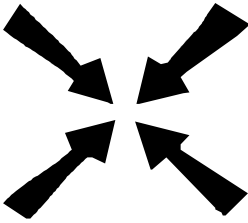


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From the Editor

25th October, St Crispin's Day, marks a momentous anniversary: 600 years since the Battle of Agincourt.

I remember talking about the Hundred Years War with French friends. We found that they hadn't heard of the famous battles that the English had won, while I hadn't heard of the ones that the French had won. An interesting comment on different national views of history, and a cautionary tale even in these days when we have access to so many sources of news.

As it happens, 25th October is also the day the clocks go back, marking the end of BST. An extra hour in bed – yippee!

This month's cover is a painting by Kate Hickman.

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Get to know your Parish Councillors

Pat Thirkettle

Our series of profiles introducing the recently elected Olveston Parish Councillors concludes this month with Geoff Anderson and Tom Witherbed. By now you should be able to put faces to all the names!

Tom Witherbed

Tom was five or six when his parents bought Olveston Stores in the late 1980's so he is very local! He went to Olveston School where he met his future wife Charlotte, then to Marlwood, followed by a year at what was then Pershore Horticultural College.

He worked for John Garrett for a few years and then Almondsbury Garden Centre before leaving the horticultural industry for construction, settling with a local company and he now runs a drainage and utility surveying business.



He played football for Olveston from youth to senior level, did bar duty in the old Queen Alexandra pavilion, worked in Olveston Stores, worked in the White Hart and even appeared one year for the Parish Players. He briefly lived away from Olveston in the late 90s, but was back in the village in early 2000s before buying a house with Charlotte in Bramley Close.

Recently they moved to Elberton Road, and with their first daughter Evie starting school and second daughter Bella arriving, Tom began to think he would like to put something back into the community that nurtured him. He mentioned an interest in the Parish Council, attended the public meetings and decided to stand for election.

He sits on the Planning Committee with responsibility for various other projects. Tom, along with fellow councillors, is aware of important issues ahead due to increased responsibilities for Parish Councils, and he hopes to be able to contribute to responsible decisions.

Geoff Anderson

Geoff is Bristol born and bred, moving to Olveston with his wife Karen in 2000 for a quieter way of life. They have three children and four grandchildren. He was apprenticed at Bristol Aerospace and worked in engineering for ten years. In 1979 he joined the police as a constable and worked his way through the ranks to become Detective Chief Superintendent, Head of CID, for Avon and Somerset Constabulary until his retirement in 2009. After retirement he became an advisor to the Police, Home Office and Department of Health in his role as an expert in sexual violence.



He is a keen sportsman having played football, rugby and cricket for local clubs in North Bristol. He is a keen golfer, being a member and past Captain of Filton Golf Club. He plays skittles for the White Hart Colts and, until its demise, cricket for Old Down Relics. He is also a keen allotment owner and member of the committee.

Nine months before the Parish Council elections he was co-opted to look at business processes, as he is also qualified in business management. He believes he can offer various transferable skills to support the Parish which he describes as vibrant and active and a pleasure to be included in. At present he is Chair of the steering group overseeing projects and development for future progress in the Parish, in relation to housing, cemetery, retail services etc. An article by Geoff expanding on this theme appears elsewhere in the magazine. With the Parish Council's increased responsibility, Geoff is keen that all views should be valued. He believes that local people are best placed to influence the future. It is important to listen to local representation to assist the Parish Council to make informed decisions.

Olveston Parish Autumn Supper

The Parish Autumn Supper (formerly the Harvest Supper) will be held in **Olveston Parish Hall** on **Saturday October 17th at 7.30**. Catering is by AHM Caterers.

Tickets are £11 and are available from the following:

The Crusty Loaf

June Robbins – Tel No. 617491

Pat Savage - Tel. No 610388

Olveston Parish Historical Society

Programme: October 2015 – April 2016

All events take place at the Methodist Church, The Street, Olveston BS35 4DR at 7.30 pm. Payment on the night will buy you membership and admission to the whole season of talks. (Annual membership rate to be decided at AGM – just £5 last year!) Alternatively, you can pay for a single meeting. Open to all - everyone very welcome – just turn up!

Wed. 7th Oct. 2015, 7.30

The first meeting will consist of a very short AGM (half an hour), followed by a lively, illustrated talk by Alan Freke, telling **Hidden Stories of Frenchay Hospital** – you are guaranteed to discover some things you did not know!

Wed. 4th November 2015

In this 800th anniversary year, Jane Tozer will give us her account of **King John and Magna Carta**.

Wed. 2nd December 2015

Cyril Routley will describe to us **Life at Sea on the SS Great Britain, based on Passenger Diaries**.

Wed. 6th January 2016

In a talk postponed from earlier this year, Ronald Hutton, professor of history at the University of Bristol and well-known from TV, will follow up an earlier talk he gave to the society about the English Civil War by giving us his analysis of what happened when the Commonwealth period ended and monarchy was restored. His talk is entitled **Charles II: Monarch in a Masquerade** and is sure to be lively.

Wed. 3rd February 2016

Dr. Andy Flack will tell us how Bristol Zoo, which opened in 1836, acquired its stock of animals in the early days. It was not such an ethical business as it is today! His talk is: **Animal Commodities: Bristol Zoo, the Wild Animal Trade and Imperial Networks in the 19th Century**.

Wed. 2nd March 2016

Local Oldbury historian John Adnams will report what local historians have discovered about **Alveston and its Royal Norman Deer Park**.

Wed. 6th April 2016

South Gloucestershire resident Sarah Parker has worked at Dr Jenner's House and now manages William Morris's Kelmscott Manor but she has also

worked for Historic Royal Palaces, especially at Hampton Court, and her talk this evening will be called: **Behind the Scenes at the Palace: Working for the Royal Palaces**. She has carried out research into the 'grace and favour' residents of Hampton Court Palace over the years and will tell us about some of them this evening.

Programme Secretaries: Jenny & Richard Newley 01454 202011

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

Olveston Parish Matters

John Hughes / Adrian Baxter (olvestonpc@gmail.com)

At each monthly Parish Council meeting, there is an item on the Agenda – Correspondence.

Under this item we review all the correspondence received by The Clerk or by any member of the Council – and additionally we review all the emails and phone calls received.

One of the constant themes is the “abuse” of our pavements by horses. May we remind all those who enjoy the benefits of riding around our Parish that it is unlawful to use the pavements – may we ask you to keep to the road. This also applies to cyclists and the parking of cars. We need to ensure our pavements are kept clear for the use of pedestrians. The Highway Act 1835 sect. 72 / Law GL(GP)A Sect. 15 applies.

In our continuing policy of taking new approaches to the way the Parish Council communicates, we are still looking at the viability of holding “clinics” around the Parish. The purpose of these “clinics” is to give all Parishioners an opportunity to come and talk to us directly – be it a moan, a recommendation or anything else. What do you think of this idea? Let us know or email us on feedback@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk

As part of its drive to improve communications, the Parish Council now has a dedicated website (www.olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk) – it is hoped that this website will complement the existing community website www.olveston.com that continues to provide so much information for us all.

Litter Pick

There will be a Litter Pick on Saturday 3 October. Please meet at the Parish Hall car park at 1 pm.

Rod Williams, 612850.

New pavilion for local bowling club

Ian Gauld Acting Chairman

Situated at Old Down Sports Ground, Olveston and District Bowling Club has been in existence since 1933. Over its 82 years, the club has gone through a few changes, expanding to 150 members and has a bowling green recognised as one of the best in South Gloucestershire.

A decision was made that it was time to improve our facilities, which currently include a Second World War prisoner of war hut, to accommodate our members and allow us to open our doors to disabled bowlers and to improve our opportunities for junior members.



Planning permission has been granted to demolish our current changing rooms and toilets (shown in the photograph) and build a new pavilion, while converting our current pavilion into larger changing rooms.

Over the past 18 months, our funding team have been working hard to raise the £144k that the project will cost. Through sponsorship, donations, gifts and loans from members, the capital was raised that allowed work to commence mid-September with a completion date of the end of March 2016.

During the month of October, the ground works will be completed with the building structure going up in November. Once the new pavilion has been erected, our building team of club members will be working hard to complete the interior transformation during the winter months. This will allow us to operate all year round, with the introduction of a short mat bowls rink, instead of being restricted to our outdoor bowling season from April to September.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our main sponsor, PBF wealth Management Ltd along with Optimus Chiropractic and Physiotherapy Clinic, based in Thornbury, Specsavers Thornbury and Almondsbury Garden Centre

for their support and to everyone who has donated towards the cost of this project.

This is a very exciting time for our club and is the next step to continuing our success and longevity.

So while you're driving along Alveston Road, keep an eye out for lorries delivering the materials along with the prefabricated building and our members going to and fro with their bags of tools, wishing it was bowls they were carrying.

Four Towns and Vale Link Community Transport (4T&VL)

Olveston Parish Vision Team



Did you know that in addition to the scheduled bus services in our villages, there is an additional service available to residents in the Olveston and Tockington area? The service aims to promote social inclusion within South Gloucestershire by helping residents to be self-sufficient and maintain their independence. The service includes both regular and/or one off shopping trips to Thornbury (Thursdays) or to the Mall (Wednesdays).

Social trips can also be arranged, and as with the shopping trips, once you have become a member, you just need to ring 48 hours before your planned trip.

To qualify for membership you must live in the 4T&VL area, be 60 years or over, and hold a Diamond Travel Card. Membership is also open to those with access problems or special needs. Membership costs £10 per year, payable in April of each year, and then each journey costs £2 for either one way or return trips.

There is also a social car scheme if the Ring-and-Ride system can't fit you in, although this will incur additional costs.

You can find this information and more on the www.4tv.org.uk website or just give it a try by ringing 01454 868529. Or you can email to info@4tv.org.uk.

Green Today Gone Tomorrow

Emma Pritchard

When you decide to buy a house your decision goes beyond your budget: it includes location, amenities and the community. The Parish of Olveston prides itself on its community, one which comes together in times of celebration and need - something which I have personally experienced over my 24 years of being a born and bred Olvestonian. I set up 'Green Today Gone Tomorrow' with several other locals to help raise awareness of plans to build a significant number of houses on the local community's Green Belt. While I am fully aware that we live in an ever-expanding society where there is an increased need for more housing, I am an adamant believer foremost in democracy. When I was aware of plans quietly being formed about housing development I thought: 'Who should have the choice if new houses are built? Should it be decided by those on the council alone or should they be looking to us, those who live here to make the decision?'

'Green Today Gone Tomorrow' is about making sure that the whole Parish is aware of what is going on and that all actions regarding expansion to our Parish are taken directly to the community. So far, we have been successful in securing the short term future of the Green Belt land but that does not exclude building on Brown Field Land (which previously had buildings on) or Infill (filling a small amount of land between properties). The main questions are: do we need more houses in Olveston and Tockington? What type of houses? Who funds them? Who decides upon the location? Who profits from them? Is it all done above board? 'Green Today Gone Tomorrow' believes it is for YOU to answer these questions, so when an official housing questionnaire drops through your letter box please complete and return it to make sure that whatever the decision is, it is OURS.

To help spread the word and to share the beauty of the area we currently live in we are asking you to Snap, Post and Share your Parish countryside pictures with us on our Facebook page Green Today Gone Tomorrow.

If you would like any more information or to join in then please email me e.pritchard91@yahoo.com and also like us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/pages/Green-Today-Gone-Tomorrow/1449635525348568

or use this QR code.



Olveston Parish Working Group

Update

Geoff Anderson

This is the first update since the various discussions, meetings and public consultation which took place earlier this year, including the meetings about a possible Community Land Trust, which readers will know has been suspended. Progress has been measured for several reasons, a major factor being the introduction of new Council members in May. It has taken time for those councillors to settle into their roles and to be briefed as to ongoing council business - none more so than the proposed work to be carried out by a Working Group to consider various significant issues

Councillors have subsequently reviewed the proposals and endorsed terms of reference for going forward. The main objective is to set up sub-groups to focus on identified themes which include: Housing, Retail Services, Traffic / Parking, and Cemetery, with a brief to investigate and identify needs, and to suggest processes for delivering outcomes.

A steering group consisting of councillors and community representatives has been formed to oversee the project, to collate views, ideas and proposals received during the process, and to produce a report, including findings and options, which will be presented to the Parish Council for subsequent action.

A significant priority for the Parish Council is to empower local people to actively influence decisions and be engaged in delivering the things that directly affect them. The Council clearly recognises they are not able to deliver on their own. The offers of support so far have been first-rate. We would take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their patience - it is clear there is much to do. We are now in a position to draw on all the support and expertise, and you will be contacted shortly to participate in one of the groups.

One topic which has resulted in much debate and opinion is the subject of future housing. We very much see this as a priority, and it is therefore essential to establish what is important to you, along with up-to-date information about local housing circumstances and future requirements. To that end, a small group of local representatives and councillors, in consultation with South Gloucestershire Council, have played a key role in developing a bespoke Housing Needs Survey, to fit the needs of the Parish.

The survey will be hand-delivered to every household in early November along with helpful literature to assist you with completion. You are able to return via a Freepost address, or on-line. There will be an opportunity to address any questions you may have at a community consultation event to be held at the Parish Hall. Further details will be available when arrangements are finalised.

Should you require any further information please or wish to offer your support please contact the Clerk at Olvestonpc@gmail.com.

News from St Mary's

Roly Bain

It's our **Harvest Festival** on **October 4th** with the Festival Service at 11am, followed by traditional childrens' games, and then the now customary lunch of roast pork in a roll and crumble. You don't have to come to the service to have the lunch. Lunch is still only £2/£1, but if you can let us know you're coming, that would be helpful. Ring Debbie Harries on 613273. We're collecting tins and imperishables for the Loaves and Fishes Project in Bristol, run by the Sisters of the Church, so please give generously.

On **October 11th** our preacher at 10am will be **Pastor Jey from the church in Gautampuri**, who have been our partners, as well as the Bridge Trust, in our fundraising this year. If you want to see what's been happening and how far it's got, or you just want to ask questions, come along.

On **October 17th** at 7.30pm we're having a **Variety Night** with music, poetry and all sorts. It will be in aid of the Air Ambulance, and tickets are £5. If you'd like to be in it, ring David Shaw on 612781. There will be a licensed bar as usual.

Nov 1st sees our annual **Service of Remembrance** at 6pm where our loved ones are remembered. Those who have been bereaved in the past year are invited, but you don't need an invitation to come and the timescale doesn't matter. We light candles for loved ones and you can also bring a photo to put on the altar. The Rev David Bone will be leading the service this year.

Advent Windows. Please ring Debbie Harries on 613273 if you'd like to do an Advent Window this year. There are a fair number signed up already, but it's a lovely thing to do. It's a kind of living Advent Calendar, and your window doesn't need to be religious in theme, though it does need to be seen! Further details from Debbie.

From the Registers of St Mary's Olveston

30th August: Baptism of Scarlett June Christine, daughter of John and Tania Williams.

5th September: Baptism of Maisie Ellen, daughter of Joseph Meachin and Charley Griffin.

5th September: Wedding of Christopher James Pritchard and Emma Louise Wood.

6th September: Baptism of Jude Michael Ian, son of Jack Collins and Eleanor Hume.

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Works at Old Passage

The National Grid will be doing works at Old Passage over the next few weeks and the footpath access under Aust Cliff will be closed. This is to enable them to get access to the pier supporting the pylon next to the bridge.

Gloucester Record Office

Many local records, including parish council papers, are stored at the County Record office in Gloucester. The archive is running out of space and needs to develop to hold digital records. Gloucestershire County Council is raising funds to support a Heritage Lottery Fund bid. The parish council has agreed to make a donation to this appeal, recognising that the service is very valuable to the community.

South Gloucestershire Consultation on Rate Support Grants

South Gloucestershire Council is consulting on the Special Expenses Scheme and the LCTR Support Grant. These are programmes which provide some relief to council taxpayers to take account of the different services provided in different areas of the County by South Gloucestershire Council and parish councils. It is very complicated but if you are interested, please let me know and I will send you the consultation papers that South Gloucestershire has published.

Broadband

Last month, I said that we would be arranging a meeting with South Gloucestershire Council and BT, with Luke Hall and Matthew Riddle also present to press the case for including these Littleton and Elberton in the next phase of the broadband roll-out. At the time of writing, the date hasn't been fixed, but it is in hand.

Fun with Numbers

Jan Winter

Choose a three digit number and write it down twice, to make a six digit number, e.g. 382382 or 917917.

Divide it by 7, then divide the answer by 11 and then divide that answer by 13. What happens? Why?

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the September draw, held on 3rd September 2015 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	351	Mrs Mel Evans
£75	445	Mrs Janet Skinner
£25	600	Mrs Janet Davis
£25	457	Mr Steve Webb
£25	168	Frances Milward
£20	237	Mr George Hargreaves
£20	215	Mr John Hahn
£20	513	Mrs Mary Bailey
£10	275	Mrs Linda Evans
£10	169	K. Hughes
£10	356	Mr David Smart
£10	464	Mr Simon Panes
£10	227	Mrs Pat Halfyard
£10	562	Dr E.S.Saunders

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

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners September 2015:

£50 Philip Pullin
£15 Ian Watkins
£5 Tracey Jarvis

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

15th August Barry Reeves
22nd August Barbara Binns
29th August Paul Middleton

Up the Down!!

Movies at St Mary's: October

Trevor Anderson



St Mary's Movie Club in Olveston continues to grow in popularity and will celebrate its fifth birthday in November.

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 **Autumn Programme** of nine films has just been printed and you can pick up copies from just inside the church door. If you are already a Movie Club member (*see below*), 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. Doors open 30 minutes before shows start. Everyone is welcome (you don't need to be member) and there is no need to book:

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

Mon 5th October at 7.30pm: Recently released on DVD, this British comedy drama follows the future Queen of England and her sister as they go out on the town to celebrate the end of the Second World War. (*2015, Cert PG*)

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

Mon 19th October at 7.30pm: A dissenting juror in a murder trial slowly manages to convince the other eleven that the case is not as obviously clear as it seemed in court. Starring Henry Fonda, this superbly written courtroom thriller rightfully stands as a modern classic. (*1957, Cert U*)

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

Mon 26th October: A young Peruvian bear travels to London in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone at Paddington Station, he meets the kindly Brown family, who offer him a temporary haven. (*2015, Cert PG*)

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.

Communion at Daldry Gardens:

Please join us

On the first Wednesday of every month (except August) a short Holy Communion is celebrated in the Communal Lounge at Daldry Gardens with June Robbins. The service starts at 2.30pm, lasts around half an hour and is followed by tea and biscuits (sometimes cake).

This is a lovely peaceful oasis in the busy month and everyone is welcome to join us. Make a note in your diary now!

Thornbury and District U3A.

Have you recently retired or reduced your commitments leading up to retirement? Looking for something new to try? Looking to make new friends? Thornbury U3A promotes keeping us mentally and physically engaged and active in a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere. "Learn, Laugh and Live" is the motto of the National Organisation with the aim of providing this without the need to travel too far or enrol on expensive courses. We already have over 1,600 members and around 80 different groups meeting at different venues throughout the area but there is always room for more! These groups mainly meet during the day and range from Archaeology to Walking; some meet weekly, others less often, and they include physical activities, crafts, card and board games, organised visits to gardens, concerts and the theatre as well as purely "educational" topics.

For further information visit our website at www.thornburyu3a.org.uk or for membership enquiries membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk.

Alternatively phone:

Prospective Membership Secretary, **Rosie Bailey** on **01454 419977** or

Vice-chairman, **Alison Makepeace** on **01454 415019**.

St Peter's Hospice Coffee Morning

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to a **Coffee Morning** to be held in the **Village Hall at Falfield** on **Saturday 17th 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 Peters, your local Hospice.

Tools for Self Reliance

Practical help for practical people

You cannot work without tools. African artisans - builders blacksmiths, seamstresses and more - make tools to farm the land, build schools and homes, sew school uniforms and make desks for students. TSR works with local experienced organisations across Africa to give artisans the tools and training they need to earn a living and build their communities for the future. If you no longer need:

- garden tools,
- garage tools eg spanners, screw drivers, hammers,
- also biscuit tins
- and that old sowing machine you have in the spare room,

please ring me on 01454-201558 and I can collect on behalf of Thornbury Rotary Club.

Rotarian Nigel Dawes

Interested in an Allotment in Olveston?

There are a few vacancies on the Olveston allotment site opposite the Village School and we are keen for Parish residents to take up this availability or go on a short Waiting List.

If you are interested, please e-mail olvestonallotments@gmail.com with your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address if you have one,

Alternatively, you can contact the Chairman Brian Arkell on 01454-616244.

Computer Clinic

October Theme – Windows 10.

Come and have a chat about what you should do before you take on upgrading to Windows 10.

If you have reasonable computer skills and would like to help out once a month, come along and have a chat.

See the Meeting Point Diary for the times of our Monday / Wednesday / Friday sessions.



Friday 2nd October, Olveston School, 6pm – 10pm

This is a reminder about our family event, which will follow on from the 'French Day' that will be run in the school on October 2nd. There will be a buffet supper with local delicacies - and others which represent the traditional foods of Brittany which we are often offered when we visit Bréhan. The Bar will be serving local beer, local cider, French wine and Breton cider. We will set up some simple games that both adults and children can try – at least one of these will be a French game! Local musicians will provide entertainment and we will be playing some Breton music as well.

There will also be traditional apple pressing – a typical local activity at this time of year – and children who help with this job can drink the results! If you want to bring along a bag or two of your own windfalls and some plastic bottles then you could always take some home with you!

Tickets cost £5 Adults and £2 Children - to include the buffet supper.

To reserve your tickets please contact John Clayton 01454 612641 or Noel Clarke 01454 614099.

Baking for Borneo

- Tea and cakes on the Green

Ben Baldwin and Richard Sawyer

Please come along to **Tockington Green and Methodist Church on Saturday October 3rd from 2.30-5.30pm**. We will be serving a fantastic selection of home-baked cakes, teas and coffees, plus a second-hand book stall.

We are two Marlwood sixth-formers trying to raise money for our participation in the school's expedition to Borneo next Summer. There we will be working on community and conservation projects to help improve the environment and lives of the people in this remote country.

Please join us on the 3rd to find out more, and enjoy a cake or two! Everyone welcome.

Thornbury Running Club

The Oldbury Power 10-miler

Entries are now open for Thornbury Running Club's next race, **The Oldbury Power 10-miler**, on Sunday October 4th 2015 at 10.30am from Oldbury Power Station.

The Oldbury Power 10-miler race is a fast, flat road race, along quiet country lanes just a few miles from Thornbury. The race starts and finishes at Oldbury Power Station itself where you will find ample car parking and bag storage.

10 miles isn't a distance that's raced that often and is an ideal distance if you've done your first 10k and want to do your first 1/2 Marathon at some time. As 10-milers go, it's an easy course, and not a hill in sight! It could be a great warm-up/sharpener for the **Great South Run** (also 10 miles) or even perhaps the **Bristol to Bath Marathon**, both 3 weeks later.

The Running Club will supply pacemakers and, whilst out on the course you will be well looked after by Thornbury Running Club's marshals who have a great reputation for their friendliness and encouragement!

This race is the third in a series of races in 2015 that together make up the Avon Road Race Championships for eligible runners and there are various cash prizes on offer (including £100 for beating our target time), as well as a team competition.

Running isn't just about course records and PBs.....and Thornbury as a Club has always encouraged runners of all abilities. If you've caught the running bug this year there'll be a group of Thornbury runners running at the back at something like 10-minute mile-pace to help you round. So if you think you can run for 100 minutes (or close to it, with a bit of walking!) why not give Oldbury Power 10 a try? There is no cut-off time for the event.

Full details and entry forms are available on the Running Club's website.

Friends of Daldry Gardens

The Friends of Daldry Gardens are holding a **Cheese, Cider & Wine Party on Thursday 22 October at 7pm**. The guest speaker will be **Councillor Matthew Riddle talking about 'Cider Making'**. Guests are welcomed but numbers are limited. To book your place please contact Mike Lewis by phone on 610765 or by e-mailing friendsodg@gmail.com. There is no charge but donations are welcomed on the night.

Classical Music Concert

with Roger Huckle and Members of the Bristol Ensemble

Friday 30th 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.

After three wonderful Autumn Thornbury concerts, Roger has designed a programme including spine-tingling strings in the much loved 'Lark Ascending' by Ralph Vaughan Williams, tango vibes with Piazzolla's 'Four Seasons of Buenos Aires', a light hearted quartet ending with a genial dance like theme in Mozart's early work the 'Divertimento in B flat major K137' and 'Winter' from the 'Four Seasons' by Vivaldi, peppered with silvery pizzicato notes from the high strings.

It is an experience to hear great music in the intimate surroundings of the Cossham Hall, played to perfection by the Bristol Ensemble. Inspired and led by Roger Huckle, they are a musicians' collective 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 Redevelopment Project (Phase 1) will be held in the **Cossham Hall on Friday 30th October at 7.30pm. Tickets at £16 each**, to include interval finger food, can be obtained from Thornbury Town Hall or by phoning 01454 412272.

Thornbury Library

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.

Sudden Death at Thornbury Manor

Presented by Octopus

Join us back in 1950's Thornbury where a despicable and dastardly murder is about to take place! Dig out your deerstalker, get yourself into super-sleuthing mode, come along to one of our Murder Mystery Evenings and see if you can work out – **WHO DUNNIT!**

Tickets - £7, concessions £6 – to include supper, available from RA Bennetts on The Plain, or Karen on 413783, or you can order them on-line from www.octopus-thornbury.co.uk

Performances are **from Thursday 8th October – Saturday 10th October at 7:30pm at Christ the King Hall, Castle Street, Thornbury.**

Cancer Research UK Autumn Fair

The Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK **Autumn Fair** is being held at **St. Helen's Primary School**, Greenhill Road, Alveston BS35 2QX on **Saturday October 17th, from 10am to 1pm. Entry is £3 and includes coffee/tea and a cake.**

Come along and buy your Christmas presents early! We will have an abundance of home produce (e.g., jams, chutneys, marmalades, cakes etc.) jewellery, craft items, Christmas cards, books and a whole lot more.

All proceeds go to Cancer Research UK to help us beat cancer!

For further information, please contact Pam on 01454 416941 or Jennie on 01454 415856.

We look forward to seeing you at this event and helping us to move closer to eliminating cancer.

TMTG Presents *'Calamity Jane'*

Watch out! Sharpshooting, gun slinging Calamity Jane is shortly to ride into Thornbury town on the Deadwood Stage. **'Calamity Jane'** will be performed by the Thornbury Musical Theatre Group at the **Armstrong Hall** in Thornbury from **21 to 24 October**.

Romance, comedy, lively dancing and a great score (including the songs “Black Hills of Dakota” and “My Secret Love”) make **‘Calamity Jane’** a must-see musical. Suitable for the whole family to enjoy, it is sure to be a crowd puller. Performances 7.30 pm nightly and also a matinee on 24 October at 2.30 pm.

Calamity Jane can outrun and outshoot any man in Deadwood. Hard, boastful and desperate to impress, she travels to Chicago on the Deadwood Stage to recruit a star, Adelaide Adams. But things don’t go too smoothly for Calamity, as everyone in town favours the new girl and she struggles to keep her jealousy and pride in check. It takes a long standing enemy Wild Bill Hickok to make her see sense and realise her Secret Love.

Tickets bookable online at www.tmtg.org.uk. £12, Concessions £10, and a family ticket for 4 costs £36. Group discounts of 10% can be arranged via our Box Office for 10+ seats. For enquiries call Angie at the Box Office on 07516 270140. Tickets also available at Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings at 53 High Street, Thornbury.

For more information about **‘Calamity Jane’** and our group generally, take a look at www.tmtg.org.uk or contact us by e-mail at membership@tmtg.org.uk

Discover 2015

10 September - 30 October across South Gloucestershire

As the summer draws to a close, look forward to an exciting autumn with the Discover Festival. A packed programme of over 230 events, the festival brings together events from local community groups, businesses, and council services – it’s your chance to discover something new this autumn throughout South Gloucestershire. Many of the groups, activities and places showcased in Discover are available all year round. Try something new that perhaps might last a lifetime!

Throughout the festival there are events to promote health and well-being, opportunities to try something creative, visit our wonderful heritage or to get out and about in nature. Whatever your interest, you’ll find something to suit you.

Over 180 events are free; for others there is a small fee which is listed next to the event. There is a brochure on-line: for full event details and events that require booking, go to www.southglos.gov.uk/discover.

Yours Faithfully

Trevor Cook

Recent advice insists that we should do more to create a so-called work/life balance; to work hard at what we are doing but to spend time with family and friends, and to engage in hobbies to make us a better whole.

Work demands a lot from us, as it always has, and it's hard to meet the demands from our family, and to meet our physical needs such as shelter, warmth and food. Added to that there are targets and objectives, a global economy, 24/7 and all the other clichés that lead us to over-work, to drive to achieve and to raise stress levels.



To counter this, the advice says that we should find other things to occupy our minds and bodies. Judging by the number of walkers, horse-riders and cyclists that pass me along the Elberton Road, a lot of people are using exercise as their way to balance their lives and generally the smiles on their faces tell how much benefit they get. But as well as exercise, a little bit of 'me' time can do wonders too; things like a long lie-in at the weekend, a trip to the non-food shops, tea and cakes on Sunday, or a walk with the dog can do as much to change our mind-set.

For me, however, there is another dimension that we should introduce into the work/life balance - that of our spirituality. In order to be complete we need to know our relationship with God and our place in the universe and to consider that as a third part to balance, placing it somewhere between meeting our basic needs and having down-time.

Perhaps the balance should become a triangle? Time should be allotted to contemplation, to seeking that knowledge of a Greater Being, a creator God and how you are part of that creation and where your place in it is. By doing that, a work/life/God triangle is formed.

Casting our minds back to geometry you will remember that the triangle is the strongest structure of all, and, that leads to the conclusion that, with God at the apex, we can fine-tune the other angles but, more importantly we will demonstrate that we are stronger with God in our daily lives.

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Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Oct 4	8am 11am 6pm	Holy Communion Harvest Festival with Choir Evensong	Rev Philip Rowe Rev Roly Bain Mrs Janet McBride
Oct 11	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship with Choir Breakfast Club Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain Rev R Bain & Pastor Jey Breakfast Club Team Rev Philip Rowe
Oct 18	8am 10am 3.45 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Back to Front Evensong	Rev David Bone Rev P Rowe & Alan Bain Paul Harrod Rev Roly Bain
Oct 25	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Fourth Sunday Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev David Bone Mr Denis Jones Rev Ann Lloyd

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

Morning Prayer 8.30am daily ex. Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Oct 11	5.30	Holy Communion.	Rev Ann Parker
Oct 25	5.30	Evening Service	Rev Ann Parker

Focal Minister: **Rev Ann Parker**, 01454 632329

e-mail annatdibley@btinternet.com

Church Wardens: Jon Burnett 633835 & Jenn Dickens 632035

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Oct 4	9am	Mattins	Mrs Tracey Black
Oct 18	9am	Holy Communion	Rev Mark Pilgrim

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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Oct 11	9am	Morning Prayer	Sandra Edgerton
Oct25	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone

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OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Oct 4	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch. St Andrews.	Morning Worship - Miss Rosemary Clewes Evening Worship led by Rev Nigel Young
Oct 11	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mrs Sarah James
Oct 18	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Ann Parker
Oct 25	10am	Olv.Ch.	Morning worship led by Mr Chris Leese

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 14th Oct. To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15pm in the Swan on Thurs 15th Oct. 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 GROUP: Thurs 15th Oct at 10.30am at 7 The Green Olveston

THE OLVESTON COMPUTER CLINIC 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 4	6.30pm	Tony Ward
Oct 11	6.30pm	Tony McQueem
Oct 18	6.30pm	Marton Taylor
Oct 25	6.30pm	Paul Ashford

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & PraiseTime

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

For more details contact Ann Roberts 632564.

e-mail ann.roberts@bylanes.co.uk

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Monday-Friday Daily Mass at 10am

Tel 01454 412223; www.ctlk-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: Roger Howell at **rogerhowell2@talktalk.net** 01454 294367

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

Diary Dates for October 2015

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

1 st Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market (also 15 th) Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Open Mic. at Plough, Pilning	9.30-11.30 9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 8.30pm	OS+ MH
2 nd Fri	Thornbury Carers' Support group Computer Clinic every week OPTA event Local/Locale	1.00-3.00pm 7.00-9.00pm 6pm-10pm	Chy MH OS
3 rd Sat	Flu' Clinic for Alm. Surgery patients Coffee Morning Litter Pick Baking for Borneo Tock. Green/Chapel	9am-12pm 10.30-12.00 1pm 2.30-5.30	OSH MH PH
5 th Mon	Mobile Library Orchard Rise (also 21 st) Mobile Library Daldry Gardens) Mobile Library Old P.O.- L-O- Computer Clinic every week Monday Movie	11.10-11.25 11.30-11.50 12.00-12.15 2.00-4.00pm 7.30pm	MH StM
6 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Daldry Gdns Coffee Morning every week RBL Women's Section AGM	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
7 th Wed	Computer Clinic every week Holy Communion at Daldry Gardens Mobile Library Orchard Rise(also 21 st) Mobile Library Daldry Gardens) Mobile Library Old P.O.- L-O-S Table Tennis O.P.H.S. Hidden Stories of Frenchay Hosp.	10.00-12.00 2.30pm 11.10-11.25 11.30-11.50 12.00-12.15 7.00-8.30pm 7.30pm	MH DGCL PH OMC
8 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers S. Glos Ladies Lunch Club Thornbury & District Flower Club	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 12.15-3pm 7.30pm	OS+ MH OSH TMH
10 th Sat	Coffee Mornings AVH & MH	10.30-12.00	
13 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers W.I. A Passion for Pearls Aust Parish Council	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR PH EVH
14 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club Table Tennis	2pm 7.00-8.30pm	AH PH
15 th Thu	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OS+

	Olveston Toddlers	1.45-3.15	MH
17 th Sat	Coffee Morning Parish Autumn Supper	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH PH
19 th Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
20 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers RBL Women's Section Bingo	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL
21 st Wed	Table Tennis Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	7.00-8.30 8.30pm	PH
22 nd Thu	Coffee Shop Cheese, Cider & Wine Party	10.00-12.00 7pm	OS+ DGCL
24 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
25 th Sun	Concert & Afternoon Tea	4pm	StMT
26 th Mon	Children's Movie Club Severn Vale Flower Club	10am 1.30pm	StM AH
27 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Memory Café Olv. Parish Council meeting	9.30-11.30 10.15-11.45 7.30pm	WR TMH AP
28 th Wed	Table Tennis Alv. Local History Soc Magna Carta	7.00-8.30pm 7.30pm	PH AMC
29 th Thu	Coffee Shop	10.00-12.00	OS+

Looking ahead to November

8th	Remembrance Day Parade Service		
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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** – Chanry ;**CS** Castle Sch. **DGCL** – Daldry Gardens Lounge; **EVH** – Elberton Village Hall; **LVH** Littleton Village Hall **MH** – Olv.Methodist Hall;**OMC** Olv Meth Ch **OS** – Olv School; **OS+** – Olv, Stores;OSH Alm.Old sch.Hall **OV** – Olv.Vicarage; **PH** – Olv Parish Hall; **StM** St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church **SMH** St Mary,s Ch. Hall Thornbury **StMT****St Mary's Thornbury** ;**TCh** Tock Chapel **TBCh** – Thorn. Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Meth Hall; ; **WR** – Wesley Rooms.

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