS: Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 in Olveston Methodist Church

BIBLE STUDY led by Rev Sandy Williams, Tuesday 26 November at 10.30am at 6 Manor Close Tockington.

CONTACT: Rev Simon Edwards Tel 01454 418176,

email: simon.edwards@methodist.org.uk

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

Nov 3	6.30pm	Alan Mann
Nov 10	6.30pm	Philip Hopes
Nov 17	6.30pm	Wully Perks
Nov 24	6.30pm	Ed Stuart

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
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Mass at 10am
Tel 01454 412223, www.ckk-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: Brian Hawkins, hawkinsb863@gmail.com 01454 854867
National: www.quaker.org.uk Bristol area: www.bristolquakers.org.uk

Diary Dates for November 2019

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

2 nd Sat	Coffee Morning Fireworks, Mundy Playing Fields Murder Mystery	10.30-12 5.30 7.30	MH StM
4 th Mon	Monday Movie Severn Vale Flower Club; Open meeting	7.30 6.30	StM AH
5 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Tea/Coffee & Biscuits 50p Monthly Raffle Macular & Low Vision Support Group British Legion Women: Bingo, Poppy appeal	10.30-12 10.30 7.30	DGCL TMH DGCL
6 th Wed	Holy Communion followed by tea & cake Table Tennis every Wednesday OPHS: 'Elizabeth Blackwell: first woman in the world to qualify as a doctor.' by Mary Wright	2.30 7-8.30 7.30	DGCL PH OMC
7 th Thurs	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop	9-1.30 9-12	Ost
8 th Fri	Haven Memory Café Thornbury Carers' Support Group	10.15-11.45 1-3pm	URC Chy
9 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12 10.30-12	MH AVH
10 th Sun	Remembrance Sunday		
12 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Aust Parish Council Thornbury Memory Café WI. AGM	10.30-12 7.30 10.15-11.45 7.30	DGCL EVH TMH PH
13 th Wed	Table Tennis	7-8.30	PH
14 th Thurs	Coffee Shop	9-12	Ost
16 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Olveston Parish Council surgery Skittles in White Hart for Sow & Grow appeal	10.30-12 10.30-12 10.30-12 7pm	AVH MH MH
18 th Mon	Monday Movie	7.30	StM
19 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning 'Sew Almondsbury'. Jo, 07511 807 586 Christmas Lights switch-on, Thornbury	10.30-12 7-9	DGCL OSH

20 th Wed	Jazz at The White Hart Olveston	8-10.30	
21 st Thurs	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop	9-1.30 9-12	OS+ OS+
22 nd Fri	Haven Memory Café	10.15-11.45	URC
23 rd Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12	MH
25 th Mon			
26 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Thornbury Memory Café Olveston Parish Council	10.30-12 10.15-11.45 7.30	DGCL TMH AP
27 th Wed	Alv History Soc - Seasonal Festivals. Dr Ronald Hutton	7.30	AMC
28 th Thurs	Coffee Shop	9-12	OS+
30 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12	MH
Looking ahead to December			
8 th Sun	Salvation Army Band concert	7pm	StM

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; **OS+** – 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.

Contact details for any clubs or organisations in the Meeting Point area can be found in the Meeting Point Directory on the community website: www.olvestonandaust.com. If you would like to update your organisation's details, please email: meetingpointsecretary@olvestonandaust.com

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