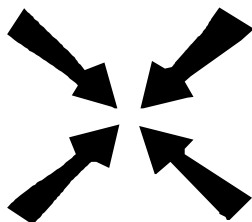


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From the Editor

“Chattering swallows on wires” – Angela Daymond’s regular article (page 23) says it all for September. There’s a final flourish of outdoor events, and the first notices of early autumn dates and schedules. You should find brief details of what’s on in the Diary at the back of the magazine. I must apologise to anyone outside the immediate Meeting Point area who had hoped for a mention in September magazine. There simply hasn’t been space to include you all.

Happy reading!

The cover: Olveston Court by John Crossley

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Village Person: Sue Farr

Pat Thirkettle

Sue Farr had an idyllic country childhood, health problems apart. After the war her parents bought an isolated Dorset 12th century farmhouse and mixed arable farm and her father gradually renovated the dilapidated house (an experience that came in useful many years later). Childhood memories centred round carthorses, sheep, pigs, poultry, hay making, harvest festivals and Christmas nativity plays in their own house. Her breech birth at home was traumatic and may or may not have contributed to her severe hip problem. Unable to walk properly, she had the wonderful opportunity of being treated by Miss Forrester-Brown, a pioneering orthopaedic surgeon. Instead of wearing callipers, the favoured palliative treatment of the time, at the age of eighteen months her hips were twisted round with her feet by her ears, then she was tightly bound for eighteen months. She does not remember the experience, but does remember having to sit in a special way afterwards, and having lots of x-rays. Horse riding was advised so she had a pony, and although it was not a complete cure, she never felt different from other people until the hockey team at school laughed at her gait.

Her father was a pioneer member of the Soil Association and in the 1950s he was already talking about the future effect of vehicle pollution and insecticides. He believed in the Christian values of being stewards of the earth and farmed organically. He was church warden and twice a day on Sunday they walked a mile to church; true to his beliefs they had no car. She and her sister attended a small school run by her mother until she went to a Roman Catholic convent three miles away, by bicycle. She shared a love of reading with her mother and they enjoyed trips to Shaftesbury to scour the second hand bookshops.

Music, especially singing, has played a massive part in Sue's life. There were many family friends who shared their love of music and drama, which they enjoyed in their homes and churches and often involved Sue being cast as the Virgin Mary. One year she remembers doing it three times in different ways: a 'Botticelli' look alike in one, made up like a porcelain statue at school and a rustic girl in their home nativity. She was also cast several times as Mary Magdalene in Easter productions, all of which had a great influence on her.

Her father, although so forward looking about the environment, was a man of his time and did not see the reason for women to be educated at a higher level; he thought that they should help at home and wait for the right man to marry them! Sue had other ideas and, realising there was a world beyond rural Dorset, she fought for the opportunity to attend Nursery Nurse College in Reading. There she made a friend from Gloucestershire and when they left college they rented a small run down cottage in Clifton. Poorly paid nursery

nurses they may have been but it was a mad, carefree penury. Sue joined the Bristol Youth Choir and through that connection was introduced to her husband Bruce and thus to this area. They married, but Sue's hips were failing and she spent the first three months of their married life in hospital after surgery which put her in splints for weeks. Bruce and Sue had bought the run down cottage in Clifton and renovated it. Their daughter Saffia was born while living there. It was in 1974, while Sue was pregnant with their son James that Sheepcombe House came on the market.

This is a dilapidated 16th Century house and the FARRS first moved in to a portion of it as a flat, before starting the renovation that would last seventeen years – nothing new for Sue! After their daughter Demelza was born, Sue's hips failed again and she had her first hip replacement in 1980. There followed busy years of rearing the children, starting three nurseries in Bristol and also becoming more involved with St Mary's Church. By 1991 the house was finished, but within eighteen months Sue experienced a mastectomy and two more hip replacements.

1996 was a sort of watershed. Demelza went off to university, the big house was empty and Sue started to cast around for something to fill the void that would give something back and make a difference to other people. On two separate occasions she heard about One25 and wondered if this was where she was needed. One25 is a Bristol charity that reaches out to women trapped in or vulnerable to street sex work, supporting them to break free and build new lives away from violence, poverty and addiction. It runs a drop in centre and five nights a week takes a van out with soup and sandwiches. Sue started volunteering in the afternoons and found she enjoyed the company of other volunteers. She then signed up for evenings on the van but kept this confidential as that was the policy at the time. Now it is realised that publicity is needed to raise money for the project. Sue graduated to being the leader on the van and was amazed and delighted to be asked to become a trustee of the organisation. She has found that meeting people from many different backgrounds makes you non-judgemental, and meeting the Christian volunteers has enriched her faith beyond going to church. Nonetheless she plays a large part at St Mary's Olveston, having been Church Warden for over six years, and she is currently Chairman of the Parochial Church Council. As always her great love is singing and she is a highly valued member of the church choir.

In 2002 she had a big operation for cancer on her thymus gland. This was more traumatic than previous operations and she took some time to recover, physically and mentally. However, the really good news is that in the ten years since then she has been fitter than ever before. Swimming and pilates play a part, and having moved from Sheepcombe into Olveston she can walk to many of her activities. For many years Sue organised the house to house

collection for The Children's Society, she helped to start the Thursday Coffee Shop in Olveston Stores and still keeps an eye on it, and organises the CHAT group that grew out of a Lent course and meets in various houses. Sue and Bruce have four grandchildren, some nearby where granny is very useful, and the furthest away in Australia. Sue is very happy with the move into the village and the proximity to church, village store, and all her friends and interests.

Ride and Stride - Saturday 13th September

Walk or Ride to make a difference to our churches

The Gloucestershire Historic Churches Fund has helped all the parish churches in our area with repair costs. We have an opportunity to give something back and to raise money for our own churches at the same time. **Ride and Stride** is an annual sponsored walk or bike or horse ride between Gloucestershire churches. You don't have to do this in a party – just get sponsorship to visit several churches. I have forms – let me know if you would like one.

This is a great opportunity to get some exercise, to explore our area, to see some lovely churches that you may not know, and to raise much needed money to keep them in repair for future generations.

If you would like to take part, or to sponsor someone else who will take part, please get in touch by phone or email with:

Tim Pyper tel 01454 416422 or tim.pyper@btinternet.com

If you're interested in the GHCT, their website is at www.ghct.org.uk.

Thank you

The family of the late Peggy Oakhill would like to thank all those who attended her service of thanksgiving. We would also like to thank those who have sent letters and cards of condolence. We have been overwhelmed by the kind words and thoughts, all of which have been a great comfort. Thank you to those who donated so generously to the allotted charities.

Nick, Cathy and Lorraine

News from St Mary's

On **August 31st** St Mary's are having an **Outdoor Celebration** at 10am in Cromwell Court - that may be Dawes Yard to you! Musical accompaniment is provided by the Portishead Concert Band, who also featured at the Fete, and Roly the Clown will be trying to clamber upon his Slackrope of Faith. Why not come and join us?!

On **September 13th** we're having our **Quiz Coq au Vin** at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at £5 from Roly, but there is a limit on numbers, so it's first come, first served. Teams are a maximum of 6 people. Chris Smart is our superb Quizmaster, as always. Roly can be contacted on 616593 or roly@rolybain.co.uk

In the **second half of September** we shall have one of our **Ugandan Link** people staying in the village: Pons the Diocesan Secretary. You may well see him around the place - he's dining at various people's houses over the ten days he's here, and he's being interviewed at our 10am service on September 28th. Come and meet him!

Our **Harvest Festival is on October 5th** at the later time of 11am, followed by our now customary Harvest Lunch. Tickets for that are £2 each, only £1 for children. Tins and non-perishable goods will all be given to the Sisters of the Church in Bristol.

Money Matters: Thanks to all those of you who supported the Fete - almost £4,000 has been divided between the church and the Friends of Olveston School. Thanks too to Ball attenders: over £7,000 was raised for the stone mullions around the East Window, and £750 was given to CLIC. You'll see that the long church wall has been repaired and re-grouted - just another £10,000 that we had to find from somewhere! There's always something, but it is a privilege to have the care of such a magnificent, holy and hospitable building.

Open Garden Thank you

Vicki and Tracy Watkeys would like to thank everyone for their support when they opened their garden for charity during July. In particular Almondsbury Garden Centre, Old Down Manor, the Swan Tockington and the Fox Old Down. A grand total of over £1000 was raised for various charities. Thank you.

1st Olveston Scout Group Centenary Family Camp

Nikki Clarke – Beaver Scout Leader

Over the first weekend in July, 1st Olveston Scout Group - Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers - celebrated the 100th anniversary of their founding with a two day family camp at Woodhouse Park Scout Centre on Fernhill.

After months of planning by Anne Howell the Cub leader, the event began with parents and very excited youngsters pitching their tents around the hub that was 'Scout central'. Bacon rolls were the breakfast of choice - a good old Scouting start to what turned out to be an amazing adventure for everyone involved.

The Beaver Scouts wasted no time and headed off to the woods at the edge of camp to make dens whilst the tents were pitched. Activities then began for all, with many challenges, pushing parents and children way out of their comfort zones - a huge climbing wall with views of the estuary and both Severn bridges, high and low ropes courses, crate stacking (hugely more scary than it sounds), an aerial walkway, an assault course with an incredibly smelly water pit and go karting. Families were then sent off into the woods to 'find' their lunch... bags of food had been suspended in the trees... and on their return they had to prepare and share. There was no let-up in the afternoon as everyone was back out to experience the adventure that is Scouting.

Extra fun was available over the two days - with crafts and a bouncy castle for the teeny ones, an inflatable pirate ship adventure course for the bigger ones and a human table football pitch for the Dads - unsurprisingly *that* got very competitive!

Dinner was a hog roast followed by chocolate brownies and ice cream. Then, off to the campfire circle for some traditional Scouting songs and hollers... you probably heard us singing from here! Back to camp for hot chocolate and biscuits with lights out for the younger ones around 10pm and families sitting out, enjoying the evening under the stars, until the early hours.

The morning began around 7am with bacon, sausage and beans, cereal or just a very large coffee for me! Everyone was then off to try out the activities they missed the day before. After a 'cake break' the group activities made for a lot of hilarity with teams creating an 'outfit' for one of their number from a kit of parts - a roll of toilet tissue, bin liners and sellotape. Models then headed down the catwalk to the delight of the crowd. Teams were next tasked with making a racing car from cardboard boxes and 'stuff'. After a ploughman's

lunch and strawberries and cream, the cardboard cars, with children inside, were raced round a course at high speed.

End of camp came a little sooner than anticipated, with a very large black cloud appearing over the estuary. Tents were hastily taken down and packed away. A final prayer was said under the flag on our 'gateway arch' and we all headed off home. At Beaver Scouts on Monday we asked the children what they liked and disliked about the event... Rhys Surman likes 'sleeping in a tent', dislikes 'that it was ONLY for one night'.

I would like to thank the Scouting Leaders who gave so generously of their time, parents for mucking in to help everything run smoothly and everyone who came to Centenary Family Camp for making it such an amazing experience, one that our children will remember forever.

P.S. Everyone on the camp wishes Anne's broken arm a speedy recovery.

Tockington Harvest Fayre

September 13th

2pm on Tockington Green

Come along to our annual Harvest Fayre where there will be something for all the family:- cream teas, live music from 'The Femmes' trio, games, stalls and entertainment, including 'Fromeside Gym Display team'. We will also have the crowning of the Harvest Queen and children's competitions.

Our competitions are:-

Children's Fancy Dress: 'Space' theme – Can you come dressed up as an astronaut, alien, spaceship or planet? 2p.m. start on The Green.

Children's Competitions to be displayed inside the Church: -

decorate a cake or cupcake (**open theme**)

make a 3D model from 'junk' or other materials on a '**Space**' theme.

We will receive competition entries on the evening before or on the day of the Fayre – prizes to be won! Please bring your named entry to Tockington Church by 2p.m.

We welcome any donations of cakes, fresh produce, books, good quality bric a brac, china, small pieces of furniture, bottles and toiletries, toys, games or even unwanted gifts! Please contact, Garry Phillips tel. 613241, Maggie Spooner tel 610053 or Jane Sawyer on jane@prologue.co.uk to arrange a collection or 'dropping off time.'

Events at Aust

As ever, there is lots to look forward to in Aust ...

Saturday September 6th - The annual **Village Fete** will be starting at 2 p.m. in the garden of the Boars Head – there will be the usual stalls with Cakes and Produce, Plants, Books, Quality Collectables, Craft stalls, Cream Teas and a “Fancy Hat Competition” – either make and bring one OR make it there. In the evening there will be the famous Aust Burgers, a “Tug o’ War”, Skittles, games and a “Bucking Bronco”. There will also be live music from “Mo, Mac and Me”, a Cider and Pimms Tent.....fun for everyone.

Sunday September 21st – Harvest Service at St John’s at 5.30 – this will also be a “Welcome” to our new Focal Minister, Ann Parker. After the service there will be a 3 course Harvest Supper at The Boars Head – ticket only (from The Boars Head or Janet Ford - 633300) at £7.50 per adult and special menu for Children, £2.50. The supper will be followed by a charity Auction – firstly we shall sell the donated produce and profits will go to a specified Charity and then we are having a general auction – profits to go towards buying a Defibrillator for the village. Should be great fun. Please do come along to all events today and support Ann as she starts her ministry with us.

... and finally, a date for your diary – Village residents’ Dining Night at The Boars Head, **Friday December 12th** – book and pay your deposit before November 1st and receive Marston’s vouchers to the value of £50. All other Christmas bookings made and deposit paid before November 1st will also receive a book of vouchers.

Littleton Evensong to commemorate the outbreak of WW1

We will be holding a service of evensong at **Littleton-upon-Severn** church on Sunday September 6th. Kate Phillipson-Masters will bring her choir and we shall have a musical feast, as well as marking the start of the Great War. We hope to note the contributions made by villagers and their relatives. All will be welcome. If you have anything you would like to contribute to the service, such as stories from your family history, or mementoes, please let me know.

Any queries or contributions to Tim Pyper 01454 416422 or tim.pyper@btinternet.com.

Olveston Toddlers and Tockington Toddlers

September Call & Nearly New Sale

Olveston Toddlers welcomes all expecting mums, new babies and toddlers every Thursday from 1:45-3:15pm in Olveston Methodist Hall. As our Toddlers graduate to pre-school we do need new families to come along to enable this group to keep running. It's always good to get to know the local mums and children and feel part of a community here in Olveston. Alternatively you might like to go to Tockington Toddlers on a Tuesday morning from 9:30-11:30 in the Wesley Rooms, Tockington.

Also, a belated thank you to all who supported the Olveston and Tockington Toddlers nearly new sale in June: especially the Village Hall Committee who sponsored us and enabled the groups to purchase some new toys and resources. There were some fabulous items at the last sale and some real bargains to be had. We are planning to hold another table top sale in October or early November for autumn, winter and Christmas items.

So if you have some unwanted good quality baby and children items and would like a table please let Jo Baxter know on 07773 709155 or olvestontoddlers@yahoo.co.uk Once again there will be a donations table for those who have just a few small items and are happy to donate them to the groups for fund raising purposes. So sellers get sorting to make some cash for Christmas and buyers be prepared to grab a bargain!

Once again a huge thank you to all past and current supporters of both groups. We wouldn't exist without you.

Olveston Parish Hall

The Panama Jazz Band are returning by popular demand!

Date: Saturday 13 September 2014 Time: 7.45pm

Tickets: £9.00 to include food

Telephone: 01454 610388 or email: pat@savageassociates.co.uk

Olveston Vision: Drop-In Display and Chat

Saturday 13 September, 1 - 4.30pm, Parish Hall

Dear Residents of Olveston Parish,

Please come to the Drop-In display of the Olveston Vision project on Saturday 13 September any time between 1pm and 4.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Come and

- See the findings of the Parish Questionnaire
- Hear the Vision Team's ideas about the way forward
- Tell us what you think
- Express your concerns about housing, transport, business, communications, traffic, facilities & environmental issues.

Help us maintain a strong and viable community with your needs at the heart of it. We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards from the Vision Team (tel 612850).

Olveston Parish Council Matters

Richard Rogers (olvestonpc@gmail.com)

Earlier this year Olveston Parish Council was fortunate to receive a grant for several sacks of spring bulbs. The bulbs have now been sourced, and we need to decide where to plant them this autumn. Suggestions would therefore be valued. The Council is also hoping to plant some native trees and would similarly welcome parishioners' opinions. If parishioners would like to help with the autumn planting, please let the Clerk know.

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners August:

£50 Rob Birtle £15 Olivia Maunder £5 Dave Buckley

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

19th July Tracey Jarvis 26th July Mike Rowen
2nd August James Green 9th August Paul Middleton

Up the Down!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Flights of Fancy - Crows

Trevor Cook

Surrounded by superstition and mistrust, for many of us the crow family represents the darker side of nature; but they are not all villains.

The magpie is perhaps the most conspicuous crow and needs no introduction, its black and white plumage and long tail makes it unmistakable and highly visible. The rise in magpie numbers is associated by some with a decline of song birds as it ravages eggs and young birds.



Rook
©John Haslam

Carrion crows are completely black and, as the name suggests, will eat anything they can find; they perhaps deserve their roles as extras in horror films. Single or in pairs the carrion crow is not sociable except when with family.

Crows are quite unlike rooks who love company and nest close together in a rookery, the nearest one being in Wild Acre Wood - worth a visit in spring. Some find it difficult to differentiate rooks from carrion crows, but the sight of the rook's bare face and sociable nature gives it away.

In Olveston and Tockington it is the large numbers of jackdaws that impress; black with grey necks and black heads, they always seem to be around, and in spring they tour the chimney pots to use as nests. But be warned; they completely block the chimney and it's a big job to clear up after them.



Jay
©Clive G. ...

The most colourful and secretive of the crows is the jay, which can sometimes be seen flitting through our gardens with its peach coloured body and blue wing flashes. Its screeching call can be heard in the woods and in the gardens, particularly where large trees and bushes give it cover.

But, most exciting for me, because they are still quite rare, is to hear and see a pair of ravens flying over. Large birds with a diamond shaped tail they are best identified from their call which is described as 'kronking'. Listen for them and enjoy a call of the wild mountain places.

(See www.olvoston.com for a link to the Countryside Group and Wild Acre Wood)

September

Angela Daymond

Shadows are lengthening as the sun lowers on the horizon. September is a time for great changes in the countryside. The hedgerows are at their peak: blackberries, sloes, damsons and elderberries all shining black amid the scarlet rose hips and hawthorn haws. Birds and small mammals all competing to stock up.

Not only grey squirrels start burying acorns for their winter larders; jays, the most colourful of the crow family, do the same. Look for the bright blue flash on their wings as they fly back into the woods at the slightest noise. The oak's hope is that some of those precious fruits will get forgotten and germinate next spring. Most flowers have faded to seed head now except the ivy which is flowering at this time, providing a lifeline for bees.

It's also time for the great migration swap to begin again. The summer visitors are preparing to leave. The winter 'arrivers' are on their way. Chattering swallows on wires are making preparations to join the little flocks of chiffchaffs and warblers on their journeys south. It's as well they are moving on, as insect numbers will plummet in September. Most have achieved their aim of breeding and laying eggs, their life spent; leaving pupae and larvae to overwinter alone to emerge next spring. Not all insects have gone though, wasps give up eating other insects as their young have probably grown and taken flight, so turn their attention to sweeter foods, like dropping fruits and our late picnics! Crane flies (daddy-long-legs) have their day as well, pushing up from lawns with their gangling flight.

As the nights grow cooler and the air gets fresher we gather our harvests in the company of many creatures doing exactly the same.

Oliver! - opportunities for all ages

Preparations begin this month for the Parish Players' 2015 production of the popular musical, Oliver! Local children are needed to play the Orphans and Fagin's gang. **A sing-through for children with some acting** will be held on **Sunday 7th September at 2pm** in the Parish Hall.

Our first rehearsal for Players is on **Thursday 25th September at 7.30pm**, also in the Parish Hall. New members will be very welcome, so do join the company, whether as an **actor/singer/dancer or as a back-stage helper**.

Please ring our Secretary Felicity Hemmett on 01454 415 979 for more details.

Olveston Parish Historical Society

Programme: October 2014 – April 2015

All events (except 5 Nov.) take place at the **Methodist Church**, The Street, Olveston BS35 4DR at **7.30 pm**.

Annual Membership, payable at any meeting, buys you admission to the whole season of talks. Alternatively, you can pay at the door for a single meeting. (Last year these fees were £5 and £2 respectively, to be reviewed at the AGM.) Our meetings are open to all - everyone very welcome!

Wed. 1st Oct. 2014, 7.30

Following a very short AGM, Pat Denney will tell us about the history of **The Merchant Venturers of Bristol** from their charter in 1552 to the present day.

Wed. 5th November 2014 (*Venue for this meeting: Olveston School*)

Eric Garrett has been hard at work researching a new book about Olveston parish in the First World War. Tonight he'll be giving us an illustrated talk and launching his new book **From Olveston to Aleppo** which reminds us that this was a world war and that local people were far from home during this conflict.

Wed. 3rd December 2014

While strenuous efforts were being made in the early 1900s to achieve justice for women in the political arena, what were the characteristics of ordinary women's working lives? Prof. June Hannam will analyse **Women's Work in Bristol in the Early 20th Century**.

Wed. 7th January 2015

Dr. Tim Bowly, retired aerospace engineer, now with a doctorate in history, will tell us about **The Tudor Navy from the Mary Rose to the Armada**.

Wed. 4th February 2015

When Bristol Zoo was founded in 1836, how did it acquire and sustain its stock of animals? Dr. Andy Flack will tell us, in his talk entitled: **Animal Commodities: Bristol Zoo and the Wild Animal Trade in the 19th Century**.

Wed. 4th March 2015

In January 2013, Professor Ronald Hutton described to us how local communities all over the country were affected by the English Civil War. We have invited him back to tell us what happened when monarchy was reinstated. **Charles II: Monarch in a Masquerade** is the title he has chosen.

Wed. 1st April 2015

Dr. Madge Dresser has recently been editing a book on 'Women and the City: Bristol 1400-2000' and for this meeting will share with us her own researches into **Women in Bristol in the Long 18th Century**.

Programme Secretaries: Jenny & Richard Newley 01454 202011

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

Friends of Daldry Gardens

In September the Friends of Daldry Gardens have the following events to which everyone is invited:

The **Coffee Morning on Tuesdays** from 10.30am is open to everyone. On the first Tuesday of each month we have a raffle to raise funds for our group.

On **Wednesday 3 September** at 2.30pm we have our monthly Holy Communion service with June Robbins followed by tea and biscuits (sometimes cake!). All are most welcome to attend.

On **Friday 12 September** at 7.30pm we are hosting a Swagger Unique Party - Gifts ranging from jewellery to accessories to home products from a locally based business. Tea and coffee available.

On **Tuesday 16 September** our usual coffee morning is being handed over to St Peter's Hospice as one of our regular efforts to help deserving charities.

On **Friday 26 September** Daldry Gardens is a venue for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support. Last year this nationwide event netted £20m for this most worthwhile cause.

We also now hold other events including a Movie Night and Bingo on the 3rd and 1st Wednesday respectively of each month. Full details are available on the Daldry Gardens notice board.

St Peter's Hospice local events - Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be held at Daldry Gardens, Olveston on Tuesday 16th September 10.30 – 12 noon. All proceeds to St Peter's Hospice. Stalls, Bring and Buy table and raffle. Please come along and support St Peter's, your local hospice. We shall be delighted to see you,

and - Golf Day

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to our annual Golf Day by kind permission of Thornbury Golf Centre on Friday 3rd October from 11.00a.m. This is a four ball Stableford competition to be played for the Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Team trophies plus prizes. Entry is £140.00 per team of four and includes a hot buffet. For more information, please contact 01454 417543 or email k.burgess@talktalk.net.

Olveston and Tockington W.I.

We had a most enjoyable August "meeting". It was time again for our members' annual summer dinner at the Anchor in Oldbury – good food and lots of laughter with friends.

On Tuesday 9th September, Lyn Young is coming to our meeting at the Parish Hall to share her knowledge and experience about how to achieve the perfect fit for perfect lingerie, nightwear and swimwear. After the talk and demonstration, the raffle will be drawn and there will as usual be time for a cup of tea. Possible glamorous additions to our lingerie drawers as well as recent summer holidays will no doubt be hot topics!

The next day, Wednesday 10th September, Val Huish is very kindly opening her lovely garden at Herm, Haw Lane, for a Garden Party (2pm – 4pm) to raise funds for Riding for the Disabled. Everyone is welcome to come.

So don't forget, Tuesday 9th September, 7.30 at the Parish Hall and then 2 o'clock the next day at Herm, Haw Lane.

Summer Sundown Party September 6th

A reminder from OPTA! Please make a note in your diaries, and come along to our Summer Sundown Party which is being held on Saturday 6th September 5-9pm at Olveston School. This is a family event for anyone in the Parish, not just OPTA members, and we hope to have a lively and entertaining evening with live music and games for the children.

Tickets are £5 adults and £3 children (family deal £15 for 2 adults and 2 children) and include a very special 'Sundown Bundoon Big Burger' and a 'Sundown Chocfest Brownie' served with ice cream. There will be a bar serving a range of drinks. Tickets are available now from Noel on 614099 or noel@olveston.com

Litter Picking

There will be a Litter Pick on Saturday 6 September. Please meet at the Parish Hall car park at 1pm.

Royal British Legion

Women's Section Welfare Fund

We will be holding our 2nd collection of the 2p Mile Challenge on Saturday 6th September. We will again hope to cover our large red poppy with coins. The money collected goes directly to the Welfare Fund to support the widows and orphans of military personnel. Your generosity in supporting us is very much appreciated - thank you.

Judy Bulley (Secretary)

Movies at St Mary's: Sept

Trevor Anderson



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

There will be TWO Movie Club films in September. 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 1st September at 7.30pm: The incredible story of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, told by his peer and secret rival Antonio Salieri – now confined to an insane asylum. A lavish, entertaining and powerful film. (1984) *Cert PG*

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

Mon 15th September at 7.30pm: An American father travels to Europe to recover the body of his son who was killed while walking "El Camino de Santiago" and decides to take the pilgrimage himself. A moving and uplifting film starring Martin Sheen. (2011) *Cert 12*

Licensed bar and refreshments at all the evening shows. Admission is free although a **donation** at the end towards expenses is always appreciated. For copyright reasons we can't name the films here, but if you **join the Movie Club** we'll send you titles and full details by email. It costs nothing to join – just email me at trevoranderson@btinternet.com.

Rosie Arkell - a big THANK YOU!

To so many friends who have shown such wonderful support and kindness to me during the past several months and particularly since I have returned home from hospital. Brian and I have been completely overwhelmed by all the cards, flowers, food and general good wishes, and I would now like to say thank you to all.

Rosie Arkell

Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in the August draw, held on 7th August 2014 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	454	Mrs P Macleod, Olveston
£75	328	Mr A Goodbrook, Olveston
£25	357	Mr D J Smart, Thornbury
£25	350	Mr & Mrs A Bates, Olveston
£25	495	Mr G Browning, Olveston
£20	443	Mrs J Skinner, Tockington
£20	541	Mr N Fear, Tockington
£20	378	Mr N H Dawes, Olveston
£10	289	Mr & Mrs R J Davies, Old Down
£10	414	Mr R J Lloyd, Tockington
£10	151	Mrs H Dangerfield, Olveston
£10	208	Mrs C Black, Thornbury

From the Registers of St Mary's Olveston

13th July 2014

Baptism of Megan Grace,
daughter of Matthew and Jennifer Thomas

27th July 2014

Adult baptism of Nicholas Edward Fear

2nd August 2014

Wedding of Andrew Wormald and Georgina Howard

5th August 2014

Interment of Ashes of Donald John Moody

Thank you from Arthur Webb

I would like to express my thanks to all my neighbours in The Crescent and Alveston Road, Old Down, for all their help and support during my present illness.

A special thank you to all the children for the enormous get well card made and drawn by every child in The Crescent. Arthur Webb

Thornbury Orchestra

After its highly successful concert in June, Thornbury Orchestra starts rehearsals again for the new season on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.45 in the United Reformed Church in Thornbury. We would especially welcome new viola players, so if you play the viola, please get in touch with membership@thornburyorchestra.org.uk

We shall be working towards our winter concert which takes place in November, but the Orchestra is also looking forward to Saturday 18th October, when we shall be joining Thornbury Choral Society in a fun performance of Handel's Messiah. We look forward to seeing you!

Alveston Flower Show *Marj Roper-Marshall*

Saturday 6th September, Jubilee Hall & Youth Centre, opens 2.00pm
Cream Teas available 2.30 – 4.15pm

I really cannot believe it is nearly the time of year for all those Flower Shows. There are usually quite a few to choose from, but I hope you will make Alveston Flower Show your 1st choice.

Better still, why not enter one of the classes? It is open to everybody, you don't have to live in Alveston to take part.

If you have visited us before, I am sure you had a very enjoyable afternoon. If you haven't, then come and see for yourself. There are plenty of classes to choose from – so why not pick up a schedule from the local shops and library? Or just come along and enjoy the day – maybe treat yourself to a cream tea – naughty but nice. Hope to see you there.

Walking Cheerfully Over the World

The Story of Quakers Locally and Beyond



Thornbury and District Museum's latest exhibition tells the sometimes dramatic story of the **Quaker movement in the local area**. During the time of the English Civil War there was much political and religious upheaval and against this background a young man named George Fox, the son of a Leicestershire weaver, set out to seek his own spiritual enlightenment. In Lancashire and Westmorland he was greatly influenced by the sect known as Seekers and, from this encounter, between 1652 and 1654 the basic tenets of the 'Children of Light' or 'Friends of the Truth' were established.

From their base near Ulverston in Lancashire, pairs of preachers set out to spread their beliefs to the rest of the country and in 1654 (exactly three hundred and sixty years ago) John Audland and John Camm came to **the Bristol area**.

Filton and **Elberton** were amongst the places they visited and we know that at least two people from **Thornbury** – Edward Parker and Eleanor Cannings – were convinced by their message. The Quakers went on to flourish locally and by 1677 they had a Meeting House in St John Street. There was a strong Quaker presence in **Frenchay** and in **Olveston** as well.

Quakers, including Olveston Quakers, suffered a great deal of persecution for their beliefs, particularly during the reign of Charles II, and many records describing exactly what happened to them have been preserved.

Quaker families established some well-known industries: Cadbury's, Fry's, Huntley and Palmer, Clark's shoes, Barclays and Lloyds banks among them.

The exhibition covers **all these stories** and many others, with particular emphasis on **local Quaker families**. Entry to the exhibition and to the rest of the Museum is **free**. Visit us in Chapel St. and find out more.

We're open Tuesday - Friday 1- 4pm and 10am - 4pm Saturday.

Your chance to contribute

Thornbury and District Museum will be mounting an exhibition later in the year about the First World War, focusing on **local men and women**.

We already have a collection of items which give an insight into the effects of the War on a number of Thornbury families, but we would be very interested to hear from anyone who could add to the picture of Thornbury and the local villages and their inhabitants during this period in history, with **photographs, documents, letters, diaries, physical objects or just stories** they may have been told by or about the experiences of older generations of their family.

You can contact the Museum by emailing enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk or phoning 01454 857774 or by visiting us in Chapel St. Please do get in touch if you have a story you would like to tell us.

Heritage Weekend: Walks in September

As part of the South Gloucestershire **Discover Festival**, volunteers from Thornbury and District Museum will be leading two walks over the Heritage Weekend. **The Borough Perambulation** is on **Sat. 13 September**, starting from the Museum in Chapel Street at 10am. The walk follows as closely as possible the line of the medieval town borough and will take at least two hours. There are fields, footpaths and some stiles along the way and sensible footwear is advised.

The second walk is on **Sun. 14 September** and is called **Cakes and Ale** – not a pub crawl in the modern sense, but a journey tracing the history of the many pubs and hostelries patronised by the inhabitants of our market town down the centuries. We start at The Swan in the High Street at 2pm and finish back there in time for afternoon tea and cake (the ale can be bought at the bar if you prefer something stronger!) in the upstairs function room. While the free refreshments are being enjoyed, a rolling slide show will illustrate some of the places described during the walk.



Both walks are free, but numbers are limited and tickets must be **booked in advance** from the Museum by emailing or phoning. Neither walk is suitable for wheelchairs or children under ten; older children must be accompanied by an adult. We regret no dogs allowed, except for guide dogs.

Thornbury and District Museum, Chapel Street, Thornbury
Tel: 01454 857774 email: enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk
Open 1 - 4 pm Tuesdays to Fridays and 10am - 4pm Saturdays

Yours faithfully

Rev Pete Brazier

It's all in the story

Many of life's big learning experiences come to us without warning, but often we learn on purpose, from academic degrees to reading the recipe for a cake. In deliberate learning experiences we have expectations about what we are going to learn, yet even with these there are unexpected revelations. This has been true of some of the learning I have done this year, where mathematics has reminded me of the importance of story.

The area of mathematics I've been studying is fairly young and has a story to tell about its journey through our world so far. Fractals is an applied form of maths with many practical uses, but for the benefit of those with maths phobia we will think of fractals as a person and call him Ben. Ben was born in the world of Geography in 1975 and grew up visiting places like biology and physics. Ben's young adult life found him embarking on a remarkable film career starring in almost every film that used computer graphics to create landscapes. But before Ben was born, the ideas that came to make him were conceived by Benoit B Mandelbrot in the world of economics. And Ben was sadly rejected by most of the economists. They were, and to a great extent still are, too tied up in their traditions to see the importance of what Ben had to say.

Like Jesus and the Church, Ben has always had to deal with the context in which he was working. And his value in the context was nothing without his underlying message. Jesus was understood by very few to begin with but over the years the Church has become very powerful. Ben is not the source of salvation but, like the Christian message, Ben has been equally useful wherever he has been understood. But I note as I look at this story that Ben continues to travel just as well as when he was young, because he only packs as much as he needs for the journey, yet the Church seems to have gained a lot of baggage over the years.

From the Registers of St Mary de Malmesbury, Littleton

29th July 2014 Funeral Service for Esme Harraway, attended by
approximately 250 mourners, followed by Burial in the
churchyard

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Sep 7	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev. Ann Lloyd
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev Roly Bain
Sep 14	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mrs Janet McBride
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
Sep 21	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mr Denis Jones
Sep 28	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Contacts:

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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 14	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Parker
Sep 21	5.30	Harvest Service & formal welcome to Ann Parker	

Focal Minister: Rev Ann Parker 01454 632329

Church Wardens: Terry McLeavy 633680 Janet Ford 633300

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Sep 7	6pm	Evensong Commemoration of WW1	Rev David. Pole
Sep 21	3pm	Harvest Festival	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Sep 14	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole
Sep 28	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sep 7	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
	3.30	St Albans Westbury Pk	Circuit Service
Sep 14	10am	Olv. Ch.	All Age Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney Breakfast Club to join later
Sep 21	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
Sep 28	10am	Olv. Ch	Parade Harvest Festival Service led by Rev Pete Brazier

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 10th September . To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 18th September. To book please ring 613241 or 612112

PRAYER MEETINGS Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 in Olveston Methodist Church

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

HOUSE GROUPS One on the 9th September at 10.30am at 7 The Green Olveston. Another led by Rev. Sandy Williams on 17th Sept. at 10.30am at 3 Hardy Lane.

THE OLVESTON INTERNET CAFÉ Olv Meth. Hall Mon 2-4pm Wed 10-12 & Fri 7-9pm Ring 07833 354672 or 07957 433091

Harvest Fayre Tockington Green Sat 13th September at 2pm

CONTACT: Rev Pete Brazier 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 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:

thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Sep 7	6.30pm	Rev Neil Mobbs
Sep 14	6.30pm	Allan Mann
Sep 21	6.30pm	Martin Taylor
Sep 28	6.30pm	Vic Soffe

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & PraiseTime

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

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

www.thedooryouth.co.uk or tel 07837234949

For more details, please phone 632564.

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

RESOUND (B.C.F) 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.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: Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603

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

Diary Dates for September 2014

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

1 st Mon	Severnvale Flower Club - Practice Class Monday Movie	1.30pm 7.30pm	AH StM
2 nd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning RBL Women - 'Bristol Zoo' Mr Packham	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 1.45-3.15	WR DGCL DGCL
4 th Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Open Mic. Night At White Hart	9.00-1.30pm 9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15pm 8.30pm	OS+ MH
5 th Fri	Thornbury Picture House - 'Blue Jasmine'	7.30pm	CH
6 th Sat	2p Poppy Appeal The Street Coffee Morning Litter Pick Aust Fête at Boar's Head O.P.T.A. Summer Sundown Party	8.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 1.00pm 2.00pm 5.00-9.00pm	MH PH OS
9 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Aust Parish Council Women's Institute - 'Perfect Fit Lingerie'	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR DGCL TMH EVH PH
10 th Wed	Beat Surgery	10.30-11.30	OS+
11 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Club - Demonstration	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 7.30pm	OS+ MH TMH
13 th Sat	St. Peter's Hospice Coffee morning Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Olveston Vision Drop-In Display Harvest Fayre on Tockington Green Thornbury Food Fair Castle St. Panama Jazz Band Quiz & Coq au Vin	10.30 10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 1.00-4.30pm 2.00pm 10.00-2pm 7.45pm 7.30pm	DGCL AVH MH PH PH StM
15 th Mon	Monday Movie Extra 1 st Olveston Scouts A.G.M. at Scout Hut	7.30pm 7.30pm	StM
16 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R.B.L. Women Bingo	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL

17 th Wed	Bosom Buddies at Swan Inn Thornbury Alpha Supper at Churchill House Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	7.30pm 7.30pm 8.30pm	
18 th Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OS+ MH
20 th Sat	Coffee Morning Tennis Club Quiz	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH PH
23 rd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Olveston Parish Council meeting	9.30-11.30 10.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL AP
25 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Thornbury & District Flower Club - Practice	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 7.30pm	OS+ MH TMH
26 th Fri	Thornbury Picture House - 'Wadжда'	7.30pm	CH
27 th Sat	Coffee Morning Marlwood School Car Boot Sale	10.30-12.00 1.30-3.00pm	MH
29 th Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club - Practice	1.30pm	AH
30 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00	WR DGCL
Looking ahead to October			
11 th	Harvest Supper	7.30pm	PH
17 th & 18 th	The Great War Remembered		StM

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; **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.

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

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