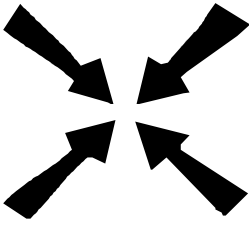


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From the Editor

There are a couple of items I would like to bring to your attention this month. The first is the article about the new defibrillators in Olveston, Old Down and Tockington. You never know when it might be you who needs to know more about these! The second is a Parish Council vacancy. If you live in the Parish of Aust, please think seriously about this.

Meeting Point would like to welcome the Rev. Ann Parker to the Yours Faithfully team with her first article for us. In the rest of the magazine, I hope you will find something to entertain, interest and inform you.

The cover: Autumn tints in Lower Hazel
photographed by Peter Haworth

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Village People: Tim and Liz Ross

Tim and Liz Ross have lived at Old Passage House, on the far side of the road from the old Aust ferry, for over thirty years. The house was for many years a coaching inn for the ferry, which was an important destination for the mail coaches from London, en route to South Wales and Ireland. It was originally operated with rowing boats, including 'The Great Boat', but by 1827 the Bristol built paddle steamer 'Worcester' was operating from Old Passage.

There has probably been a hostelry of some sort on the site from Roman times, when the ferry was known as the Trajectus Augusti. Indeed, some historians believe that Aust is named after Augustus, though others ascribe the name to St Augustine, who is said to have met the Welsh bishops on the beach at Aust. The existing house is believed to date from the 1600s or earlier and continued as an inn and small hotel until the latter half of the nineteenth century. The last recorded landlord was George York, from whom John Alway (a well-known parish councillor who was brought up in the house and still lives close by) is directly descended.

A ferry disaster and the building of the Severn Railway tunnel at Pilning spelt the death knell for the ferry and its more recent rival at New Passage. However the coming of the motor car brought a new lease of life to the river crossing; the rail tunnel was too small to allow cars to be carried by train. A new car ferry started in the 1920s and after a shaky start continued until the first Severn Bridge was opened in 1967. In their time, Tim and Liz duly watched the building of the second Severn Crossing from their windows, a project with which Tim was peripherally involved through his work in the construction industry.

Tim read law at Oxford, where he and Liz first met. Moving to London and getting married, Liz worked as a school teacher and Tim became a City solicitor specialising in construction and property. Recruited as an in-house legal adviser to George Wimpey, then one of Europe's largest construction groups, Tim travelled extensively on international business. He soon moved into general management and embarked on an executive career which eventually took him to the high reaches of the company. In more recent years, he has held senior board positions with a wide variety of public and private companies.

At Wimpey, Tim ended up with responsibility for a range of UK and international businesses, encompassing civil engineering, construction materials and services, waste disposal, open-cast coal-mining and quarrying. It was quarrying that first brought him to Bristol as a young managing director of Hobbs Quarries, whose large portfolio included, by chance, Harnhill quarry

at Olveston. Harnhill was the source of much of the building stone in the area and the current Elberton Village Hall, once part of the old vicarage, was until recently owned by the quarry company.

Tim and Liz bought Old Passage House in 1983 and have made Aust their home ever since, despite Tim soon returning to work in London. Their two children both went to Olveston School, before moving on to schools in Bristol. Their son now works as an accountant in New York, whilst their daughter, a solicitor, lives in London.

Some years ago, Tim and Liz acquired the Manor of Aust from the Lippincott family. The manorial system was the form of civil and judicial administration adopted by William the Conqueror. Aust Manor was recorded in Domesday Book as belonging to Thurstan, son of Rolf, and duly passed through numerous aristocratic hands, including Sir Samuel Astry and Sir Henry Cann Lippincott, who lived at Over Court and became Lord of the Manor in 1813. In modern times, manors have largely lost their land-owning significance, extending only to property which no-one else acquired when land was enclosed. Manors do however often enjoy a variety of ancient privileges, such as the right to wrecks, mines and minerals, sporting and fishing rights. At Aust these have included part-interests in the warth (old word for the grassy foreshore above low tide) and ferry, the village pound, the right to fish for salmon with wicker cages or putchers and the right to alabaster outcropping at the foot of Aust cliff.

Liz holds the registered title and is quietly amused that she is entitled to style herself as 'Lady of the Manor' or 'The Lady of Aust', but has no intention of doing so! Since 2013 the law has changed and the existence of manorial rights over other people's property must now be recorded at the Land Registry. If they are not, they will be lost when affected property is next sold. Tim has said that he will try get round to the registration process when he retires, but in the meantime is still busy with his ongoing business interests and voluntary activities.

Tim was a governor of Bristol University for some years and has just stood down as chairman of the governors at Clifton College. He is also an active member of the Society of Merchant Venturers, an ancient body which for many centuries controlled the Bristol port and still owns the Manor of Clifton. These days the Society continues to be jointly responsible for the Downs and for administering care-homes for the elderly and a number of Bristol schools, including Colston's.

Liz is an enthusiastic bridge player and Tim takes an active interest in country pursuits and historic motorsport. Despite their many interests away from the village, they really enjoy living where they do and have absolutely no intention of moving anywhere else in the foreseeable future. If ever!

Defibrillators

There are now three public access defibrillators within the Meeting Point area: at Green Lane garage in Olveston, outside the Pavilion at the recreation ground in Old Down and opposite The Swan pub in Tockington. These **Automated External Defibrillators (AED)** are provided locally to be quickly accessible. They are in bright green boxes with a green light above. Inside the green box is the AED itself and a small package of extra equipment (scissors gloves etc.). The AED is a small portable device (similar in size to a loaf of bread) which can be used by completely untrained people to save lives. These defibrillators are very safe and 'user friendly'.

If you are with someone who 'collapses' or complains of chest pains, when you ring 999 ambulance control will send the paramedics. They will also tell you where the nearest defibrillator is and the code for opening the green box and they will advise you about commencing resuscitation, whilst someone collects the defibrillator.

The defibrillator itself has very simple instructions and 'talks you through the procedure'. It will assess the heart rhythm and will only deliver shock treatment if it is appropriate. It is extremely safe and can be used for adults and children. It is estimated that many lives could be saved by prompt treatment with a defibrillator when the heart has stopped beating effectively. There is no need to wait for the paramedics before using the defibrillator. It cannot harm the patient.

The defibrillators are looked after by a 'Guardian' and all the equipment is checked every fortnight. (Local guardians are Ian Macdonald 01454 613846 and Catherine Offer 01454 612719). Further information www.aedlocator.org

Watch this space for further information about resuscitation training and why not check the location of your nearest AED green box.

Catherine Offer writes: "the Old Down defibrillator was taken to a patient just 10 days after being installed! It was not used but it was good to know that it was available for use 5 minutes before the paramedics arrived. I was informed as Guardian of the Old Down (and Tockington) defibrillator so that I could check all the equipment was back in place afterwards. Good to know the system works."

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Tom Fothergill

The Council noted the news of Tom's death, with sadness. He had served as clerk to the Council for over 25 years, only retiring five years ago, when he was about 85. He had given outstanding and distinguished service to the Council.

John Alway

Councillor John Alway has given notice to retire as a parish councillor after many years' membership, during which he represented the Aust end of the parish. At its September meeting, the Council noted his long and dedicated service to the Council and expressed its thanks to him. He will be missed by his fellow councillors.

Vacancy

As a result of John Alway's resignation, there will be a vacancy on the Council. This is being advertised from 1 October 2014, and a notice will be put on the parish notice boards that day. Any 10 electors may give notice to South Gloucestershire Council requiring a poll, in which case nominations may be made for an election. If no poll is demanded, the Council will co-opt a new member. The Council will set the procedure at its October meeting.

If you are interested in serving as a Councillor, or would like more information about the process, please get in touch with me on 01454 416422.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th October 2014.

Sevenside Safer Stronger Community Group

The next meeting is at 7pm on Wednesday 29th October in Easter Compton Hall. This meeting will be addressed by Sue Mountstevens, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and everyone is welcome.

Anyone wishing to know more about Safer Stronger Community Groups can contact the Sevenside chairman Colin Williams-Lock (07885 318536) or Jacqui Ward, Community Engagement Officer (01454 864625 office hours).

Oveston Parish Matters

Richard Rogers (olvestonpc@gmail.com)

The **Carers Support Centre** based at the Vassall Centre (Fishponds) recently gave Oveston Parish Council a presentation on their work with carers of any age living in the Bristol and South Glos areas. Informal and unpaid carers save local health and social care services a staggering £1.19 billion every year, and yet are often left to cope.

Anyone could find themselves in the unexpected position of looking after someone close who has become suddenly ill or permanently disabled, and people who have cared over a long period of time discover that the strain can take its toll. All carers at some point need information; need to talk to someone outside the family; need help to gain a new perspective on their situation. The Carers Support Centre provide '**CarersLine**' to listen and try to answer concerns including how to access services; financial issues; options for taking a break; even legal questions.

The **Carers Emergency Card** is a free service that can provide up to 72 hours of support to ensure the person cared for continues to receive the care they need in the event of their carer having an accident or emergency. The Carer Support Centre also runs a **sitting service** in South Glos. This is run with volunteers, who give carers a 2 or 3 hour break once a week. Volunteers go through a robust recruitment and selection process and are carefully matched with a family. Information is available at www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk or by contacting 0117 965 2200. The Support Centre is keen to expand the sitting service, and eager to talk to those who would consider volunteering.

The Council would also like to remind residents that **bagged dog waste** can be put into any of the public litter bins emptied by South Glos Council – these have now been labeled accordingly.

Oveston British Legion Women's Section

On behalf of all our members I would like to thank everyone who collected their 2p's and 1p's to cover our big poppy. The money raised was £281.78p which has been forwarded to our H.Q. for our Welfare Fund for Widows and Orphans. This is an outstanding amount and we are truly grateful. Many, many thanks again. Judy Bulley (Secretary).

News from St Mary's Olveston

'The Great War Remembered' promises to be an inspiring and moving commemoration of the First World War. Directed and produced by Linda Evans, it features drama, prose, poetry and song, and, more poignantly, a number of personal local family letters written from the front line, being read out by members of those families. The story of the war in the air and at sea also plays a prominent part, so it will be informative as well as nostalgic.

There are over a hundred images and slides being relayed onto the screen, and there are sound effects too. It all takes place at St Mary's Church on October 17th & 18th at 7.30pm. Tickets are only £5 from June Robbins 617491 or Roly 616593. The British Legion is, of course, taking part too, and all profits will go to the Poppy Appeal, as will the proceeds from the retiring bucket collection at the door. You might want to bring a cushion since it is likely to be a three hour show including the interval. The bar will be open serving soft drinks, beer and wine, both beforehand and during the interval. There will also be a small exhibition of various local and personal mementoes, medals and artefacts.

St Mary's Harvest Festival is on October 5th at 11am, and Sister Annaliese from the Community of the Sisters of the Church in Bristol will be preaching. It is they who receive our gifts of tins and imperishable foods to feed the homeless in Bristol. This will be followed by a few traditional games like apple-bobbing, and the now traditional lunch of pork in a roll with stuffing, and crumble. Tickets for lunch are still only £2, £1 for children.

St Mary's next major fundraising campaign is called **'Bridge to Guatampuri'**, but we're not building a bridge! We're hoping to raise £15,000 to build a brick multi-purpose community, health and educational building in the middle of a slum area in India. Many of the actual agencies who will use the building already exist but this would bring them all together under one roof. The Bridge in the title refers to the Bridge Trust, a local Christian charity based in Almondsbury who have been working there for nearly twenty years, so we are working under their auspices and can gift aid donations to them.

The launch is on November 1st at noon, so put the date in your diary. More information from Roly (roly@rolybain.co.uk) or Gail Lowe 612709. In the past, with our appeals for mosquito nets and then eye clinics, we've raised the amount within six months. We hope you will help us do this equally quickly!

From the Registers of St Mary's, Olveston

6th September 2014

Wedding of Terry Mahony and Elinor Bennett

7th September 2014

Adult Baptism of Louise Katheryne Parcell

From the Registers of St John's, Aust

28th August 2014

Following cremation at Canford, a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Thomas Fothergill, aged 89, was attended by a large gathering of his family and friends at 12.30pm.

Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in the September draw, held on 4th September 2014 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	318	Mrs A Harley, Olveston
£75	358	Mrs S Toft, Olveston
£25	432	Mrs J Prothero, Buckover
£25	597	Mr & Mrs P Haworth, Olveston
£25	562	Dr E Saunders, Olveston
£20	238	Mrs P Vincent, Olveston
£20	563	Mr B Brown, Olveston
£20	476	Mrs A Harley, Olveston
£10	283	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£10	406	Mrs S Slade, Littleton-upon-Severn
£10	501	Revd D Bone, Tockington
£10	166	Mrs E Dobson, Rudgeway

The Merchant Venturers of Bristol

Olveston Parish Historical Society www.olveston.com.historical-society
Wednesday, 1 October 2014, 7.30pm, Olveston Methodist Church

Meetings open to all

After a short AGM, local resident Pat Denney will give us an illustrated talk on 'The Merchant Venturers of Bristol', covering their history from the original charter of 1552 to the present day.

She will deal with their running of the city port of Bristol and their importance in the local economy, including their involvement in the slave trade. She will be using archive sources wherever possible and making a number of local references; for example, Henry Casamajor, who is buried in St Mary's Church, Olveston, was a member of the Society. However most of the archive material will refer to more ordinary folk, rather than 'the great and the good'.

She will describe the Venturers' contribution to education in the city - through the Colston's Schools and the Merchant Venturers' Technical College, out of which grew UWE. They have also played a part in relation to older people, through almshouse provision and the St Monica Home on the Downs.

All are welcome. Come along on the night and pay for a single meeting or join for the year. There are seven talks this season, including this one. The rates will be decided at the brief AGM this evening but are likely to stay the same as, or rise to not much more than, last year's rates, which were £5 for annual membership, £2 for a single meeting. Definite value for money!



The original Merchants Hall in King Street

South Glos Mobile Library

The autumn timetable for the mobile library in the local area is as follows:

dates

October 6th and 20th
November 3rd and 17th
December 1st, 15th and 29th

places and times

Olveston: Orchard Rise 11.10 – 11.25, Daldry Gardens 11.30 – 11.50
Littleton on Severn: Old Post Office 12.00 – 12.15

Almondsbury Surgery

Seasonal 'flu clinic

Saturday 4th October 2014, Old School Hall Almondsbury, 9 00 – 12 noon

This clinic is only for patients who are registered with Almondsbury Surgery and who are entitled to free vaccination because they fall into a clinical risk group.

If you are unsure of your entitlement please ring or ask at the surgery. For general information check our website at www.almondsburysurgery.nhs.uk Patients not entitled to free vaccination who would like to be vaccinated should contact GPCARE who can direct them to their nearest clinic. For more information or to book an appointment please call GPCARE on 0845 468 2104 or alternatively email them at info@gpcare.org.uk

Olveston & Tockington W.I.

On October 14th, we will be hearing about "Hats with Tales" – sounds intriguing – don't know quite what sort of tales we'll be hearing, but I do know that Margaret Giess is bringing a sizeable selection of headgear – everything from ladies' posh hats to helmets. Members (and guests) are very welcome to bring a hat with them (could be a home-made one), but I'm willing to bet that no-one will have a story to beat the one about the first ever stetson – made in Coalpit Heath would you believe!

We meet in the Parish Hall at 7.30 and visitors are welcome to join us at any of our evenings.

St Peter's Hospice Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be held in the Village Hall at Falfield on Saturday 11th October between 10.00am and 12noon. Entrance to include tea/coffee and cake £2.00. Stalls, Bring and Buy table and raffle. Please come along and support St Peter's, your local Hospice.

Flights of Fancy: Hawks and Falcons

Trevor Cook

Perhaps the easiest falcon to spot is the kestrel which can be seen hovering, face into the wind waiting to pounce upon a mouse or a beetle in the grass. It's only bird that can hover like that and is therefore instantly recognisable along the roadside or in the fields.



Kestrel
©Andreas Trepte

Turning to the hawk family the most likely to visit our gardens is the sparrow hawk which is less visible because it catches its prey with a surprise attack and a frantic chase through the bushes. Often you will only see them for a second and, before you know what is happening, it has snatched a bird off the bird-table. Once it has a meal it

will sit, seemingly unconcerned, plucking and eating it on the lawn.

Peregrine falcons can also be seen in the area but you have to go a little bit further afield. Oldbury Power Station is a good place to spot them or in summer they can be seen nesting at Symonds Yat and in the Avon Gorge where the RSPB and Bristol Ornithological Club respectively set up telescopes to watch them.

Along the banks of the Severn you can find our smallest falcon which is the merlin; however, it is often a distance away across the open marsh and you really need a telescope. As winter approaches the number of birds will increase as the northern freeze will send them to us.



Sparrow hawk
©Sylvia Duckworth

Finally, to go really wild take a trip next March to the 'New Fancy View' observation point in the Forest of Dean where you and all the other 'twitchers' can stand and hope to glimpse the goshawk performing its mating flight which involves soaring up into the air and descending into the forest.

For New Fancy View see

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/gloucestershire/places/316167/>

October

Angela Daymond

I'm often taken by the harmony of trees with our lives. When we need some relief from the summer sun, the trees are in splendid full leaf to shade us and just when we're getting a bit low, thinking about those dreary winter nights ahead, they put on a grand finale of colour to brighten the landscape, golds, reds, yellows and browns of every hue. Then politely they drop their foliage to allow the maximum of the milky winter sun shine through until we need that shade again next year.

Wildlife enjoys this synergy with nature too. Just as hibernating animals are looking for a winter den, trees throw down a warm blanket of leaves; autumn winds might loosen a branch for insects to hunker down beneath the bark; berries on the fruiting trees are appreciated right on time by the arriving flocks of northern thrushes - fieldfares and redwings - the early arrivals from Scandinavia and Iceland. Many berries will not germinate until they have been through a bird's gut, so the favour afforded by the tree is often repaid.

Also prominent at this time is 'old man's beard' - wild clematis. It can swamp many a fence or hedgerow with its tufts of white seed heads. Teasels are in seed providing a great meal for goldfinch flocks. Teasel heads were once used by us for teasing out sheep wool ready for spinning. They say if teasels are common then it denotes an ancient cottage weaving industry was once in that area. (No idea if that's true or not).

So enjoy the special colours of autumn while you can, as one unexpected early frost can end a tree's show overnight.

South Glos. Ladies Lunch Club

Why not join our friendly Ladies Lunch club? We meet 12.15 - 3pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month, October to March at The Old School Hall, Lower Almondsbury for a 3 course lunch plus coffee, followed by a speaker or event. Membership is £16.00 for the 6 months plus lunch at £7.50.

Tel. Hilary Broad: 01454 619554 or 07876 666458 for more information or to confirm your visit.

1st Olveston Scouts

Line of Coins and Coffee Morning, Saturday 18th October

Yes, it's that time of year again when the Scouts aim to make a Line of Coins run from the Crusty Loaf bakery, through the village to Olveston Stores.

Come and join us for tea, coffee and some splendid homemade cakes, in the Methodist Hall, Olveston. And if there is one thing I know, it's that the Scout parents make exceedingly good cakes!

Start saving all that loose change now as our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts compete to see which section can raise the most money for our group. So, if you don't want us to pester you later in the year with raffle tickets, please be generous - this is our only fund raiser.
Nikki Clarke

Poppy appeal 2014

Volunteer collectors are required for Aust Motorway Services during remembrance tide October 25th to November 8th. Can you spare 2 hours on any day between 10am and 4pm during the above dates? If you can, please contact Stan Bradburn Poppy Appeal Organiser on 07785 340366 Any assistance will be much appreciated.

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners September:

£50 John Moody £15 Alan Maunder £5 Iain Murdoch

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

16th August Richard Panes 23rd August Diane Grosvenor
30th August Tracey Jarvis 6th September Richard Panes

Diary Dates:

Annual Dinner/Dance at Old Down Manor Friday 17th October £32.00
Ascot Races 'Christmas Shopping' Meeting Friday 21st November:
Breakfast Bap/Premier Enclosure/Cash Raffle/Return Coach £40.00

Up the Down!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Movies at St Mary's: Oct

Trevor Anderson



St Mary's Movie Club in Olveston is now into its fifth year. We show films for the 'grown-ups' on the first and third Monday evenings of each month and for 'children of all ages' every Monday morning during school holidays.

Our **Movie Club Autumn Programme** has just been published and you can pick up copies from just inside the church door. If you are already a member, you'll have received your copy by email.

There will be THREE Movie Club films in October. If you haven't yet been, do come along. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book:

MONDAY MOVIES (*Recent releases and ever-popular classics*)

Mon 6th October at 7.30pm: A penniless couple. A dying heiress. A temptation no one could resist. An exquisitely mounted romantic gem of a film set in Venice and starring Helena Bonham Carter. (1997) *Cert 15*.

MONDAY MOVIES EXTRA (*'Non-mainstream' films and historic classics*)

Mon 20th October at 7.30pm: The "feel-good-or-die" story of Britain's Got Talent winner Paul Potts's rise from Carphone Warehouse obscurity to opera-belted fame. (2013) *Cert 15*

CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB (*Monday mornings at 10.00am in the hols*)

Mon 27th October: Emmet and his friends go on an epic journey to stop the evil tyrant, Lord Business, a journey for which Emmet is hopelessly and hilariously unprepared. (2014) *Cert U*

Refreshments available at all the shows (plus licensed bar in the evenings). 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.

Thornbury Picture House Screening

'In The House' (15)

A French subtitled film following the story of a teenage boy and a school project he secretly bases on the family of a fellow student. This intrusion unleashes a series of events - there is a fine line between fact and fiction, truth and lies, and an individual's need for attention. (Drama)
Cossham Hall at 7.30pm, Friday 10th October, £5 on the door for non-members.

Can you Handel it?

Thornbury Choral Society (TCS) is offering you four ways to get involved with choral music this autumn, whether you wish to join the choir or just dip your toe as a singer or audience member.

The choir has been bringing concerts to the community for over 50 years and has 95 members. With Dr Steven Kings holding the baton, this non-audition choir rehearses hard to achieve a high standard of performance. The members would like to invite you to get involved!

Option 1. You can join the society from 8 September (7.30 for 8pm start at the United Reformed Church, corner of Rock St and Chapel St) and rehearse Handel's *Messiah* for the concert performance with orchestra and soloists on 22nd November. Experienced and novice singers welcome.

Option 2. Curious as to what's involved in a rehearsal? Come to the open rehearsal on Monday 13th October and have a listen as Dr Kings puts the choir through its paces. Join in if you wish!

*The **Big BIG Handel Day** at the Castle School on Saturday 18 October is a TCS outreach event, kindly supported by Magnox, in collaboration with Thornbury Orchestra, offers 2 options. Whether you want to have a go at singing, or bring your youngsters along to hear a choir and orchestra, or if you've never been to a live choral performance before and would like to have a taster, get on board!*

Option 3. Come and Sing! If you've always wanted to sing the *Hallelujah Chorus* in a large choir, the morning session is for you. Singers will need to prepare Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* using BBC online resources, get to know their notes, and come to the Big Sing from 10am-12.30pm. Dr Steven Kings will cover the basics of choral and vocal technique and, with members of the choir to give a strong lead, a rousing rendition will be enjoyed by 12.30pm!

A similar event was held in Charfield two years ago, and 120 villagers went home high as kites. They sounded pretty wonderful, too! TCS would like to offer Thornbury the same opportunity.

Option 4. Fun-Size Messiah 4 Families If you have children or grandchildren and would like them to see and hear an orchestra and choir in the flesh (and at full throttle), then join us from 3-4pm. In collaboration with Thornbury Orchestra and with guest soprano, some of the most popular choruses will be sung, and there will be plenty of fun besides – everyone can

join in the warm-up (massed raspberry-blowing, for example) and there will be some surprises!

Tickets required for either session – available from the Town Hall, Thornbury, from 1 September.

For all details see our website www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk or contact Julia O'Connor-Beach on 01454 260877.

South Glos DFAS

New Season's Programme for South Glos Design & Fine Arts Society

Are you interested in design and the arts? Why not come along and meet the friendly members of SGDFAS who have evening meetings at Bradley Stoke Community School, Fiddlers Wood Lane, BS32 9BS. Each evening starts at 7pm with refreshments and a chance to meet other likeminded members followed by welcome and the talk at 7.30pm. This year we will hear talks from experts, usually illustrated with slides, that include The History of Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey), Hans Christian Anderson, The Shakers, Art Deco Ceramics, Picasso & Cubism and David Hockney. There will also be several visits and we are planning a study day too.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 16th October at 7 pm when Tom Denny will talk to us about 'New Stained Glass in Ancient Buildings'. New members very welcome – easy parking and good access to hall. Please check our website for the latest information <http://sgdfas.org.uk>. Members come from all over the South Glos and surrounding area so don't feel you need to live in Bradley Stoke to join us. For further information please contact our Chairman, Sally Kitching by phone on [01454 774401](tel:01454774401) or by email to sallykitching@googlemail.com

- No artistic ability required – simply an enquiring mind and an interest in Design and the Arts –

Alveston Gardens Association

Please come and join us at our meeting at the Jubilee Hall, Alveston, on 6th October at 7.30pm when Duncan Coombs will be looking at "The Shaded Garden". Visitors (£2) will be made welcome.

The following meeting on November 3rd will be our AGM.



Lest We Forget

Octopus Drama Group are very excited to announce that they have been given permission by Sir Ben Elton and Richard Curtis to perform two episodes from the famous Blackadder Goes Forth series. The two episodes, 'Corporal Punishment' and 'Goodbye' will be performed as part of a show to commemorate the First World War. The plays will be directed by Sarah Cullyer, a relatively new, and very enthusiastic, member of the Octopus group.

The remainder of the show, which will be entitled 'Lest We Forget', will include songs, poems and readings from the war. Director Alison Bagnall, assisted by Jenny Dennis, has been very busy researching the First World War era and has compiled an evening full of pathos and humour which depicts the British spirit and the horrors of the war in equal measure. In 2008 Alison also wrote and directed 'Spirits of the Past' which will long be remembered as one of our most popular shows. History is definitely her thing!!

A thought provoking evening with touches of humour and many songs that you will recognize and some that you may not. This is a show not to be missed. All proceeds will go to The Royal British Legion.

'Lest We Forget' will run from Wednesday October 8 to Saturday October 11 at Christ the King Church Hall (Porch House). Performances will start at 7.30pm.

Tickets are on sale, from R A Bennett on The Plain Thornbury or call 01454 413783 Adults £7 Concessions £6

Crazy For You

Not yet bought your tickets for “Crazy For You”? Then don’t delay! Just a reminder that the show, which is set in the 1930s, is packed full of romance, comedy, lively dancing and memorable songs including “I got Rhythm” and “They can’t take that away from me” and is being performed by Thornbury Musical Theatre Group at the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury from 22nd to 25th October. Performances are 7.30 nightly with a matinee performance at 2.30 pm on Saturday.

When “Crazy For You” opened on Broadway in 1992 it won “Best Musical” and the following year won “Best New Musical” in the West End. Tickets are available on line at www.tmtg.org.uk by ordering and collecting at R.A. Bennett, Estate Agents, the Plain, Thornbury, or by ringing Angie on 07516 270140. Ticket prices are: raised £12 (£10 concession), family £36: flat £10 (£8 concession), family £30: group discount 10% for 10 or more.

Classical Music Concert

With Roger Huckle and Members of the Bristol Ensemble

Saturday 18th 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.

Back by popular demand after two wonderful autumn Thornbury concerts, Roger and members of The Ensemble will design a programme to enthral and entertain.

What a treat to experience great music in the intimate surroundings of the Cossham Hall played to perfection by the Bristol Ensemble, a musician's collective inspired and led by Roger Huckle which brings together the best of the region's performers and is noted for its accessible, passionate, warm and virtuosic performances.

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 18th 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.

Thornbury Library

The Discover Festival 11 September – 31 October

The Discover Festival is an exciting programme of over 200 events – of which over 150 are free! There is something for everyone to discover and enjoy this autumn throughout South Gloucestershire. The festival presents a showcase of local groups, events and places. For more information and booking, please see our website for full details www.southglos.gov.uk/discover or follow our Facebook page www.facebook.com/discoversouthglos. Printed programmes available from your nearest South Gloucestershire Library.

Highlights at Thornbury Library include:

Wednesday 1 October 7.30 pm (doors open 7.00 pm)

Talk by adventurer Jon Gupta – the first Thornburian to climb Everest.

Wednesday 22 October 7.30 pm (doors open 7.00 pm)

A team of actors will present “**Death at the Daffodil**”. Vinny Valentino, the owner of the historic Daffodil Theatre and Gardens, has been found dead in his office minutes before the curtain is due to rise on the charity gala. Use your detective skills to decide which of the assorted suspects is responsible for this deadly deed.

For both the above events tickets are available to book online. Alternatively, enquire at Thornbury Library (email: thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk tel. 01454 868006). Entrance fee £2 payable on the door. Hearing loop available - if required please request this when you arrive on the night.

NEW – “Where’s Bookstart Bear?” hunt especially for pre-schoolers and their families. Join our bear hunt around Thornbury. Each month we will hide a picture of Bookstart Bear in the window of a different shop or business. If you find our special poster, return to Thornbury Library to tell us where you found the Bookstart Bear poster, and what book he was reading. If you can find the poster we will enter you into our prize draw. Post your pics of the Bookstart Bear hunt posters to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/sgloslibraries

NEW – Chatterbooks Reading Group for children aged 9-11 years. Are you in Year 5 or Year 6 at primary school? Do you love books? If so read on....

We will be launching a new Chatterbooks group meeting monthly on Saturday afternoons from 2.30pm-3.30pm in Thornbury Library. There is no cost to take part. Please register your interest wither by visiting Thornbury Library in person or by email: thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk Don't forget to include your name and age in your message.

Could you provide a loving home?

With about 100 children and young people coming into care each year in South Gloucestershire, we need more families to help look after them at this potentially vulnerable time in their lives. Children come into care for many different reasons. Some may have experienced a family crisis and coming into care is the only option for them.

However, nationally there is a shortage of people coming forward to foster older children and young people, and we are looking for people who have the time, energy (and room) to give a young person who needs a loving home. Our foster carers are people of all ages and backgrounds, and we welcome people from all walks of life.

Every child or young person who comes into care needs a home with a loving family where they can feel cared for and safe and where they have someone to listen to them. Caring for someone during a vulnerable period in their lives can be one of the most rewarding opportunities anyone can give.

To ensure the welfare of our children and carers is paramount, we provide training and support, as well as financial support to ensure our carers can provide the care and attention a young person needs.

If you would like to help care for a young person but don't feel you can offer the commitment of fostering, then you might like to consider offering short breaks for disabled children and young people. To become a short break carer you need to be able to care for a disabled child or young person in your home for a minimum of one weekend a month. This can increase if you feel able to offer more regular visits.

Short break care (called Share the Care) allows carers to develop long term relationships with the child they are looking after, and their family and suits people who can offer short break care.

If you think you are ready for the challenge of making a difference to a young person's life by fostering, or if you are interested in becoming a short break carer, please telephone 01454 866423 for an informal chat.

Yours faithfully

Rev. Ann Parker

Aust revisited

I was ordained in 1996 as a non-stipendiary priest, my training incumbent was David Harrex, and I like to think that we worked well together. It's very strange to be a curate, learning new stuff, when you have been a teacher for 30 years and know all about everything! As many of you know, one of my first jobs as David's curate was looking after Aust, and here we are again.

I was working as a Chaplain at Southmead hospital the first time I was looking after Aust, but I was part-time and felt I could manage. A couple of years later I was full time and the whole thing became too much so I resigned, with much regret but it had to be.

Will it be the same? No, of course it won't, people change, circumstances change, I have changed. I'd like to say I have got wiser but I doubt that! I hope I have picked up a few wrinkles, in every sense, on the way. I have certainly gained a few pounds. I like to think I have become more tolerant and more understanding of people and situations. You will have to judge that when I get there, those of you who know me, that is!

Aust has changed, people have moved on, new people have moved in, there have been deaths and births, new houses built but, interestingly, the landlord and lady of The Boar's Head are the same and I'm looking forward to the reunion!

The church itself has changed, we are in our 3rd Archbishop of Canterbury and finally, and with heartfelt thanks on my part, the Church of England has completed the job and voted to have women Bishops.....hooray. Change can be good. I know there are people who complain about it, but without change we would still be stuck in the Dark Ages. Change for change's sake is not, generally, very good, but change because times move on can be very positive and I look forward to being part of it, and working with you and God to bring love and laughter to our time together.

Bosom Buddies

October is the month for Breast Awareness so we are holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 15 October at 10.30 am at 32 Oakleaze Road, Thornbury. The £1 entrance fee will also cover coffee and biscuits. Please ring Jennie on 01454 884177 if you require further details.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Oct 5	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	11am	Harvest Festival with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe & Sister Annaliese(loaves & Fishes)
	6pm	Evensong	Mr Denis Jones
Oct 12	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mrs JMcBride & Rev RBain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev. Philip Rowe
Oct 19	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev A Lloyd & Rev D Bone
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mr T Cook & Rev R Bain
Oct 26	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Rev Roly Bain
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev P Rowe & Mr D Foot

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 Chancel

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

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Oct 12	5.30	Holy Communion.	Rev Ann Parker
Oct 26	5.30	Evening Service	Rev Ann Parker

Focal Minister: Rev Ann Parker, 01454 632329

Church Wardens: Terry McLeavy 633680 Janet Ford 633300

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Oct 5	9am	Matins	Mrs Tracey Black
Oct 19	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Oct 12	9am	Family Service	Sandra Edgerton
Oct 26	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Oct 5	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch. Tock Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle Evening Worship led by Mr Ken Thomas
Oct 12	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Damon Ujvarosy. Breakfast Cl. will join us later in the service
Oct 19	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
Oct 26	10am	Olv.Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev. Sandy Williams

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 8th October. To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15pm in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 16th October. To book please ring 613241 or 612112

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

PRAYER MEETINGS Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 in Olv. Methodist Church.

HOUSE GROUPS One on the 14th Oct at 10.30am at 7 The Green Olveston. Another led by Rev Sandy Williams Ring 416528 for details of venue .

THE OLVESTON INTERNET CAFÉ Olveston Methodist Hall
Monday 2-4pm Wednesday 10-12 Friday 7-9pm

Ring 07833 354672 or 07957 433091 for further information.

CONTACT: Rev Pete Brazier Tel 01454 418176,

e-mail pete@thebigfishcafe.co.uk

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 5	6.30pm	Tony McQueen
Oct 12	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Oct 19	6.30pm	Mike Jenkinson.
Oct 26	6.30pm	Ed Stuart

Each Thurs at 7.30pm 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

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 2014

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

1 st Wed	O.P.H.S. AGM & Talk - Merchant Venturers	7.30pm	OMC
2 nd Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Open Mic. At White Hart	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 8.30pm	OS+ MH
3 rd Fri	St Peter's Hospice Golf Day Th. Golf Club	From 11.00	
4 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
5 th Sun	Bingo every Sun at Sports & Social club	8.15	AP
6 th Mon	Mobile Library Orchard Rise (also 20 th) Mobile Library Daldry Gardens (also 20 th) Mobile Library Littleton P. O. (also 20 th) Monday Movie	11.00-11.25 11.30-11.50 12.00-12.15 7.30pm	S+M
7 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R.B.L. Women's A.G.M. & American Supper	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
8 th Wed	'Lest We Forget' Octopus Theatre Gp -11th	7.30pm	CTK
9 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Club. Practice	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 7.30pm	OS+ MH TMH
11 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Harvest Supper	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	AVH MH PH
14 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café W.I. - Hats with Tales Aust Parish Council	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR DGCL TMH PH EVH
15 th Wed	Brain Tumour Support Group. Bosom Buddies Coffee Morning Severn. Vale. Flower Cl. Demonstration Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	10.30pm 10.00-1pm 2.00pm 8.30pm	AH
16 th Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OS+ MH
17 th Fri	The Great War Remembered	7.30pm	S+M
18 th Sat	Coffee Morning The Great Remembered	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH S+M

	Big Handel Day at Castle School	10.00am	
20 th Mon	Mobile Library See Oct 6 th for details Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
21 st Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R.B.L. Women's Section Bingo	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
22 nd Wed	Beat Surgery 'Crazy For You' TMTG (incl. Sat Matinee)	10.30-11.30 7.30pm	OS+ AH
23 rd Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OS+ MH
25 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
27 th Mon	Children's Movie Club Severn Vale. Flower Cl. Practice	10.00 1.30pm	StM AH
28 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Olv. Parish Council meeting	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm	WR DGCL TMH AP
29 th Wed	S.S.C.G.Meeting with Sue Mountstevens	7pm	E Com
30 th Thu	Coffee Shop	10.00-12.00	OS+

Looking ahead to November

9 th	Remembrance Parade		
22 nd	Olv Methodist Ch. Christmas Fayre		

KEY: **AC** Aust Church; **AH** Armstrong Hall; **AMC** Alveston Methodist Church; **AMH** Alveston Methodist Hall; **AP** Alexandra Pavilion; **AVH** Aust Village Hall; **CH** Cossham Hall; **Chy** Chantry; **CS** Castle Sch.; **DGCL** Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; **EVH** Elberton Village Hall; **LVH** Littleton Village Hall; **MH** Olveston Methodist Hall; **OMC** Olv Meth Ch; **OS** Olveston School; **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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