

Meeting Point

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From the Editor

As you read this, a momentous summer will be drawing to a close with the London Paralympics now taking place. It has been a unique season, one to look back on with pride, and perhaps some amazement, at what we can achieve on a national and local level, when we put our minds to it.

And so to September and, seemingly with boundless energy, the local community is getting into the swing of Autumn with a whole new programme of events. I hope you will find something to interest, intrigue and inform you in the pages that follow.

Our September cover is from a watercolour by John Crossley. The first Severn Bridge was opened by H.M. The Queen in September 1966.

Meeting Point Founded in 1976 by the Anglican and Methodist churches in Olveston, near Bristol

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Village people:

John and Catherine Collinson

Pat Thirkettle

Recent Littleton arrivals John and Catherine Collinson have led a peripatetic married life that has come to rest, hopefully, at Central Farm, Littleton. The house is a grade 2 listed building, stone floors, inglenook etc, which sits in two acres of garden and pasture behind the White Hart, and they fell in love with it during the last round of house hunting.

They met at Nottingham University and their travels have been as a result of John's role with Magnox. Their first stop was Nailsea, followed by Long Ashton, so in a way they have come full circle twenty seven years later, having taken in London, Essex and North Wales en route. John works on the decommissioning of the Magnox Nuclear Power Stations and is based at the headquarters of Magnox at Berkeley. He is able to travel to most places he needs to visit by train from Parkway.

Meanwhile Catherine has been a Civil Servant since the early 1980s and whilst in Essex was Assistant Official Receiver in Southend-on-Sea. When John and Catherine moved to North Wales she was fortunate enough to start work from home. She is now based in London but continues to work from home, travelling to London about once a week.

John and Catherine have planted a variety of fruit trees in the paddock in front of the house and are developing a vegetable garden. John is a member of the Cider Club which manages the cider apple orchard behind the White Hart. They both enjoyed the village Christmas lunch with seventy other Littleton residents and the Open Gardens in June, but have no plans as yet to open their own. Recently John took part in the Inter-Village Diamond Jubilee Knockout and they both enjoyed the Littleton Ceilidh. So having found such a lovely house in such a lovely village, they have been joining in as many local activities as possible, given the fact they both work full time.

Thank you

We know that Gordon would have liked to thank everybody for his wonderful send off – he would have especially liked to thank David and Jennifer Bone, the large army of friends and our cracking neighbours that have helped us through all our ups and downs!! To everyone and anyone who has helped us over the years, God Bless you all.

Janet, Phillip and Paula Spratt

Olveston Parish Council Matters

Richard Rogers (olvestonpc@googlemail.com)

Olveston Parish Council has recently received several planning applications from South Glos Council concerning land owned by Hay Tor at Old Down for comment. We are taking the situation very seriously and are seeking further advice as it involves enclosure and radical alteration of land use that has been a key part of the landscape for over a century. If you have views on any current planning applications, it is well worth emailing or writing to both the Parish Council and the Planning Department at South Glos Council.

Olveston Parish Council is committed to improving its communications, so as to seek a good census of views about local issues, promote Parish Assemblies, the Parish Vision (www.olvestonparishvision.co.uk) and similar. We regularly use these Meeting Point articles, publish the Parish minutes on the Olveston website (www.olveston.com) and have recently distributed leaflets for particular events.

The posted wind farm questionnaire elicited a large response, and hand delivery of pamphlets about the Annual Parish Assembly led to the really good attendance last April. Whilst concern over the wind farm may well have contributed to attendance, it was felt that the hand delivered leaflet certainly helped increase awareness of the meeting.

The 800 houses in Olveston Parish across 3 villages and 3 hamlets in a rural setting make for significant postage costs. However, distributing the advert for the Annual Parish Assembly also demonstrated to the Parish Council that using councillors to go 'door-to-door' was not necessarily the best approach for getting the message across in a timely manner. We would therefore welcome any contact from volunteers who regularly walk parts of the parish and would be willing to deliver notices on our behalf, two or three times a year.

Councillor Riddle has informed the Parish Council that due to financial constraints, South Gloucestershire has postponed constructing the final stage of the Old Down to Alveston footpath until 2013/14. Road closure will be necessary, although hopefully the work will be undertaken during the school holidays in August 2013, and evening access for local traffic will again be allowed.

At the time of writing, 280 commemorative mugs have been given to the young children of the parish to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. A small stock may still be left, and can be purchased from Olveston Parish Council for £3.50 each.

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

The Council does not meet in August. The next meeting will be on 11th September. However, the Council does not spend the whole summer on holiday!

Planning issues:

No new planning applications have been received at the time of writing, but decisions on several cases have been received. I'm pleased to say that South Gloucestershire Council has determined them in the way recommended by the Parish Council.

Littleton water treatment works

As noted last month, the Council has complained to Bristol Water about the discharge of waste water onto the highway. Three councillors and the clerk met the Director of Production of Bristol Water late in July to explain the problem – which is the periodic discharge of water under the field gate towards Hay Wood whence it flows down the road. The water sometimes lies on the road when the culverts are blocked. Bristol Water has told the Parish Council that it will be taking remedial action and it is hoped that this will cure the problem.



Men's Section of the Royal British Legion – Olveston & District Branch

The next meeting will take place at Daldry Gardens on Wednesday, 12th September, fall-in at 1900. With Remembrance Sunday in the near future, it is important for all members, and would-be members, to attend.

The Branch AGM will take place at the same venue on Wednesday, 10th October, again starting at 7pm. It is important that all members and those interested should attend as future plans for the RBL Men's Section will be discussed.

Martin J Scott JP Lt Col (Retd) Branch Chairman

St Mary's Olveston: Flexible Space Consultation

Philip Rowe

St Mary's Church Council and I warmly invite you to comment on our plans to create more flexible space in St Mary's Olveston Church. You are welcome to attend the consultation meeting in the Church on Sunday 23rd September at 7.15pm or make your views known to me or any PCC member.

We are recommending creating more flexible space by removing some pews so the Church will be better fitted for a variety of sacred and social events. In the Church there is a letter giving further explanation and a possible plan.

We are a parish Church seeking to serve everyone in the community and would value your advice on how the Church building can enable this to be more effective. We look forward to seeing you and hearing from you.

Movies at St Mary's: Sept

Trevor Anderson



TWO movies this month at St Mary's Church Olveston. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book:

MONDAY MOVIES (*Recent releases and popular classics*)
Mon 3rd Sept at 7.30pm: Just released on DVD, this clever, award-winning, joyous comedy pays homage to Hollywood's silent film era of the late 1920s/early 30s. *Cert PG*

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

Mon 17th Sept at 7.30pm: This powerful German film retells Hitler's final days in his Berlin bunker at the end of WW2, as recorded in the diaries of his private secretary. Mesmerising performance from Bruno Ganz. *Cert 15*

At all the shows, refreshments are available and admission is FREE.

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.

Charlie Jarvis - memorial cricket match

Sunday 8th July - one of the few sunny days in months - saw all ages and abilities enjoy a fantastic afternoon of cricket, piles of sandwiches, delicious cakes, bbq and bunting at Old Down Cricket Club. A fitting celebration for what would have been Charlie's 60th birthday. The memorial bench looks perfect and has the best view for miles.

£642 raised on the day is being added to Jack and Laura's Just Giving web page where donations are mounting for St Peter's Hospice. Having around £3000 already, the new target is £5000 on completion of the London Duathlon in September. Jack, Laura and enthusiastic friends are training hard for the 10k run 40k cycle 5k run in Richmond Park. Thanks to all for continued support and special thanks to the Cricket Club, The Fox Team and Tony Williams.

Tracey Jarvis

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners August:

£50 Dave Lippiatt £15 Liz Finch

£5 Malcolm Grosvenor

Olympic Bonus: Richard Watkins

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

21st July Simon Davis

4th August Tony Gardner

Diary Dates:

13th October: Annual Dinner & Dance at Old Down Country Park Tickets £30

16th November: Race Day at Cheltenham incl Breakfast/Entry/Betting

Vouchers/Food & Drink Vouchers/Post Race Buffet & Entertainment/

Return Coach Only £70

Along with many summer sports clubs our income has been hit hard by the dreadful weather. We have also suffered unexpected machinery failure. So please make every attempt to support the events above, you will be made most welcome!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729



The Garden Line

From articles (1991-92) by *Cecilie Turton*

September has come again. Keeping the garden tidy is the principal work of the month. Deadheading is important. Collect together all pea haulms and vegetable refuse and either bury or put on the compost heap. Collect seeds of certain plants and when perfectly dry place in paper bags ready for sowing, not forgetting to label. Sow seeds of hardy annuals for early summer flowering. Larkspur is one of my favourites.

Cuttings of fuchsias and geraniums can still be taken, also roses, penstemons and gazanias. In the greenhouse a general tidying up is necessary. Never leave rubbish about, certainly not dirty flowerpots which can harbour troublesome insects especially queen wasps and bees looking for winter quarters. The greenhouse is a useful place in winter for cuttings of shrubs as long as it is well ventilated on mild days. A few pots of herbs, mint, marjoram and parsley can be stood on the staging and winter lettuce in pots can make a useful addition.

Plan bulbous irises in pots filled with compost of equal parts loam, leaf mould and silver sand. Plant 2" deep, five bulbs to a pot. *Iris danfordiae*, *reticulata* and *histrioides*, miniature tulips and crocus. All these and many more can be kept in your cold greenhouse until the buds appear and then brought into the warmth of the house to be enjoyed.

Specially prepared Hyacinth bulbs can also be planted now for Christmas blooms. Use the correct bulb fibre and do not over water until growth starts and then a good watering once a week is sufficient. The pots when planted need to be kept in a dark cool cupboard until the first sign of growth.

Let us enjoy the Autumn and its fruits and beautiful colours. Even so don't forget Christmas bulbs.

Parish Players: "The King and I"

The Parish Players are pleased to announce that their next production is to be Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The King and I", February 12th-16th 2013 (this is half term week) at the Tockington Parish Hall.

Children are needed, 5-10 yrs. There will be a meeting on Sunday September 9th at 2.00 pm in the Olveston Methodist Church for all those interested, and a simple audition. We are looking for a Prince Chulalongkorn 12-15 yrs and a Louis, Anna's son 12-15 yrs. This is a worthwhile and exciting opportunity for a young actor. Children will rehearse on some Sunday afternoons, joining up with main company prior to the show.

New members, especially dancers will be welcome for this production. Rehearsals commence in September on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Details from: Linda Evans – 01454 413887



Action Medical Research

Family Fun Barn Dance

Saturday September 15th 7.30 pm Olveston Parish Hall

With callers Jan & Dave Fulman

Don't worry if you have two left feet, no experience required!

Adults £6, children £3 includes refreshments

For tickets call 0777160757 or 07770687281

Thornbury Picture House

What's On

Friday 7th September. Film. Mao's Last Dancer. 7.30pm. Cossham Hall. £5 on door.

Friday 28th September. Film. A Separation. 7.30pm. Cossham Hall. £5 on door.

Tockington Harvest Fayre - update

September 15th 2.00 p.m. on Tockington Green

We are very pleased that we have Mrs Peggy James from Olveston to open our Fayre. There will be the usual stalls and entertainment and the Bristol Blue Flames will be giving a display. Cream teas will be on the Green and we hope that we will have our usual fine weather! The Historical Society will be providing an exhibition in the Wesley Rooms.

As always we welcome any donations of books, DVDs, good quality bric a brac, china, small pieces of furniture, handbags, toiletries, toys, games or even unwanted gifts! Please contact Garry Phillips tel. 613241, Maggie Spooner tel. 610053, Jane Sawyer on jane@prologue.co.uk to arrange a collection or 'dropping off time'. Alternatively, bring them along to Olveston Methodist Hall on Saturday mornings. All contributions are welcome. In addition, we would be grateful for any physical assistance in setting up/dismantling, running a stall on the day.

Just to remind you our competitions are:-

Children's Fancy Dress - 'Olympic theme'; 'Garden on a plate' and 'Design and make your own unique Olympic torch'; Photographic competition for adults and children – theme – 'Sport in action'. (Please write your name & phone number on the reverse). Any size print welcome! Details of these competitions were in the August edition of Meeting Point. We do hope as many of you as possible will be able to come to the Fayre and we look forward to seeing you on the Green.



Fancy Dress Parade 2011

Summer Concert (new date)

Elberton Church

Saturday September 15th 7.30pm

Our usual midsummer concert with St Peter's Festival Choir will be held at St John's Church Elberton on September 15th at 7.30. It will be an entertaining evening and refreshments will be served on the lawn afterwards. There is no charge but donations at the end will be much appreciated. Please come and enjoy our beautiful church and churchyard – and the entertainment.

Thornbury Area Music Trust

Youth Orchestra in Thornbury Area

Location – Marlwood Secondary School, Alveston, South Gloucestershire

Time - Saturday mornings: 9.30am – 12 noon

Starting – 15th September 2012

The Thornbury Area Music Trust welcomes all children who play a string, brass, wind or percussion instrument to our friendly music centre. Orchestral provision from beginner to advanced. String and wind band ensembles. (Regret no guitars at this stage, but please email to register interest). Music theory, musicianship and singing. Senior workshop days led by visiting professional musicians. Regular concerts at local venues.

Planned Trips

UK Summer 2013 music trust exchange

Visit to Music for Youth – Spring 2013, European Tour in 2014

For more information call – 01454 415454 or email info@thornbury-music.org

Website address – www.thornbury-music.org

Follow us on Twitter – @thornbury_music

Follow us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/ThornburyAreaMusicTrust

Thornbury Eisteddfod 2013

March 2nd – 10th 2013

The Eisteddfod syllabus with details of all classes, dates and entry fees will be available in October 2012. If you would like a copy including entry forms please contact Jackie (01454 416421) or Rosemary (01454 415332) or you can look on the TAF website: www.thornburyartsfestival.com to download the whole syllabus or any relevant part of it. We look forward to hearing from you.

Olveston Sports and Social Club

The OSSC reaches its 30th anniversary this year, and will celebrate at our members' Christmas Party on Dec 8th, when all members are welcome. More details at later date to be found on club notice board.

The club was originally only open on a Saturday, but is now open Tues, Weds, Thurs, Sun evenings, and Sat afternoons and evenings.

Friday evenings can be booked for parties, also Sunday afternoons.

Dates for diary: Quizzes start again on Saturday nights: Sept 15th, Oct 17th, Nov 3rd, Dec 1st. Bingo every Sunday evening, starting on Oct 7th.

Barbara Lansdown (Secretary)

Police Report July 2012

55 calls were made to the police in July of which we had 13 reported crimes.

A burglary occurred in Tockington where offenders gained access to the property taking the family vehicle along with purse, keys and credit cards (vehicle still outstanding). On the same night offenders tried to gain access to a property in Olveston. However, their noise woke the occupants, the offenders were disturbed and they ran off.

Theft of a vehicle from a property in Kington which has been recovered.
Theft of a vehicle from Oldbury-on-Severn which has been recovered and returned to owner. Olveston Pre-School suffered a theft where two 3ft fibreglass chipmunks (Alvin and Simon) from the film 'Alvin and the Chipmunks' were taken from the garden of the Pre-school. An address in Olveston has had their milk stolen overnight.

It has been reported that youths are starting to gather in Vicarage Lane Park, playing loud music, drinking and leaving litter. Please remember that, if you would like police to attend to deal with such incidents, please call us on 101 or 999 depending on the circumstances. Please do not call our office number as you will not get a response for the incident on the same day.

Beat Surgery dates at Olveston Stores Coffee Shop are as follows:

27th Sept. 2012, 25th Oct. 2012, 22nd Nov. 2012, 20th Dec. 2012

PC 3404 Roger Hopes 07919628625 PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery 07917 586645
Office number with answer phone 0117 945 5959

Wind farm update from REG windpower

Nick Webb

"In the August edition of Meeting Point a number of points were made in opposition to our proposals for a wind farm between the M4 and M48 motorways. I would like to take the opportunity to put the record straight. It is important that whatever decision people come to they are working from accurate information.

"The health concerns have been dismissed as unproven by the NHS. The alleged threat to wildlife is disputed by the RSPB who have actively encouraged onshore wind farm development as the most cost effective form of renewable energy generation and are now applying for planning permission for their own wind turbine at their head office. The wind turbines are incredibly unlikely to be able to be heard over the sound of the motorways, if anyone would like to hear how quiet wind turbines actually are visiting a working wind farm is the best way to find out for yourself. The turbines themselves will be coming in directly off the M48 motorway onto the site minimising the disruption to the local villages.

"The appearance of a wind farm is a subjective matter, I have heard a full range of views, many positive. However, whatever your take on the appearance, I hope you'll agree that there is a need to respond to the increasing demand for energy with clean, green, domestically based solutions.

"During our earlier consultation the Second Severn Crossing, the stanchions of which are taller than the tip height of the proposed turbines, was described as iconic. I agree, it is, but when it was proposed there was local opposition. I believe this wind farm can be a new iconic green gateway to England which will be a visible sign of South Gloucestershire's contribution to a greener economy."



Our next Market Day will be on 1st September 9.30 till 12.00
All welcome! See you there. Jane Sunnucks Old Down 01454 419931

Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in the July draw, held on 12th July 2012 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	515	S J & M J Phelps, Olveston
£75	157	Mr. J Chick, Olveston
£25	483	Miss E Garrett, Olveston
£25	495	Mr. G Browning, Olveston
£25	324	Mrs. P James, Olveston
£20	374	Mr & Mrs. P Savage, Kington
£20	306	Mrs. P Oakhill, Olveston
£10	346	Mrs. J Spratt, Tockington

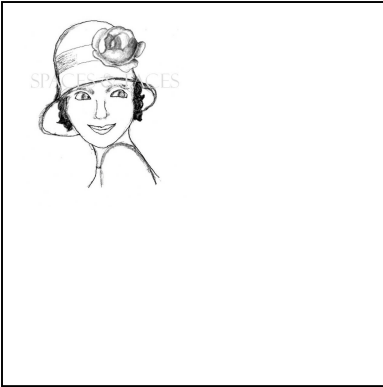
The prize winners in the August draw, held on 9th August 2012 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	349	Mrs L A Thomas, Tockington
£75	393	Mrs. J Crossley, Tockington
£25	331	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£25	299	Mrs. J Dickens, Aust
£25	515	S J & M J Phelps, Olveston
£20	222	Mr T G Watkeys, Old Down
£20	195	Mrs. N Schwitzer, Old Down
£10	479	Mrs. S Farr, Sheepcombe
£10	233	Mrs G Bowen, Awkley

Thornbury helps 'CALENDAR GIRLS' in Guinness Book of Records bid

Sky Productions are delighted to have been given performing rights for an amateur production of this hugely popular play at the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury on 27 – 29 September, at 7.30 pm. This charity event will be raising funds for the Armstrong Hall Back Stage Appeal and Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research.

Tickets £9 and £11 from Desirée on 01454 857283. Box office open weekdays at Thornbury Town Hall from 10 September, and at Wildings on Saturday 8, 15 and 22 September from 10am – 1pm.



'Flappers Away!'

A Murder Mystery Evening

October 5th 7.30pm Olveston School Hall

A mysterious murder, set in the 1920s, will be the central theme of this intriguing and amusing evening being run by Olveston Parish Twinning Association, with the help of a company of actors from Bristol who will provide the 'Murder' and the 'Mystery'.

There will be tables of 8 people and you can either get your own group together or simply join in with others when you arrive. Why not dress up in the style of the 1920s to add to the atmosphere of the evening? Each table will be given a chance to interview each of the 'suspects' and deduce the identity of the murderer. The winning table will get a prize! It is all very light-hearted and promises to be great fun!

A simple supper will be provided, which is included in the price, and there will be a bar serving alcoholic and soft drinks.

Our actor-friends are giving their services for the evening free of charge, on the understanding that OPTA shares any profits with a charity of its own choice. We have therefore nominated ARBAN UK - a locally based charity which has set up - and is now supporting - a clinic for mothers and their children in a Dhaka slum.

Tickets £7 available from Noel Clarke (01454 614099)

NB Numbers are limited, so please buy your tickets as soon as possible.

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

The Armstrong Hall, Thornbury will be magically transformed when Thornbury Musical Theatre Group put on their next production, Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" which is to be performed from 24th to 27th October with four evening performances at 7.30 and also matinees on Friday and Saturday at 2.30. This is a beautiful fairy tale, very familiar to young and old alike, a complete fantasy. Embedded within the tale are the serious themes of love, regret and the meaning of true beauty. This will be a magical, colourful production with larger than life characters, beautiful sets, enchanting costumes and spellbinding special effects. For tickets, ring Karen on 01454 853947 or visit the website. www.tmtg.org.uk Details of group booking discounts are available on request.

Almondsbury Surgery 'Seasonal Flu' Clinic

SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2012 IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL,
ALMONDSBURY FROM 9AM – 12PM

THIS CLINIC IS ONLY FOR
PATIENTS REGISTERED WITH ALMONDSBURY SURGERY AND WHO
ARE ENTITLED TO FREE VACCINATION BECAUSE THEY FALL INTO A
CLINICAL RISK GROUP

PLEASE NOTE: ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR'S SEASONAL FLU VACCINE
WILL ALSO GIVE PROTECTION AGAINST SWINE FLU

THE CLINICAL RISK GROUPS INCLUDE:

- ☐ ANYONE 65 OR OVER
 - ☐ PREGNANT WOMEN
 - ☐ ANYONE UNDER 65 WHO HAS CHRONIC DISEASE AS LISTED
BELOW AND IS THEREFORE AT RISK:
1. CORONARY HEART DISEASE
 2. DIABETES
 3. ASTHMA REQUIRING INHALED OR SYSTEMIC STEROIDS OR
CAUSING HOSPITAL ADMISSION IN LAST YEAR
 4. CHRONIC RENAL DISEASE
 5. CHRONIC LIVER DISEASE
 6. CHRONIC RESPIRATORY DISEASE
 7. IMMUNOSUPPRESSION
 8. STROKE OR TIA
 9. CARERS (but does not include Professional Health and Social Care
Workers who should be vaccinated by their employer as part of an
Occupational Health programme)

If you are unsure of your entitlement please ring or ask at the surgery from mid
September when staff will be able to advise you.

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 0117 970
8983 or alternatively email them at info@gpcare.org.uk and they will contact
you.

"Of a certain age? Missed the bus? Got time to kill before your next appointment? Just need to rest your weary bones? ...

then the Thornbury Pensioners' Drop In Centre is for you, based at the side of the Town Hall building in the High Street. Open every weekday from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, we offer hot drinks and biscuits, company if you would like a chat, or a newspaper if you would like to catch up on the news.

"The Drop In is widely used not only by people from Thornbury, but also people from north, south, east and west pay us a visit by judicious use of their Bus Passes. However, the centre is manned by a rota of volunteers who are also getting older. We would love to have more people involved. Each session lasts for 3 hours (10-1.00 and 1.00-4.00) and volunteers can do as many or as few sessions per month as they wish – the only qualification needed is the ability to smile."

For further details contact Clare Fardell on 01454 412486

Thornbury Memory Café

The memory café has been running since last March and has proved a popular, and much appreciated, service to those in Thornbury and the surrounding area who suffer from some form of memory loss.

After our August break the café restarts on Tuesday 11th September at 10.15 in Thornbury Methodist Church hall. Thereafter we meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the month. Anyone with a memory problem, together with a carer or friend, is welcome.

We usually have a short event, for fifteen minutes or so, sometimes connected with memory problems, more often purely social. There is plenty of time for chatter and meeting with others.

For more information contact Audrey Green on 01454 412619.

Thornbury Choral Society



Chance to sing an Elgar great

Thornbury Choral Society is keen to hear from potential new members who might like the opportunity to take part in one of the greats of the choral repertoire. *The Dream of Gerontius* by Edward Elgar is regarded by many as a masterpiece and is an exciting and dramatic work to sing. However, while it may be an ambitious work, no previous experience is required and you don't even need to audition. Just come along and give it a go. As long as you can blend with other voices, this friendly local choir will make you very welcome. So, if you used to enjoy singing at school, just like the music, or want to try something new, Thornbury Choral Society would like to hear from you.

The choir meets to rehearse Monday evenings 8-9.30pm in the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel St, in Thornbury. The first rehearsal is on Monday, 3rd September and there will be a welcome evening for new members on the following Monday, 10th September 2012. The concert performance will take place on the 1st December at Thornbury's Castle School with professional orchestra and soloists.

For further details please contact Alison Makepeace (Chairman) on 01454 415019 or Jos Gregson (Secretary) on 01454 411652 or check out the website: www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk



ARTS & COMMUNITY
IN THORNBURY

The Sing Thing is coming!

The Sing Thing is coming! A warm welcome invites you at Thornbury's Armstrong Hall on Saturday 15 September, when ACT (Arts and Community in Thornbury) holds what it hopes will become an annual event on the busy local arts calendar. You don't need to read music to take part in an inspiring afternoon workshop, led by singer/songwriter Johnny Coppin, with riveting warm up sessions from local choir leaders Liz Martin and Kate Phillipson-Masters. Starting at 1.30 pm, Johnny has four hours to teach two of his songs; one of which has been specially written to celebrate The Sing Thing and individual singers or complete choirs are all welcome, but hurry to get your workshop/concert

tickets, which are just £10 from Jackie (01454 416421) or Jenny (01454 417038).

The evening Concert, featuring not only the two pieces, but also an exciting performance from Johnny, begins at 7.30 pm, with tickets at £7.50 from The Garden Shop, Thornbury High Street.

ACT is currently working with the Armstrong Hall Trust hopefully to replace the existing complex with a 500 seat state of the art theatre, plus numerous flexible community facilities, including rehearsal and meeting rooms and a fascinating museum. It's hoped that this inspirational building and its suggested programme will serve a huge area, reaching to Cheltenham, Bath, Bristol and Cardiff, and will regenerate the town's economy, so visit our website: www.ACTthornbury.org.uk for more information.

Severnside Ramblers

Short walks! Long walks! Whichever you prefer - join Severnside Ramblers on a ramble.

Non-members are always very welcome.

For more information about walks in September, log on to **www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk**

A contact name and telephone number is given for each walk. We meet at Aldi carpark Bradley Stoke, BS32 9DA at the times shown below and share lifts to the start of the walk. If you want to go directly to the start of the walk, phone the contact person.



Sat 1 Sept 9.30am	Jubilee Way Thornbury to Rangeworthy	5 miles leisurely	Jean 419274
Sun 2 Sept 10.00am	Arlington Peninsula Fairly flat. Views across Severn	7 miles leisurely	Heather 632134
Sun 9 Sept 10.00am	Saltford River Avon and inland	8 miles leisurely	Joy 011793349 98
Fri 14 Sept 9.30am	Frenchay Frome valley	2 hours leisurely	Jean 419274
Sun 16Sept 8.30am	Blagdon & Mendips A few sharp climbs	12 miles moderate	Janet 01179 650661
Sun 23 Sept 9.00am	Bleadon & Crooks Peak <i>Mendips</i>	11.5 miles moderate	Bill 01179 870111
Fri 28 Sept 9.30am	Failand Undulating but beautiful views	2.5 hours leisurely	01179 628587

Yours faithfully

Rev. Dave Pole

One of my bits of holiday reading this year was Jeanette Winterson's autobiographical counterpart to her novel "Oranges are not the only Fruit". It's called "Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?" and I thoroughly recommend it.

In the course of the book she talks about 1960s Working Men's Institutes where Shakespeare and other great writers regarded these days as "difficult" raised no difficulties at all for men with little formal education; and she accounts for this by making the link with the familiarity with Elizabethan language fostered by the King James Bible which appeared in the same year as the first performance of *The Tempest*.

It's a good argument, but we need to be careful how we apply it. I've spent my working life trying to make difficult ideas more approachable by finding the right language to express them. The KJV is beautiful, but quite obscure to many people. The difficulty of enthusing young people about Shakespeare and Donne wasn't caused by the modern translations of the Bible. The truth is the churches lost touch with the young decades ago and even if we had carried on using the old translations, the young would not have been in church to hear them.

Just recently I've seen a lot of powerful writing by lapsed Christians and all-out atheists like Terry Eagleton lamenting the loss of something fundamentally important for our lives. Our critics see the problem much more clearly, it seems, than we do. The Big Ideas like Justice, Equality, and Freedom are as much a part of our lives as they were centuries ago. The quest to find what it means to be fully human, and then to live that kind of life, animates people today as it did two thousand years ago, but while Rome – or perhaps the economy and our social structure – burns, the churches are engaged in a self defeating episode of navel gazing over women bishops and the correct liturgical colours for the first evensong of the Feast of St Superfluous.

A flight to past pleasures and certainties might be fun, but remember God's terrible question to Cain in Genesis. "What have you done?" God asks. Today's answer to that question offers a challenging lesson in priorities.

From the Registers of St John's, Aust

Gordon Spratt died on July 12th aged 79; the funeral was held at St John's Aust on 26th July. Donations in Gordon's memory (towards repairing the church roof) can be sent to L & J Gulwell, 01454 418779.

From the Registers of St John the Evangelist, Elberton

May 19th Marriage of Paul Bryson & Sonya Hawkins
June 9th Marriage of Richard Whitfield & Tanya Hiron
June 16th Marriage of David Lewis & Hayley Thiery

From the Registers of St Mary's, Olveston

28th July Marriage of Wayne Newton & Bridie Giles
29th July Baptism of Harry David John Mear
 son of Christopher & Deborah Mear
29th July Baptism of James John Nutton
 son of Richard & Susan Nutton
31st July Funeral Service followed by burial in the churchyard of Carmen Pitts

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Sep 2	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev. Philip Rowe
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev R Bain & Rev R Crew
Sep 9	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev David Bone
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mr Denis Jones
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Severnside Festival at Old Down	Rev R Bain
Sep 16	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Ann Lloyd
Sep 23	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon David Sansum
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Mrs Janet McBride
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
Sep 30	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Morning Prayer	Mr Denis Jones
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	'Back to Church' service with Choir	Rev Roly Bain & Canon Wendy Wilby

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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

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

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

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

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Sep 9	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Sep 23	11am	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch	Rev David Bone Preacher Canon C. Mulholland

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

Church Wardens: Terry McLeavy 633680 Janet Ford 633300

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Sep 2	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Sep 16	3pm	Harvest Festival followed by tea in the Village Hall	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Sep 9	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Sep 23	6.30	Harvest Festival	Rev David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sep 2	10am 4pm	Tock. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney Circuit Service at St Mary Redcliffe
Sep 9	10am	Olv. Ch.	All Age Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
Sep 16	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosemary Doyle
Sep 23	10am 5pm	Olv Ch Olv.. Ch.	PARADE HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE led by Rev Sandy Williams HARVEST CAFE SERVICE led by Mr Glyn Varney
Sep 30	10am	Tock. Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev David Hart -Circuit Superintendent

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 12th September. To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 20th September To book please ring 613241, or 612112

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

CONTACT: Rev David Hardy 0117 9693135,

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THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer and 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:

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THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Sep 2	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies
Sep 9	6.30pm	Phil Ricketts
Sep 16	6.30pm	Rev Neil Mobbs
Sep 23	6.30pm	Chris Palmer(OMS)
Sep 30	6.30pm	Royston Pick

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & Praise

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

Paul Ashford, 07774 110814 or email: **Paul@CalebGroup.net**

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am Evening Worship 6.30pm. For more details, please phone 632564.

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Family Worship every Sunday at 11am

For details tel. 413247

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

Contact 0117 3050969 **www.bcfnet.com**

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

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

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

Local contact: Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603

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

Diary Dates for September 2012

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

1 st Sat	Coffee Morning Open morning Severnside S.S.C.G. Alveston Flower & Craft show	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.30 2pm	MH PH
3 rd Mon	Monday Movie	7.30pm	StM
4 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers. Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Royal British Legion Women Quiz & Games	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
5 th Wed			
6 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Open Mic. At White Hart	9.00-1.30 10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 8.30pm	OS+ MH
7 th Fri			
8 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Thornbury. Food Fair in Castle St Severnside Churches Festival. See Aug MP+ Ride & Stride sponsored walk	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 10.00-2.00	AVH MH
9 th Sun	Severnside Churches Festival 1 st Olveston Scout Gp A.G.M. at Scout Hut Children's auditions & meeting	4pm 2pm	OMC
10 th Mon			
11 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute - Creations Workshop Aust Parish Council	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR PH EVH
12 th Wed	Royal British Legion-Men	7pm	DGCL
13 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Cl. Demonstration	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OS+ MH TMH
14 th Fri			
15 th Sat	Coffee Morning Tockington Harvest Fayre Summer Concert at Elberton Church	10.30-12.00 2pm 7.30pm	MH
17 th Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
18 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women -Bingo	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL
19 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club - Harvest Lunch Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	12.00 8.30pm	AH

20 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS† MH
21 st Fri			
22 nd Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
23 rd Sun			
24 th Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club Practice	1.30pm	AH
25 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR AP
26 th Wed	Severn Valley Quilters	7.30pm	CH
27 th Thu	Coffee Shop Beat Surgery Olveston Toddlers Calendar Girls - to the 29 th Th. & District Flower Cl. Practice Class	9.00-12.00 10.30-11.30 2.00-4.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	OS† OS† MH AH TMH
28 th Fri			
29 th Sat	Coffee Morning Car Boot Sale at Marlwood School	10.30-12.00 1.30-3pm	MH
Looking ahead to October			
5 th	Murder Mystery Evening OPTA	7.30pm	OS
26 th -29 th	OPTA Visit to Bréhan		

KEY: **AC** Aust Church; **ACR** – Almondsbury Church Rooms; **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; **L VH** Littleton Village Hall **MH** – Olveston Methodist Hall;**OMC** Olv Meth Ch **OS** – Olveston School; **OST** – 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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