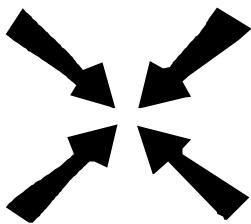


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From the Editor

In the end it was a warm and sunny summer. If you are the sort who likes to reflect on this kind of thing, you may enjoy reading about a year in the life of Pat Thirkettle's favourite viburnum. Pat has been writing for Meeting Point for twelve years and I should like to accompany her article with a big thank you for her time, skill and enthusiasm as our roving reporter. Please keep writing, Pat!

Autumn schedules, classes, events and entertainments are all included in this month's issue. I hope you find something to interest you.

The cover: Viburnum in autumn
photographed by Pat Thirkettle

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A shrub for all seasons

Pat Thirkettle

Due to a historical quirk, (our house was extended around it), a shrub called *Viburnum tomentosum* var. *mariesii* sits in gravel surrounded on two sides by windows. It is highly visible from several places including walking up the stairs and looking out from the bedroom. It stands six feet tall and nearly twice as wide.

In winter it is a pleasing shape of spreading branches which are regularly visited by blue tits pecking something interesting from its branches. This *Viburnum* is the first plant in the garden to show green with breaking leaf buds, usually at the end of February, but dependent of course on the severity of the winter. In fact this year 2013 was a record, the first green showed on January 11th, but it struggled from then on until late April!



By April/May it comes into its glorious best, covered from head to foot in large lace cap heads of white flowers. Each one is up to four inches across, with individual flowers clustered tightly at the centre, surrounded by a loose fringe of more flowers. In a wet year these can last nearly a month.

In summer it sits quietly green while other shrubs take centre stage, but always at the end of July it is the first to show red at the tips of the leaves. This is not particularly welcome as it means the year is already turning towards winter.

However, from then on the red leaves spread downwards and by September/October the shrub is a picture. Some of its leaves are still green,

mixing with the bright red and purple, and it usually has a small second flowering, each one a miniature of the spring flowers but standing out brightly against the red. The leaves remain until the end of November by which time they are purple, and slowly drop, forming a colourful carpet over the gravel to reveal the bare bones again. There are now only three months of providing sustenance for blue tits before it all starts again.

Olveston Parish Hall Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday October 12th October at 7.30. Tickets are £10.50 and are available from the following:
The Crusty Loaf, June Robbins – Tel. 617491, Pat Savage - Tel. 610388
This is always a sell out event; so please apply early!

Line of Coins 19th Oct 2013



It's that time of year again when the young folk of Olveston are asking their parents 'Can I have your loose change?'

On Saturday 19th October, 1st Olveston Scouts, Cubs & Beavers are holding their annual Line of Coins and Coffee Morning at the Methodist Hall Olveston 10-12 noon. There will be cakes and teas to whet your appetite and, to get ready for Christmas, we will have a wide range of wrapping paper and Christmas cards.

Last year our line joined the bakery to the stores and back again raising a fantastic £463+. Now the hut is complete we'll be using the money to replace old kit and for general running costs 😊

Lynda Spratt 1st Olveston Scouts
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News from St Mary's Olveston

Roly Bain

FLIGHT FOR SIGHT

Thanks so much to all who supported the Flight for Sight Appeal. On Sunday Sept 8th 125 of us gathered in church to watch young Emily and Isabella Johnstone present a cheque for £15,600 to Kevin Crook from the Mission Aviation Fellowship. Olveston Primary School has been much involved and it was lovely to have Mrs Luke and 25 children amongst us. Your generosity means that 1250 people in South Sudan will have their sight restored over the coming 15 months, so thanks indeed.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Mary's Harvest Festival is on Oct 6th at the later time of 11am, and we welcome gifts of tins and non-perishable foods for the Loaves & Fishes Project in St Pauls. The rest of the year we collect food for the Bristol Northwest Foodbank, but not on this occasion. After some children's games we shall have our customary Harvest Lunch with pork in a roll and a crumble. Tickets for lunch are £2 and £1 for children – it would help if you can tell us if you're coming.

ADVENT WINDOWS

Last year many people seemed to appreciate the Advent Windows, a living local Advent Calendar with windows being lit up around the parish. If you'd like to do it this year, or do it again, please let Debbie Harries know (613273/oboe-debbie@live.co.uk) as soon as possible. St Mary's will be producing another calendar this year, this time A4 size, and featuring people and events in the parish – look out for the picture of the Olveston Netball Team in September! Calendars are £6 and will be in the Stores and in church by the end of October.

THIS IS MY LIFE

In November St Mary's and Olveston Methodist Church are holding another series of 'This is My Life', when people tell the story of their journey of faith and what makes them tick. Just the dates for your diary now: Wed 6th, Wed 13th, Thurs 21st, Mon 25th. Look out for the leaflets, and more detail next month.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Our next two concerts at St Mary's are on Oct 26th when Gill Olewicz and friends will be performing, and on Dec 7th when the Easton Salvation Army band will be doing a Christmas Concert.

Free Forest Taster Session

Wednesday 16th October 9.15 – 12.15

At Stepping Stones in Elberton we are very lucky to have woods in the grounds and are able to offer forest sessions. Forest and woodland areas are well known for helping children gain knowledge and understanding of the natural environment, improving their self-confidence and developing all areas of the curriculum.

Our weekly Woodland Wednesday sessions provide children with an opportunity to do just this. Safety is an important issue and children are taught the rules before entering the woods. All the staff have had forest skills training. Once in the woods, the children have ample opportunities for free play, exploring and climbing. Structured activities are also offered. A child who may be reluctant to partake in a maths activity in a classroom setting will often quite happily measure and count sticks he/she has collected in the woods. Songs, stories and group activities are held in our base camp.

If you think your child could benefit from these outdoor learning opportunities, please bring them along on **Wednesday 16th October, 9.15 – 12.15** for a free taster session. For more details please contact Gill on 07853 173221 or email gillpowell1961@hotmail.co.uk.

Olveston Parish Council Matters

Richard Rogers (olvestonpc@gmail.com)

One aspect of the Parish Council's duties is to consider planning applications that local residents make to South Glos Council. These include applications to prune or remove trees, especially in the Conservation Areas. Whilst this is often necessary, the numbers are exacerbated by those that have been planted too close to walls, buildings etc and are now causing problems.

At this time of year when planning new plantings, it is worth thinking about the type and size of tree being considered and, given the potential life of trees, the long term consequences of the positions in which they are being planted. Similarly, regular planned pruning and maintenance will ensure their continued well being at a manageable size, since not all trees can survive major surgery!

Keeping our footpaths clear

Dear Editor

With autumn tidying soon to begin, may I make a plea to anyone whose garden abuts the pavement to please cut back their plants.

In a village like ours with pavements which are already narrow, overhanging bushes are a real problem to pedestrians. It can be bad enough as a single person, but for mothers with pushchairs, small groups of schoolchildren or anyone in a mobility scooter it must be a nightmare. No one wants to be responsible for driving walkers onto the road by letting their plants get in the way.

I do sympathise with the householders concerned - with a wall between us and our stretch of pavement it is easy to criticise others with a longer, greener border. However, being smacked in the face by a length of shrubbery while walking in the village is not pleasant. I would assume that hedges etc should really be cut back in line with the wall or boundary, letting walkers use the full width of the pathway.

So please, get out those shears and bask in the good wishes and thanks of passers by!

Mariann Dale
New Road, Olveston

Olveston Sports & Social Club

The new winter season starts at the club with the charity quiz nights on Saturday evenings from September, and bingo back on Sundays from Sept 29th. The club will be open on Sundays at 1pm for football on the big screen - why not come along? Last year we were able once again to give £600 to charity. The quizzes start at 8.15pm, bingo 8.30pm. Why not join us at one of these functions, you will be sure of a warm welcome and fun? We also welcome bookings for your celebrations or functions. You can contact Barbara Lansdown 01454 415036 or Tony Williams 01454 616138.

Why not pay us visit one evening to see what we offer? We are open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings, Saturday afternoon and evenings, Sunday evenings. *Barbara Lansdown Club secretary*

Cook's Calendar: October

Natasha Harrod



When I was a child I used to love reading the Brambly Hedge books about mice living in an oak tree. I particularly enjoyed the story of how they gathered the fruit of the hedgerow to stash in the store stump to guard against the harsh winter ahead. Doubtless the mice would probably have appreciated a 24 hour Tesco, but the sense of storing the autumn abundance for the coming months has stayed with me and I love to pick blackberries, sloes, damsons and elderberries.

Our pear tree is groaning with harvest and the falling fruit is a serious danger to the chickens below. Every so often a fruit will drop, narrowly missing a hen, which will run squawking from the unexpected and rather hazardous snack.

This recipe uses blackberries and almonds, making for a truly autumnal feast. A financier is a type of French cake using a batter made with egg whites, not hard to make and useful to use up a surfeit of egg whites. You can either serve it at tea time or for a pudding, served with poached pears.

Blackberry and almond financiers

40g plain flour
¼ teaspoon baking powder
120g icing sugar plus extra for dusting
45g ground almonds
4 egg whites
65g butter
175g blackberries

Preheat the oven to 170C, grease well a 12 cup cake tin, or if you prefer, line with paper cases.

Melt the butter in a pan and continue to heat until the butter turns a golden brown. Keep a close eye on it as there is a fine line between brown and burnt. Pour through a sieve into a bowl and put to one side.

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Sift the flour, icing sugar and baking powder into another bowl and add the ground almonds. Add the egg white and whisk vigorously for a minute, then pour the melted butter into the mixture and continue to whisk until combined.

Pour into the prepared tin, filling each 2/3 full. Add the blackberries to the top of the batter and cook, checking after 12 minutes but they may need up to 18 to achieve a beautiful golden colour on top.

Stand for a minute or two then run a knife around the outside of each cake to ease their turning out. If you still have trouble turning them out, a silicone spatula will help.

Cool, dust with icing sugar and enjoy your autumnal treat.

Movies at St Mary's: Oct

Trevor Anderson



TWO movies this month to make us smile as we head into autumn. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book:

MONDAY MOVIES (*Recent releases and popular classics*)

Mon 7th Oct at 7.30pm: Four vivacious, young and talented girls form an all-girl singing group and go on to entertain the troops in Vietnam. Australian musical comedy drama set in 1968. *Cert PG*

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

Mon 21st Oct at 7.30pm: Once, not long ago, a small Egyptian police band arrived in Israel. Not many remember this - it wasn't that important..... A delightful, charming and gentle comedy from Israel. *Cert PG*

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

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

Olveston Parish Countryside Group

OPCG is holding a Charity Bingo evening on Wednesday 16th October at 7.30 p.m. in the Olveston Methodist Hall. Everyone is welcome so do please come along, have some fun and support our charity which is the Multiple Sclerosis People's Help based in Thornbury.

Flower arranging

Sally Taylor

Following the success of St Mary's Flower Festival in July one wonders how many of you were inspired to find out more about flower arranging? The displays, ranging from a variety of traditional massed flower arrangements through to quirky carpet, cup cake and flowerless ones, show how versatile and varied the art of flower arranging is. Created by both the experienced and inexperienced, many of whom had never taken part in a flower festival before, everyone worked together to produce a truly memorable event.

Whether you prefer simply to watch someone else doing it or you would enjoy a more hands on approach, there are several local groups which cater for those with an interest in flower arranging.

Thornbury has two Flower Clubs which are always keen to welcome visitors and new members. Generally holding two meetings a month, along with other less regular social events and outings such as coffee mornings, teas, garden/flower festival visits, the main one consists of members watching a NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arranging Societies) qualified demonstrator who does five or six arrangements on stage and talks about them as s/he does them. Male or female, these demonstrators are varied in subject matter, personality, humour and style of presentation; no two demonstrations are ever the same and never cease to entertain, educate or inspire.

The secondary meeting is an informal social practice class when members have a chance to get 'hands on' and create a pre-agreed style of arrangement under the watchful eye of an experienced flower arranger who will guide the creative process and give praise and constructive criticism as necessary. Both have dates of their monthly meetings included in the Meeting Point diary.

Thornbury & District Flower Club meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Methodist Hall at 7.30pm and holds its practice classes there at the same time on the fourth one. More details from 01454 417865.

Severn Vale Flower Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the Armstrong Hall at 2pm and holds its practice classes there at 1.30pm on the last Tuesday of the month. More details from 01454 885213.

Both clubs hold big Christmas Open meetings in the Armstrong Hall in November & December. Details in Meeting Point and local press.

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Alternatively, should you wish to take **Flower Arranging lessons**, there is a small, friendly group which meets at Filton Community Centre (formerly Filton Folk Centre) on Thursday evenings from 7-9pm. Catering for beginners and improvers, we cover all aspects of flower arranging from traditional to contemporary, including Church flowers and flowers for special occasions. More details from 01454 323610 or 01454 412087. There are plenty of well lit parking spaces outside the venue.

NADFAS Severn Valley Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Are you interested in the Arts? Would you like to find out more about Hogarth, a lecture to be given by Lars Tharp (of the Antiques Road Show)?

Or perhaps Japanese themes and stories, Festive food and customs of the Georgians and Victorians, Church Silver, Brueghel's Scenes of Country Life. Later in the season Eric Knowles will lecture on Rene Lalique, so lots to tempt you with.

As a society we meet in the town hall in Chipping Sodbury on the third Monday of the month starting in October and ending in June. The lectures last an hour, one in the morning repeated again in the afternoon.

If you are interested in joining or finding out more please contact Helen Cooper (membership secretary) on 01179 622361, or more locally ring me on 01454 612441. *Jane Haworth (publicity secretary)*

Learn something new this autumn

The WEA, the UK's largest voluntary sector provider of adult education, has a branch in Thornbury run by local volunteers. On Saturday, 12th October at The Chantry, 52, Castle Street, the branch will be running a day's introduction to Egyptology entitled "Pyramids, Pharaohs and Mummies". The tutor will be Jane Hack. All adults welcome – no need for any prior knowledge. For further information, please ring 01454 415165 or e mail james.ball9@talktalk.net

Olveston Parish Historical Society

Programme: October 2013 – April 2014

All events (except 2nd Oct) take place at the Methodist Church, The Street, Olveston BS35 4DR at 7.30 pm. A £5 payment at the door will buy you membership and admission to the whole season of talks. Alternatively, you can pay £2 at the door for a single meeting. Open to all - everyone very welcome!

Wed. 2nd Oct. 2013, 7.30 – this meeting will be at St. Mary's Church, Olveston

This FREE event, open to all, will consist of a very short AGM, followed by the chance to hear a recording of the late **Arthur Robbins in conversation** with Peter Floyd in 2010. Arthur's description of his long life in and around Olveston will be accompanied by photos from OPHS and June's collection. Not to be missed!

Wed. 6th November 2013

Tony Cherry will relate some great tales from his new, beautifully illustrated book on **The History of Thornbury Castle** – never a dull moment!

Wed. 4th December 2013

Cherry Hubbard, who once worked for the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, offers us a perspective on **A Tudor Christmas** – not the perspective of the nobles of Thornbury Castle but that of a Tudor housewife 'of the middling sort'. **She will dress authentically and present her 'Christmas table'**, explaining how her food and clothes were made.

Wed. 8th January 2014 *[the 2nd Wed. of the month - to avoid New Year's Day]*

Eric Garrett's topic for the New Year is **Large Houses in the Locality** – places such as Tockington Manor, Olveston Court, Over Court, Knole Park... When were they built? Who lived in them? What's left of them now?

Wed. 5th February 2014

Tony Conder, ex-Curator of the Gloucester Waterways Museum, will give a fascinating, well-illustrated talk on **Gloucester Docks - Then and Now**, explaining the history of the docks, trade routes and the goods that were transported.

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Wed. 5th March 2014

Drawing on her research into 18th century skeletons and BRI inpatient logbooks, Dr. Annsofie Witkin will give a talk on: ***Blood, Guts and Gore: The Health of the Working Poor in Eighteenth Century Bristol and Gloucestershire***

Wed. 2nd April 2014

Still on a health-related theme but one with a global reach, local professor and Dean of Medicine Gareth Williams will draw on his recent best-seller ***Paralysed with Fear: The Story of Polio*** to tell the extraordinary history of the disease which killed or paralysed millions in the 20th century and of the scientists who struggled to defeat it. Expect tales of skulduggery and missed opportunities as well as heroism.

Programme Secretaries: Jenny & Richard Newley 01454 202011

Website: <http://www.olveston.com/historical-society>

Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in the September draw, held on 11th September 2013 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	Name
£150	412	Mr R Lloyd, Tockington
£75	360	Mr T E J Roper, Fernhill
£25	397	Mrs G M Crossley, Tockington
£25	303	Mr J H Chick, Olveston
£25	413	Mr R Lloyd, Tockington
£20	586	Mrs P R Kerrison, Olveston
£20	544	Mrs T Fear, Tockington
£10	213	Mr T Watkins, Alveston
£10	488	Mrs N Turner, Olveston
£10	200	Dr D Shaw, Tockington
£10	352	Mrs V Brown, Olveston

Olveston & Tockington W.I.

Following our much-enjoyed September talk "Riding for the Disabled" we have chosen a very different evening for our next meeting.

The evening is entitled "Songs of the Century" - an entertaining Sing-along and Talk featuring a popular song or medley from each period of the 20th century ranging from the romantic melodies of the Edwardian era, through the inspiring songs of the world wars, right up to the 1990s. The music is recorded and the words will be on the screen! An illustrated commentary will link the periods and tell of some of the moments of drama, personalities and achievements of the century.

Visitors and newcomers will be very welcome to join us at 7.30 in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 8th October. We hope you'll enjoy the evening, and the refreshments afterwards!

Police Report for August

28 calls were made to the Police along with 11 reported crimes. Of those 11 crimes:-

Burglary to outbuildings in Littleton where a quad bike was stolen: this has since been recovered and investigations are still continuing. Burglary at a property in Littleton: damage caused to the front door but no items were stolen. Theft of tools from two separate locations in Olveston. Burglary to stables in Tockington, where a male was found inside by a member of the public who contacted the police, the male was arrested and has been charged with the offence.

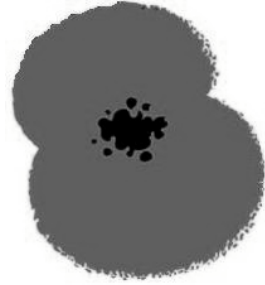
The next Beat Surgery date is Thursday 24th October, Olveston Stores Coffee Shop 10:30 – 11:30.

For emergencies please call 999

To report a crime or incident please call 101

To contact the beat team please call PCSO Kelly Dimery on 0117 945 5959 or on duty mobile 07917 586645

Royal British Legion Women's Section



Our Annual General Meeting will be on 1st October at Daldry Gardens Community Lounge at 7.30pm. We hope all members will be able to attend. We have had a very successful year. Anyone interested in becoming a member will be very welcome.

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners September:

£50 Ian Watkins

£15 Greg Welsher

£5 Jean Panes

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

10th August

Reg Purchase

17th August

Tony Gardner

24th August

Simon Gould

31st August

Paddy Gardner

7th September

Angus MacDonald

Diary Dates:

Saturday 12th October Annual Dinner & Dance at Old Down Manor

Friday 22nd November Trip to Races at Ascot, further information next month

Please contact me for details. Up the Down!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Jubilee Sailing Trust - Lord Nelson and Tenacious

We would like to thank everyone who came to our Garden Tea Party recently, to make it such a success. Also the many friends who donated towards an amazing £475! We really do appreciate your continued support of our two ships which have done such tremendous work for nearly 30 years now.

From Peggy James and the Bristol Branch, our thanks.

Aust Fireworks display

Saturday 1st November at Manor Farm Aust

Gates open @ 6pm

Display @ 7pm

Hot Food & Drinks to buy. Halloween Fancy Dress competition.

All proceeds go towards Church and Village Hall.

Family Ticket £10 Adults £4 Children £2

Halloween party at the Chantry

Thursday 31st October falls in the local school holiday again this year. The Chantry will be holding a party for all the family, with innovative entertainment, spooky snacks and crazy games to play. This will be a light-hearted event – nothing scary – and make a good alternative to knocking on neighbours' doors. The fun will start at 6 pm and the party ends at 8 pm.

Tickets: £3.50 per child, under 3s free, minimum 1 adult and 1 child per party, from the Chantry Office or bar, or from Tourist Information at the Town Hall. Call The Chantry on 01454 414268 or email office@thechantry.org.uk for further details.

The bar will be open from 7.30 and there may be a few surprises in store for the more mature Halloweenophile...Witches' brew, anyone?

Thornbury Picture House screens 'No'

When Chilean military dictator Augusto Pinochet calls for a referendum on his presidency in 1988, opposition leaders persuade a brash young advertising executive to spearhead their 'No' campaign. With scant resources and constant scrutiny by the despot's watchmen, they devise a bold plan to win the election and free their country from oppression.

A fascinating study of Chile in the last days of the Pinochet regime, this film puts a witty twist on traditional political dramas.

Cosham Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 11th October. £5 on the door for non members.

News from Thornbury Library

BookStart Bear Club

Suitable from birth until school age.

StoryTime – Mondays 2.15pm – 2.45pm

RhymeTime – Fridays 11am-11.30am

These free weekly activities are a great way to meet others with young children, whilst having fun with your little ones. Breast-feeding welcome, nappy changing facilities available. All welcome, just turn up. Term-time only

SPECIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

DISCOVER FESTIVAL ongoing until 1 November

The Discover festival is back for its second year and runs to 1 November. Pick up your free Discover brochure for full details of events, available from libraries, leisure centres and community venues across South Gloucestershire and online. Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/discover for more information.

October Discover Festival highlights taking place at Thornbury Library

*An evening with Beatrice Hitchman, author of “Petite Mort” Wednesday October 2nd 7.30pm start (doors from 7pm). Tickets £2. We hope to have copies of “Petite Mort” on sale on the night - why not have yours signed by the author?

*Evening performance by The Longest Johns. Wednesday October 9th 7.30pm start (doors from 7pm). Tickets £2. For a taste of this musical treat search for “The Longest Johns” on www.youtube.com

*ADVANCE BOOKING IS REQUIRED for both these events. Reserve your seat online at: www.southglosevents.eventbrite.co.uk and then pay for your reserved seat on the door. Alternatively enquire at Thornbury Library

Digital Camera surgery: drop-in, Saturday 19th October 10am-midday. Ever wondered what all those camera settings and symbols are for? Bring your digital camera for free advice from Thornbury U3A photographic group to make the most of your camera to take the best pictures.

Free health checks: drop in on Wednesday 23rd October or Saturday 26th October between 10am – midday for blood pressure checks, asthma advice and general health advice courtesy of Lloyds Pharmacy.

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Discover Bats with Avon Bat Group HALF-TERM HOLIDAY free family drop-in. Monday 28th October 2.30pm-4.30pm. Learn about British bats, make your own bat mask and try our batty puzzles and word searches.



Energy-Smart Homes Trail

From 12 noon until 6pm on Saturday 19th October and Sunday 20th October, you will be able to take the Energy-Smart Homes Trail in Thornbury and Alveston. This open weekend will let you see energy and money-saving measures and useful technology in practice in a house like yours. You will be able to talk to householders and find out the benefits of the energy saving and energy generating changes they have made and any practical tips they might have. There will be around 12 houses and one community building open – feel free to visit as many as you like.

Not all houses are open both days. Full details of each property, including what energy-saving measures you can see, when it is open etc can be found on the trail leaflet, available from 1st October at Thornbury Library, Thornbury Town Hall. Details also on the website www.energysavinghomestrail.org.uk

On both Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October, you can also visit the *Hub* at The Swan Pub, Thornbury High St between 12 noon and 6pm where copies of the leaflet will be available together with energy saving advice leaflets. Additionally on Saturday 19th only, there will be an energy advice stall provided by Severn Wye Energy Advice Centre where you will be able to get your questions answered by experts. Also on that day, South Gloucestershire Council will be providing help with regards to grants available and the Green Deal. Volunteers will be there to give directions to the houses on the Trail.

This event is organized by Sustainable Thornbury, in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, as part of Sustainable Thornbury's aim of making Thornbury and the surrounding area as energy efficient as possible. We want to make our area resilient to climate change and ever-reducing resources. The Energy-Smart Trail is supported by the Energy Saving Trust.

For more information visit the website www.energysmarthomestrail.org.uk or contact Sustainable Thornbury organisers on info@energysmarthomestrail.org.uk. Telephone contact (before 19-20 October) 01454 852015 or 07981 134001 during the Trail weekend.

'The Pirates of Penzance'

Visitors to Bristol Docks on Sunday 1st September were astounded to see that HMS Matthew had been overrun by a band of ferocious pirates who were being confronted by brave but odd looking members of the constabulary! But all was not as it seemed and there was nothing to fear – they were just members of Thornbury Musical Theatre Group on location for a publicity shoot to advertise their forthcoming performance of THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE. The group has had great fun rehearsing the show and is sure that the audiences will have great fun watching it. Performances will be at the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury 23rd to 26th October at 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday 26th.

The ridiculous plot, the wonderful melodies, the fighting, the flirting, the quaking in the boots and of course the happy ending make this very suitable for the whole family; there is a best dressed pirate competition for the children on the Saturday matinee which will be judged by the Pirate King himself, Mark Collins. Tickets are available online at www.tmtg.org.uk, by ringing Julia on 01454 632170 or in person from R.A.Bennett & Partners (estate agents), the Plain, Thornbury.

If you have never seen a Gilbert and Sullivan show before, then this is the ideal one to start with.

Mozart & Haydn in a Classical Music Concert with Roger Huckle and Members of the Bristol Ensemble

Saturday 19th October is a date for your diary when members of the Bristol Ensemble, Bristol's professional Chamber Orchestra led by violinist Roger Huckle, will once again visit Thornbury with a concert of popular classical music: Mozart's much loved ***Eine Kleine Nachtmusik; Mozart's Flute Quartet in D Major*** and ***Haydn's Symphony 101 in D Major*** arranged for his friend and colleague Johann Salomon popularly entitled ***The Clock Symphony***.

This eagerly awaited concert which is part of the fund raising for the Armstrong Hall Backstage Improvement Appeal will be held in the Cossham Hall on Saturday 19th October at 7.30pm. Tickets at £15 each, to include interval finger food, can be obtained from Thornbury Town Hall or by phoning 01454 412272.

Severnside Ramblers

Come and get some fresh air and exercise. Join Severnside Ramblers on a ramble. Non-members are always very welcome. For more information about walks in October 2013, log on to www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk, or pick up a programme at your local library. A contact name and telephone number is given for each walk. We meet at Aldi car park, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9DA at the times shown below and share lifts to the start of the walk. Please bring packed lunch and plenty of fluids. If you want to go directly to the start of the walk, phone the contact person.

Fri 4 October

Meet 9.30 Aldi Car Park Bradley Stoke.

Friday Amble 2 hrs. 3 Brooks at Bradley Stoke. Flat walk in local nature reserve with no stiles. Contact Chris 01454 618853.

Sun 6 October

Meet 9.00 Aldi Car Park Bradley Stoke.

Coalpit Heath/Frampton Cotterell. Flat & easy 12 mile walk. Frome Valley walkway, Huckford Quarry, Frampton Cotterell, Mayshill & Coalpit Heath. Contact Ann 01179 798628.

Sun 13 October

Meet 8.30 Aldi Car Park Bradley Stoke.

Avebury. Taking in Silbury Hill, Sanctuary & Windmill Hill. Couple of gentle climbs, 11 miles Contact Ken 01179 315108.

Fri 18 October

Meet 9.30 Aldi Car Park Bradley Stoke.

Friday 2.5 hr Amble. Kingswood (Wotton under Edge). Mainly flat over fields & tracks. Several stiles. Lovely views. Contact Jean 01179 761445.

Sun 20 October

Meet 9.30 Aldi Car Park Bradley Stoke.

Lacock. Gentle 8 mile walk, in a lovely historic area with 1 steady climb. Contact Jenny & John 01454 777963.

Sun 27 October

Meet 1.45 Aldi Car Park Bradley Stoke.

Eastville. A leisurely 4.5 mile walk, going west from Snuff Mills following River Frome. Round lake/park and meadows back Oldbury Court. Contact Joy 01179 334998.

Rachel Elizabeth (Liz) Lacey, formerly Liz Hyslop

Liz's husband Richard, daughter Miriam and son Craig and their families, together with aunt Jane Taylor and stepmother Olwen Wonnacott would like to thank everyone for their love, their prayers and so many cards during Liz's long illness and passing.

From the Registers of St John's Church, Elberton

3rd August Wedding of Faneau Van Niekerk and Sarah Collins

31st August Wedding of Robert William Taylor and Elspeth Mary Green

From the Registers of St Mary's Church, Olveston

17 th August 2013	Wedding of Jamie David Baker-Green and Samantha Louise Buckley
18 th August 2013	Baptism of Paige Simmons and Dylan Simmons daughter and son of Jacob and Victoria Simmons
25 th August 2013	Baptism of Grace Jeavons daughter of Daniel and Sarah Jeavons
7 th September 2013	Wedding of Christopher Birtle and Emily Jackson

Three Peaks Challenge 4 Teenage Cancer Trust

Peggy James

Thank you on behalf of my granddaughter Lucy Rhys and friends, who completed the challenge in 23 hours and 50 minutes (just made it!), to everyone for contributing £107 towards their amazing total of over £2000. Such a worthwhile cause - Lucy is a physio in the Oncology Unit in Bristol. I too much appreciate your help.

Yours faithfully

*Danny Bamfield
Aust Evangelical Church*

I had a dream the other night – quite simple – I was at the supermarket with a couple of people and my wife who I was bantering humorously with, each of us trying to tease and needle the other until it was time to stop. I was very much aware of the warmth of love between us and how pleasant it was. What a beautiful thing love is, as I once read in a marriage book where a person said “I have seen it again and again where there is love there is happiness.”

The evening before I had been thinking about what to write for this article and my mind ran through some of my favourite topics:-

- Evidence for creation
- If right or wrong exists there has to be a God
- The Bible – God’s word
- The second coming of Christ

Nothing seemed to feel right, but as I lay awake pondering on this dream I couldn’t help but think how experiencing the love of Jesus frees you up to love others.

It seems to me that most people’s ability to love is based on their deepest experience, eg, parents, husband and wife, children, friends. Home is where the heart is? I’ve read in World War 2 men were heard to cry out to God, and for their mothers.

Proverbs 19v22 (NIV) says ‘What a man desires is unfailing love.’ The biblical term ‘man’ often means both man and woman. Isn’t it interesting that love is our most basic need no matter how tough and macho we are. I once read of a study in the former Soviet Union where babies were institutionalized, fed and not allowed to be cuddled or shown any love ... from what I recall they died.

The love of Jesus is beyond anything we can experience humanly. He is not some mythical figure, but alive today. Revelation 3v20 (Living Bible) ends with ‘If anyone hears me calling him and opens the door I will come in and fellowship with him and he with me,’ He promises to live in us by his spirit if we ask him for that relationship.

Why not try him today?

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Oct 6	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	11am	Harvest Festival with Choir	Rev Roly Bain
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Janet McBride
Oct 13	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev David Bone
	10am	Church at Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
Oct 20	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev D Bone & Mr T Cook
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Ann Lloyd
Oct 27	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Celtic Communion	Rev R Bain & Mr D Jones
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Memorial Service with Choir	Rev Roly Bain

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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

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

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

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

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

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Oct 13	10am	Holy Communion.	Rev David Bone
Oct 27	11am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone

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

Church Wardens: Terry McLeavy 633680 Janet Ford 633300

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Oct 6	9am	Matins	Mrs Tracey Black
Oct 20	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Oct 13	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole
Oct 27	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Oct 6	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch. Tock. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle Evening Worship led by Mr Peter Kernaghan
Oct 13	10am	Olv. Sch.	We join the Breakfast Club
Oct 20	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
Oct 27	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 9th October. To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 17th October To book please ring 613241, or 612112

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

PRAYER MEETINGS Tuesdays 9.30am in Olv. Methodist Ch.

HOUSE GROUPS One on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10.30am at 7 The Green Olveston. Another on the 4th Wednesday at 10.30 Please ring 416528 for details of venue

CONTACT: Rev Pete Brazier Tel 01454 412269,

THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

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

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

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Oct 6	6.30pm	Rev Neil Mobbs
Oct 13	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Oct 20	6.30pm	Ray Anderson
Oct 27	6.30pm	Martin Taylor

Each Thurs at 7.00pm Prayer Time

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

Paul Ashford, 07774 110 814 or email: **Paul@CalebGroup.net**

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Family Worship 11.00am

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

www.THEDOORYOUTH.CO.UK or tel 07837234949

For more details, please phone 632564.

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

RESOUND (BCF)

-Twice monthly meetings are held at 4pm at Thornbury Baptist Church (Youth Block)

Contact 0117 3050969 www.bcfnet.com

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

Thornbury -

Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

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

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Thornbury

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

Local contact: Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603

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

Diary Dates for October 2013

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

1 st Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R.B.L.Women A.G.M.	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
2 nd Wed	Every Wed & Fri Vic Hallett Library open O.P.H.S .A.G.M. & Arthur Robbins Recalls	10.00-12.00 7.30pm	S+M
3 rd Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Open Mic. At White Hart	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 1.15-3.15 8.30pm	OS+ MH
5 th Sat	Coffee Morning Quiz at Sports & Social Club(Old Down).	10.30-12.00 8.15	MH
6 th Sun	Bingo every Sun at Sports & Social Cl.	8.30	
7 th Mon	Monday Movie	7.30pm	S+M
8 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Women's Institute Aust P.C.	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR DGCL TMH PH EVH
10 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Charity Bridge. (AMR) Th. & District Flower Cl. Demo.	9.00-12.00 1.15-3.15 2pm 7.30	OS+ MH PH TMH
12 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Harvest Supper	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	AVH MH PH
15 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R.B.L.Women - Bingo	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
16 th Wed	Free Forest Taster Session (Step. Stones) Severn Vale Flower Club Demo Olv Countryside Gp Charity Bingo Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	9.15-12.15 2.00pm 7.30pm 8.30pm	EVH AH MH
17 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 1.15-3.15	OS+ MH
19 th Sat	Coffee Morning & Line of Coins (Scouts)	10.30-12.00	MH
21 st Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	S+M

22 nd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15	WR DGCL TMH
23 rd Wed	Severn Valley Quilters-Talk Pirates of Penzance (TMTG)-26th	7.30pm 7.30pm	CH AH
24 th Thu	Coffee Shop Beat Surgery Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Cl. -Workshop	9.00-12.00 10.30-11.30 1.15-3.15 7.30pm	OS+ OS+ MH TMH
26 th Sat	Coffee Morning Car Boot Sale at Marlwood School Quiz at Sports & Social Cl. Gill Olewicz & friends Concert	10.30-12.00 1.30-3.00 8.15 7.30pm	MH StM
28 th Mon	Children's Movie Club Severn Vale Flower Club Practice	10.00 1.30pm	StM AH
29 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00	WR DGCL
30 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club Practice	1.30pm	AH
31 st Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Halloween Party	10.00-12.00 1.15-3.15 6-8pm	OS+ MH Chy
Looking ahead to November			
1 st	Aust Fireworks at Manor Farm	From 6pm	
23 rd	Christmas Fete at Olv. Meth.Ch. & Hall	10.30-3pm	

KEY: **AC** Aust Church; **ACR** – Almondsbury Church Rooms; **AH** – Armstrong Hall; **AMC** – Olveston Methodist Church; **AMH**- Alveston Methodist Hall; **AP** – Alexandra Pavilion; **AVH** – Aust Village Hall; ; **CH** – Cossham Hall; **Chy** – Chantry ;**CS** Castle Sch. **DGCL** – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; **EVH** – Elberton Village Hall; **LVH** Littleton Village Hall **MH** – Olveston Methodist Hall;**OMC** Olv Meth Ch **OS** – Olveston School; **OS+** – Olveston Stores; **OV** – Olveston Vicarage; **PH** – Olveston Parish Hall; **StM** St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church **SMH** St Mary,s Ch. Hall Thornbury;**TCh** Tockington Chapel **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; **URC** - Thornbury United Reform Church; **WR** – Wesley Rooms.

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