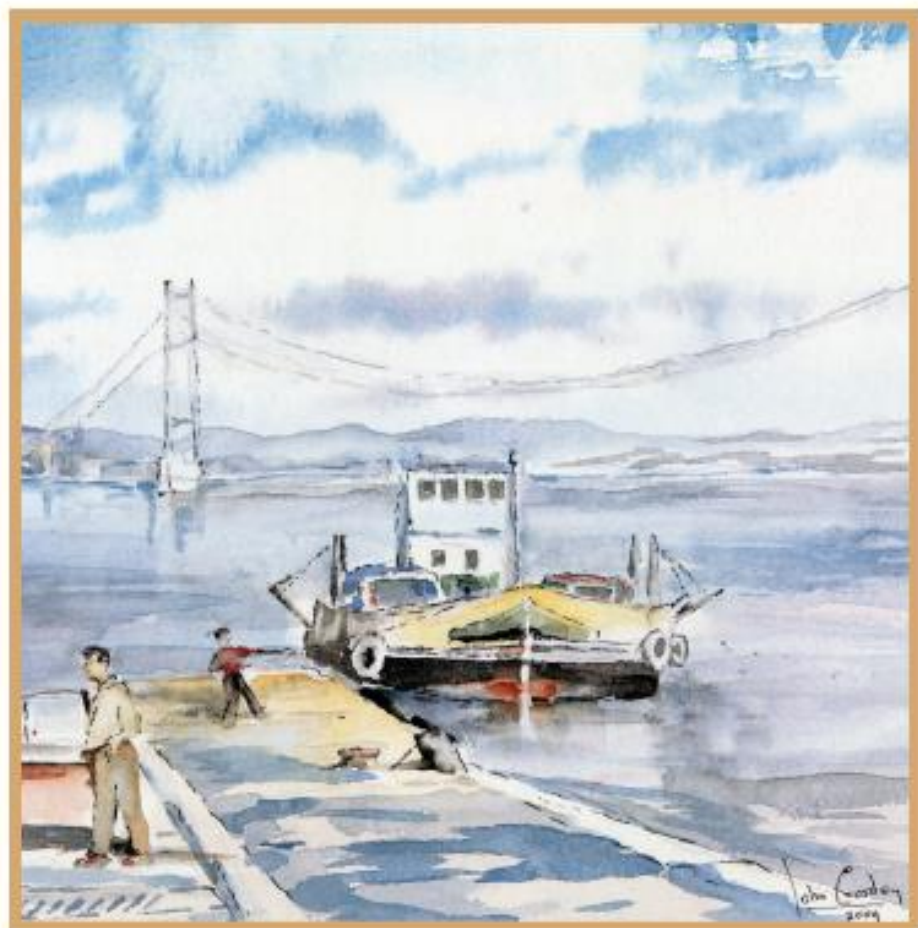
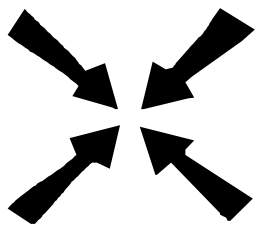


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From the Editor

Our cover this month marks the 50th anniversary, on the 8th September, of the official opening of the first Severn Bridge, and the closure of the Aust ferry. This, of course, was an occasion which marked great changes for the communities in the Meeting Point area. It certainly brings back memories for those of us who were around at the time!

As I send this edition to be printed, we have received the sad news that Rev Roly Bain has died. I know the huge love there was for him in our community. I also know, from friends elsewhere in the country, that he was well-known and much-loved for his work as a priest-clown right across the UK, and indeed in other countries. There will be an enormous Roly-shaped gap in our world.

The cover shows a painting of the last days of the Aust Ferry, by the late John Crossley.

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Olveston Parish Matters

Richard Rogers
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Parish Councillors recently attended the funeral of **John Spratt** at St Mary's Church in recognition of his services to the Parish, John represented both the farming community and Tockington until his retirement in February 2013. John will be remembered with great affection and respect, and our condolences go to Jean and his family.

This again brings into focus the importance of having a balanced Council that represents all views and opinions as well as all the settlements within the Parish. Councillors do their best to support all facets of the Parish, manage the facilities within the Parish for all the Community and to try and create a good environment to promote the well-being of the Parish into the future. Olveston is still a **Councillor short**, and neither Tockington nor Old Down is directly represented. Whilst this is not uncommon throughout the Country, a full complement would help to spread the workload and maximise the opinions presented.

It would also be good to make contact with those residents who are interested in becoming Councillors, but whose current circumstances are such that they feel that they can't commit at this time (experience has shown that opportunities present themselves all the time). Councillors also recognise that many parishioners are interested in helping with specific issues, and the Council is actively creating 'interest' groups who can advise, support and where possible undertake projects needed within the community on behalf of the Parish (such as the review of the Old Down Play Area, or 'Biodiversity' to name but two).

Olveston Parish Council would like to thank all those parishioners who have helped with the Olveston Parish Steering Group and its associated subgroups (reports from whom we plan to publish on the Parish Council website) and we hope to continue working with these groups to manage outcomes for the benefit of the whole Community.

Please contact the Clerk if you would like to be considered for the vacant Councillor post, (now or for the future), or have an interest in supporting the Parish on any specific issues.

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Broadband Provision

There has been what we hope will be great news this month – South Gloucestershire Council has published a press release which says that the Council has an additional £1.49M to invest in broadband provision; among the villages “likely to benefit” (their words) are Elberton and Littleton-upon-Severn. Call me an old cynic, but I will believe it when it happens – South Gloucestershire says by the end of 2017. It is good to think that the tremendous efforts made by several of our residents – particularly Andy Watkins – and our ward Councillor Matthew Riddle look like being successful.

Whale Wharf

At the time of writing, the deadline for a decision on the applications (for up to 30 residential units) has passed. The Environment Agency recommended refusal on flood risk grounds. I understand that an extension of time has been agreed to enable the applicant to submit new flood assessments and it remains to be seen whether their evidence persuades the EA and planners.

Power cuts and other electricity supply problems

On 6th September a new national phone number “105” will be launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area. Calls will be free.

Distraction Burglars

Avon & Somerset Police have been in touch with Age UK about a recent scam where people are posing as ‘Age Concern’ staff to gain access to older people’s homes. So we should always ask for identity evidence from any callers.

South Gloucestershire Policies Sites and Places plan

South Gloucestershire has published a revision to its plan. Consultation ends on 8th September. Go to www.southglos.gov.uk/policiesitesandplaces.

From the Registers of St Mary's Olveston

- July 24th: Baptism of Poppy Isabella May, and Mabel Harriet Springford, daughters of Matthew and Kimberley Springford.
- Baptism of Olivia Lillian Phillips, daughter of Paul Phillips and Natalie Pritchard.
- August 4th: Funeral, at St Mary’s, of Robert John Spratt (John).
- Burial, at St Mary’s, of ashes of Margaret Alice Harding.
- August 5th: Wedding of Andrew Stewart and Danielle Cole.

Candia Barman

Profile by Pat Thirkettle

Candia was born in 1931 into a Quaker family in Birmingham. She considers she is lucky to be alive, as during World War 2 an incendiary bomb came through the roof onto her bed. However the night before, her mother had decided that they should all go to the cellar in future, so she escaped.

The family then fled to live initially with her grandfather in the Worcestershire countryside. At that time she was too young for boarding school so went to a boys' prep school nearby, before boarding at Downe House in Berkshire. It was very basic and simple then and Candia loved being allowed to get up very early in the morning to go bird watching, but was told she needed a rest in the afternoon as she might be tired!

After school she trained and worked as a physiotherapist in Birmingham before meeting her husband Ben and having three children. Ben became a Quaker, but with the children and working they were not involved with the Quaker community at that time. However they did become foster aunt and uncle to Joan and Elaine from a local children's home, which meant the girls visiting once a week and occasionally staying. Candia still keeps in touch with Joan.

In 1985 Ben's job moved them here and, remembering her rural childhood in Worcestershire, they wanted to live in the country. So they bought the house in Littleton where they are today. They now had more time to be active in the Quaker community in Thornbury. Candia was Clerk of the local Meeting several times, and they were once joint Clerks of the larger Area Meeting which includes all the Quaker Meetings in the Bristol area. Candia also edited the Bristol Quaker newsletter for many years and was active in 'Thornbury Churches Together'. She used to interview and write articles about new and departing clergy for the Thornbury Gazette.

Quakers are committed pacifists, so in 2004 Candia travelled to Palestine with the Israeli Committee against House Demolitions, an Israeli peace and human rights organisation dedicated to ending the occupation of the Palestinian territories and achieving a just peace between Palestinians and Israelis. They



stayed on the West Bank and saw many demolished Palestinian houses, some of which ICAHD would rebuild twice or three times, only for them to be demolished again. At night they would sleep in their clothes ready to get up in case of trouble. New illegal Israeli settlements would be built on hillsides where they would throw rubbish down onto the Palestinian villages below. On occasion Candia would be involved in arguments between both their group and the Israeli Defence Force, but, in true Quaker fashion, Candia would suggest that a gentler tone would be more helpful. She visited Palestine several times more and Ben came too.

They are great trekkers, both in Europe and in Nepal, once nearly getting to Everest Base Camp. They completed the Machu Picchu trek in their seventies! They also loved sailing and crossed the Channel many times.

They have a lovely garden which is next to the village pond and they have rows of very healthy vegetables. Candia now sometimes helps at the Fairtrade stall in the United Reform Church. She volunteers at the Memory Cafe in Thornbury that was started three years ago by a Quaker friend Audrey Green, and also one morning a week in the Oxfam shop in Thornbury. This is short of volunteers at present so here is a plea for more helpers please.

Jan's September Puzzle

Jan Winter

Palindromic dates

A palindromic number is one that is the same written backwards or forwards, e.g. 303, 512215, 21022012. The last of these could be a date, written in dd mm yyyy format: 21st February 2012.

It is quite a while until we will have a palindromic date like this again. When will this be? How many are there altogether this century and what do they all have in common? What is special about the very last one?

Solution to August puzzle

The key bit of information is that no-one answers immediately. This means that person D cannot see two hats the same colour in front of him – if he could he would know that his hat is the other colour. Because he says nothing, person C knows that her hat is not the same colour as the one she can see in front of her, so she knows her hat is red.

London for the Weekend!

1st Olveston Brownies trip

by Brownie Erin Baker

On the morning of the 20th May, all of the brownies going on camp were packing their bags ready for an adventure they would never forget! On the Friday evening all the brownies arrived at Parkway station, we had 5 minutes to say our goodbyes and 5 minutes to get on the train. It was a 2 hour journey, but time went quickly. The leaders handed out pipe cleaners to see what we could create with them. I made a plait, and others made animals. We arrived in London, and the brownie leaders put badges on, each had a different picture. The theme was The Crown Jewels, so these were their names for the weekend. My leader was now called Silver.

From the train station we needed to find the underground. After a bit of problem solving we found it! Then we walked from the underground to Pax Lodge, one of the World Girl Guiding centres. When we arrived we found our



rooms, unpacked and went to bed. Over the weekend we went to the Tower of London, to the top of Tower Bridge walking along the glass floor, and to Buckingham Palace to watch the

changing of the Irish Guards. Then we went through security to stand on the doorstep of number 10 Downing Street. The door opened and out came the cat! We did loads including going to Pizza Hut for tea and walking along the river Thames.

My favourite was seeing the guards sat on their horses in Horse Guard's Parade. As much as they tried, the horses wouldn't stand still!

Overall, the weekend was **AMAZING**, I wish I could do it again!



News from St. Mary's

Trevor Cook

Benefice Boundaries

Elsewhere in this magazine Rev. Philip Rowe explains the proposed re-alignment of the Severnside churches and the implications of the changes in leadership. See Philip's statement.



Outdoor Service

At 10am on Sunday, 4th September we are going to brave the elements and hold a service outdoors. It will be held in Dawes' Yard (opposite Olveston Stores) and we look forward to welcoming all, especially families and children. We do recommend bringing your own chair if you can!

Concert news

The concert by the BCO Sinfonietta in July was a resounding success. It raised the roof, even though repairing the tower is evidently more critical; the profit of £800 made will make a difference. Thanks to all who participated and also to those who came along to enjoy it.

There is just time to obtain tickets for the "Classics and Jazz" concert which was advertised last month. The concert will take place on 3rd September at 7.30pm in St. Mary's. Tickets can be obtained from Olveston Stores, Phil Savage (tel. 616370) or June Robbins (tel 617491)

Denis Jones

A reminder that Denis will share his last service as a Lay Minister at the 10am Service on 11th September. Do please come and join as we celebrate Denis' outstanding contribution to church life.

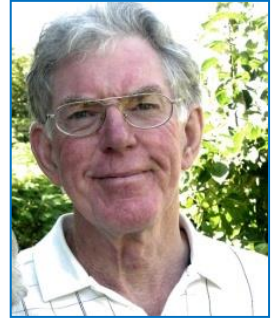
Paul Harrod

Paul will be licensed as a Lay Minister at Bristol Cathedral at 2.30pm on Saturday 24th September and if you wish to go along and support him and the other candidates you will be most welcome.

Meeting Point's Third Decade

By Trevor Anderson, Editor 1999 to 2001

"Glutton for punishment" was what people said to me in 1999 when I accepted the role of Meeting Point Editor for the second time. *"Why do it again?"*



From 1987 to 1991, **Les Slaytor** and I had been Editor and Assistant Editor, swapping roles half way through. In 1997, **Garry Phillips** became Editor and I rejoined the team as his Assistant. In July 1999, when Garry stood down, I was back in the hot seat as Editor.

Why do it again? Because I've always believed Meeting Point to be an important part of our village life. It's a real community magazine, produced for the community by the community. Its declared purpose has always been *to inform, to educate and to entertain* – and I believed it was succeeding admirably at this. But I felt it could be made even better!

By making better use of what we then called "new technology" I believed we could improve the appearance of the magazine, make it more attractive to read and encourage more people to make contributions. So we began by updating the design of the Editorial Page, changing the title font and introducing the 'four arrows' logo which, 207 issues later, is still with us! And we made it easier for people to contact us by giving an email address. (Wow!)

We then highlighted a number of **themes** for the magazine, gave each a little logo, promised to make them regular features and invited readers to send in contributions. Here are just a few. (We show the logo for the first one only).



One thing I quickly discovered is that local villagers are involved in an amazing variety of activities. So we introduced '**Village People**' and, once a month, shared their story in an article usually written by my superb Assistant Editor **Lynn**

Shelley. A particularly memorable interviewee was 100-year-old **Bert Downs** who said the secret of his long life was family, friends, a tot of whisky and "an awful lot of onions".

LOCAL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES. With well over 40 clubs, societies and groups in the area, we decided to reserve space for one or two to publicise themselves each month. This produced an enthusiastic response and many were featured during my time as Editor. These included Stepping Stones for the little ones (**Gill Powell**), Olveston Thursday Club for the older ones (**Madge Saddler**), Old Down Cricket Club for the men (**Andy Rowan**) and Severnvalle Flower Club for the ladies (**Sally Taylor**).

COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS. Articles on this theme were among the most popular in MP. By creating a regular slot, we hoped it would help us all enjoy the countryside more and, at the same time, remind us of our responsibility to conserve and respect it – whoever we were. I can still remember the fascinating contributions from **Muriel Olive, Ted Addis, Malcolm Scott, Tom Brown** and many others..

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS. Comprehensive P. C. news each month from **Valerie Tutin** (Olveston) and, a bit less frequently, from **Tony Meredith** (Aust)

THE WAY WE WERE. Each month we shared a few '*memories from the past*' selected from the archives of our local Historical Society by **Eric Garrett** or **Freddy Pitts**. These often reminded readers of some memories of their own and interesting correspondence often developed. *Non-slipping pads?* We eventually found out what they were when **Dorothy Cobb** enlightened us.

LOCAL BUSINESSES. Without them, our villages would become mere dormitory areas. So, to help support them, we introduced a series of articles, each featuring one local business. A few of the many we featured were Garretts Gardens (**John Garrett**), Clean Cut (**Tracey Walters**), Tomorosa Boarding Kennels (**Tom and Rose Brown**).

All this in the context of some **massive events**, globally, nationally and locally.

On the morning of August 11th 1999 a **total eclipse of the sun** was visible from parts of Devon and Cornwall. In our villages it was almost total with well over 97% of the sun being covered by 11.16am. **Pat Budden** and **Hugh Farr** wrote to share their personal experience of the event, each seeing it in a different way and from a different location.

In the same month we heard that a **large red and green bird**, with a voice like a squeaky hinge, had been seen and heard in Olveston. People said it was a parrot. *Parrots in Olveston – what's going on here?* One effect of global warming? Can we expect more parrots? Should we talk to them to make them feel at home? But it disappeared and we heard no more.

Then, at midnight on 31st December 1999, nine rockets announced the arrival of the New Year and MP entered the **New Millennium**. The January 2000 edition had the first-ever full-colour cover and, it later transpired, all issues for that year were preserved in the **Olveston Parish Millennium Capsule** which, led by **Les Harper** from OPHS and blessed by the Dean of Bristol, was later interred below a grating in the north aisle of St Mary's Church.

In March 2000 **Rowley Jackson** launched the St Mary's Millennium Appeal to raise funds for much needed improvements at St Mary's Church, including the building of a **new Meeting Room**. After many months of discussions and correspondence, **Martin Gibson** reported that the Meeting Room proposal had been abandoned, although other improvements would proceed.

But the most significant event to hit our area during my time as Editor was the **foot and mouth epidemic** of Spring 2001. It was a terrible time for farmers

and others whose livelihood depended on the countryside. Footpaths were closed, events were cancelled and the smell of burning carcasses hung over our villages. MP was not the place, nor was there space, for a full discussion of what had happened to our countryside but we found space for **Robert Bernays**, local farmer and country park owner, to share his thoughts and concerns with us in the May issue.

On a brighter note were articles from **the people** who comprise our community. Many names have been mentioned already but I remember the contributions from many more during my time as Editor:

The exciting emails from **Patrick Towle** as he sailed in a small yacht from Buenos Aires to Wellington, rounding Cape Horn, on the BT Global Challenge.

“No more ironing” said **Perry Poole** when she told us about winning £32,000 on How to be a Millionaire. Her video can still be seen on YouTube.

The wonderful tribute in our May 2000 issue to **David Shaw** who stood down as conductor of Thornbury Choral Society after 25 years.

Hugh Farr, all dressed up in drag for Valentine’s Day Ball, 2000. He even allowed us to publish a photograph.

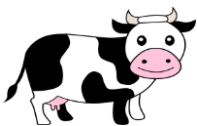
Alan Taylor, whose cheery greeting in the newsagents and his support of many village activities and organisations further afield, made him one of the most widely known people in the area, Alan sadly died suddenly on 4th December 2000 but his memory lives on.

Marcus Bean, one of our first ‘Village People’ who later supplied MP with regular, and very comprehensive, Weather Reports for the Olveston area.

Norman Griffith, a valued contributor to ‘Countryside Matters’. Sadly Norman died in August 1999, the very month in which one of his articles was published. As a tribute, our September cover was one of his bird designs.

Councillor **Rowley Jackson** who contributed regularly to MP and, in September 1999, was appointed Honorary Alderman of South Gloucestershire in recognition of “eminent services rendered.”

And then there was farmer **John Cryer**. This story made us smile:



Milking Time?

A visitor to the countryside stopped near Olveston to ask Farmer John the time. “Just a moment” said John. He crouched down beside one of his cows and lifted the udder very gently. “Ten to one” he replied.

The visitor was astonished. “How can you tell the time just by feeling a cow’s udder?”

“Come here and I’ll show you” said John. “If you crouch down like this and lift up the udder you can just see St Mary’s Church clock.”

New Parish Priest

Philip Rowe

You may have heard that proposals are being considered for changing the arrangements for stipendiary (paid) ministry in the Severnside area. Last September Rev Dave Pole retired from Alveston Vicarage. After due consideration, the Diocese of Bristol has proposed that the 8 Churches are divided in a different way between the stipendiary priests.

So they suggested that a priest is appointed on a 4-year tenure, with responsibility for Alveston, Olveston, Littleton and Elberton. Rev Philip Rowe will remain responsible for Almondsbury, Easter Compton and Aust and also take on responsibility for Pilning including Severn Beach.

The Church Councils of the 8 churches have in principle agreed to this if the scheme is adjusted to allow St John's Aust to remain linked to St Mary's Olveston and this alteration has been accepted by the Diocese. So at the time of writing discussions are continuing with officials from Bristol Diocese to implement this revised scheme.

Representatives of St Mary's are drawing up a Parish Profile which will be used with those of the other parishes to form a role description. The post will then be advertised and a short list drawn up. St Mary's will have a representative on the interviewing panel. It is most likely that the new priest would be in post from early next year.

Please pray that God will use this process for the right person to be appointed.

Finally, I have heard that Rev Roly Bain has died today (11th August). I am sure much more will be said in the next edition of Meeting Point. But my first words are to thank God for all that Roly meant to so many people in Olveston and beyond, and to pray for all who mourn him. He was a special friend to such a wide diversity of people. I don't know how, if at all, this will affect these plans.

Thank You from Tracey

Tracey (from Clean-Cut Hairdressing) has sent us a message saying:

'I would like to thank everyone for their support and messages while I was off work with a broken elbow. I am back working in the salon as usual.

Also, Tracey and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and cards following the deaths of Bernard and June Trott. Donations received amounted to £497.25, which went to the renal dialysis unit at Southmead Hospital, and to the Poppy Appeal. Thank you.'

Rehearsals for 'Peter Pan' in Sept

Here we are again at the start of a new season for Parish Players. Rehearsals for our February 2017 production of 'Peter Pan' will start as follows:

- **For children, Sunday 11th September at 2pm to 4pm in the Methodist Church, Olveston**
- **For adults, Monday 19th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.**

This year we need boys and pirates! Although the "Lost Boys" can of course be played by girls too. So, if you've ever wanted to take part, this is your chance to get involved either as a player or helping behind the scenes. We warmly welcome new members to our rehearsals which run on Monday and Thursday evenings (for adults) and (for children) Sunday afternoons up to Christmas and after that joining the adults through to Show Week in February half term.

Our production is based on the classic story by J M Barrie with music and lyrics by Piers Chater-Robinson. It has all the ingredients for a great show and should be a lot of fun to rehearse.

Please contact Linda Evans for further information on 01454 413887



Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners August 2016:

£50	Ted Sharpe
£15	Nigel Dando
£5	Reg Purchase

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

23/07/16	James Green
30/07/16	Paddy Gardner
06/08/16	Simon Davis

Movies at St Mary's: Sept

Trevor Anderson



Greetings to all readers from the Movie Club Team at **St Mary's Olveston**. Our September Programme is given below. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book. Admission is free, although **donations** are welcomed.

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

Mon 5th Sept at 7.30pm: A Mumbai street kid is just one question away from winning a staggering 20 million rupees on India's 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?' (2013, *Cert PG*). Rescheduled from last month.

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

Mon 19th Sept at 7.30pm: James Stewart and Grace Kelly star in Alfred Hitchcock's classic thriller about a wheelchair bound photographer who thinks he witnesses a murder from his apartment window. (1942, *Cert U*)

Doors open 30 minutes before start. Licensed bar and refreshments.

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.

Friends of St. Mary's

Prize winners in the 4th Aug. draw at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	580	Mr P Haworth, Olveston
£75	352	Mrs V Brown, Olveston
£25	159	Mrs S Fairhead, Oldbury-on-Severn
£25	594	Mrs S Roos, Olveston
£25	383	Mr R Bisiker, Tockington
£20	257	Mrs C Healey, Olveston
£20	208	Mrs C Black, Thornbury
£20	219	Mrs P Dash, Olveston
£10	247	Mrs C K Hickman, Olveston
£10	312	Mr A Maunder, Cornwall
£10	279	Mr A Bryan, Olveston
£10	225	Mrs A Neale, Olveston
£10	291	Mrs I Phillips, Olveston
£10	515	S J & M J Phelps, Olveston

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



Oveston Fun Run



One parent is welcome to run with younger children

Each participant who finishes will receive a medal

ENTRY Fees

	Pre-registration	Race Day
Adult *	£5.00	£7.00
Child 5km	£3.50	£5.00
Child (1 km)	£2.50	£3.00

* Member s of ARC affiliated running clubs pay £3 / £5

A 1km run for younger children around the school grounds and a single lap off-road course of approximately 5km along footpaths and bridleways of Oveston.

Both start at Oveston School, one entry fee to join both.

1km start at 10am

5km start at 10.30am

Registration from 9am at Oveston School



Entry forms available from Oveston School Office or by contacting Charlotte Witherbed - charlottehume123@hotmail.com / 07780886342

We also need volunteers to become - Marshalls, First Aiders and help with refreshments so if you can help please contact Charlotte on 07780886342

Tockington Harvest Fayre

Saturday September 17th: 2 pm

Garry Phillips, Jane Sawyer

The annual Harvest Fayre on Tockington Green is almost with us again. Last year's Fayre must have been the most successful we've ever had, but we are determined that this year's will be even better. Music will be a completely new experience – a Ukulele Band! The Ukulele Jam are a band based in Thornbury and include many locals; have a look on their website www.ukulelejam.co.uk. It should be a very entertaining afternoon. We are very pleased that Mr. Jack Vokes, our oldest Church member, will officially open the Fayre at 2pm. Jack has lived in this vicinity all his life and will be known by many from Olveston and Tockington. He will be crowning the Harvest Queen, and this will be followed by the children's fancy dress parade.

Details of the parade and children's competitions are as follows: -

- 1. Children's fancy dress parade.** Theme: Characters from Roald Dahl stories. Can you dress as Fantastic Mr. Fox, the BFG, a pelican, giraffe or a giant peach? Roald Dahl was born 100 years ago hence the theme.
- 2. A flower arrangement** on the theme: 'Time for Tea'. Perhaps arrange some flowers in a mug, teapot or cup and saucer!
- 3. Design a new chocolate bar wrapper** for Charlie's Chocolate factory. Can be 2D (A4) or 3D any size.

The Cream teas will be as good as ever and there'll be all the usual stalls with 'As New' and 'bric-a-brac' stalls to browse through, freshly baked cakes and locally grown fruit and vegetables, pet's corner, games, and skill stalls for the young and old alike!

We would be grateful of any good quality donations of unwanted gifts, smellies, bric-a-brac', or second hand 'home' items, books, toys and games. We are happy to collect donations –

Please contact Garry Phillips (email garryphillips194@btinternet.com, tel 613241), Maggie Spooner (tel 610053), or Jane Sawyer (email jane@prologue.co.uk).

We rely on this event as a major source of funds for the upkeep of our Methodist premises at Tockington and Olveston. They continue to be used extensively by many local community organisations. However, the success of the Fayre also depends on the physical work involved in preparing, running and clearing up, and we are increasingly dependent on help from the local community – **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** – If you can help, especially setting up and clearing away, then please turn up on the Green at 9am and again at 5pm to clear everything away.

See you on the Green for what promises to be another fun filled Harvest Fayre - we'll do our best to make the sun shine.

Olveston Parish Supper

Olveston Parish Hall is the venue for the Annual Parish Supper arranged for **Saturday 8th October at 7.30pm**. AHM Catering Experience will again be providing a 2 course meal, and the hospitality will be from the Hall Committee, to include a paying bar, entertainment and raffle. All we need is you to support this local event to make it an enjoyable community evening. Tickets £11.00 from The Crusty Loaf, June Robbins 01454 617491 or Geoff Chappell 01454 615806.

Tuesday Evening Bridge



We are a small group of local people who play bridge in the Olveston Methodist Hall every Tuesday evening. The evening is friendly, relaxed and informal and we are of varying levels of skill! If you are a bridge player and might be interested in joining us we'd be very pleased to hear from you. In general people come with partners, but we can often pair people up so if you are not part of a regular pair that need not be a problem.

We play from 7.30 to about 10.15, including a coffee break, and generally play about 18 hands of duplicate bridge. Don't worry if you are not familiar with this - it's just a different scoring system from rubber bridge.

If you'd like to know more, please email philandsylviaroos@gmail.com or janwinterolveston@gmail.com, or phone Phil Roos on 612428 or Jan Winter on 612641.

1st Olveston Scouts

Dates for your diary!

- Saturday 1st October – Line of coins
- Monday 10th October – AGM & Demonstration evening

We are always looking for individuals to help with the group. If anybody is interested feel free to contact Tony Heming on: tony@tonyheming.co.uk or approach any of the leaders who would be more than happy to help.

Museum displays and local walks

When you're in Thornbury this month, schedule a bit of extra time to browse through the displays in your local museum. You're also encouraged to share any memories, photos or memorabilia you have...

DISPLAYS in the museum in September:

The 50th Anniversary of the First Severn Bridge:

In the upstairs gallery, there will be a small display of photos and memorabilia about the construction of the first Severn Bridge, officially opened on 8 September 1966, and the Aust Ferry it replaced. Were you involved in the construction of the bridge? Did you witness the official opening ceremony? Do you remember the old Aust ferry? Have you got any good stories about crossing the waters of the mighty Severn? Volunteers at the Museum would be interested in hearing your memories or in seeing any photographs you might have in connection with the bridge.



The 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme:



In the museum hallway, our rolling 4-year display commemorating local experiences of the First World War now focuses on the Somme and on local people who fought there.

Among them was the son of the vicar of St Mary's, Thornbury, a student at Oxford, whose poem 'Before Action' made Vera Brittain cry, according to her account in 'Testament of Youth'. He died on the first day of the battle, July 1st, having won a Military Cross at the Battle of Loos in 1915. Museum volunteers would be very interested to hear from anyone who knows of local men who served in the Great War and who are commemorated elsewhere.

History in the Making: The display which was on show briefly at the beginning of the year returns in September, to commemorate the wide range of items produced and manufactured in our local area in the past.

Free HERITAGE WEEKEND WALKS

Your chance to book up for a FREE museum-led local history walk, as part of the South Gloucestershire Discover Festival:

Sat. 10 September, 10am – 1pm: Beating the Bounds: It has become something of a tradition to "beat the bounds" during Heritage Weekend and "The Historic Borough Boundary of Thornbury" will be the theme of Saturday's walk. The borough was created in about 1252 and we can no longer be sure of the exact line of the medieval boundary, but our route will be as close to it

as we can get. The walk starts at the Museum in Chapel Street at 10am and could take up to three hours. Sturdy footwear is advised, since as well as pavements there are some field paths and stiles.

Sun. 11 September, 2 - 4.30pm: Cakes and Ale: A Walk through Thornbury's drinking past: A walk looking at Thornbury's historic pubs and inns, past and present, starting and finishing at The Swan Inn, the ancient coaching inn on the High Street. At the end of the walk there will be tea/coffee and cake in the upstairs Function Room at The Swan and a rolling slide show of old photographs.



Booking for Walks: Both walks are free, but numbers are limited, and tickets must be obtained in advance from the Museum. No dogs please, except guide dogs, and we regret that neither walk is suitable for the under 16s or for wheelchair users.

Museum open: Tuesdays to Fridays, 1 to 4pm. Saturdays, 10am to 4pm. Free! Tel. 857774 email: enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk

www.thornburymuseum.org.uk

**Your Charity
needs you!**



Zumba Thornbury are holding their annual 3 hour Zumbathon 10-1pm on Sunday October 9th at the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury.

We invite you to collect sponsorship and do the whole 3 hours to raise money for whatever registered charity you support.

Entries can be solo or a team of up to 4 of any age.

Anyone can do Zumba – you don't need to know the moves because it's fun and easy-to-follow! ☺

You can also attend and buy a ticket if you don't want to do sponsorship and we'll split the ticket money equally between all the charities nominated by those collecting sponsorship.

Tickets are £20 adults and £10 children.

Go to www.zumbathornbury.com and click on 'book a class' to book your space, we'll email you a sponsor form.

Do you like to sing?

Come and join one of the community singing groups in Almondsbury

for the children.....



Voices Xtreme

every Friday after school

Ceri Dash - 07854 647212 / ceridash@me.com

Paula Vicary - 07976 694419 / paula.vicary@btinternet.com



for the ladies.....

Ladies Singing Groups

every Wednesday evening or Thursday afternoon

contact: Ceri Dash 07854647212 / ceridash@me.com

for the gentlemen....

The Rolling Tones

every Thursday evening

contact Ceri Dash 07854647212

ceridash@me.com

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group



Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be held at Daldry Gardens, Olveston on **Tuesday 20th September between 10.30am and 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 will be delighted to see you.

A Meeting of Minds

A play with music featuring Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto – performed by Michael Lunts.

If you have seen the film 'Brief Encounter' with Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson in one of the many repeats on TV, you will certainly remember the surging, romantic soundtrack to the film featuring Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto.

Michael Lunts' play with music 'A Meeting of Minds' recreates the meetings between Sergei Rachmaninov and hypnotist Dr Dahl that led to the composition of this celebrated work.

Rachmaninov's best loved work, the Second Piano Concerto is played live by pianist and actor Michael Lunts during the evening as the intriguing relationship between the two men develops and the drama unfolds.

As reviewed by the Canadian Winnipeg Free Press 'for the price of one ticket, you get both a play and a concert' !

On Saturday September 17th 2016 at 7.30pm, the Cossham Hall, Thornbury, is the venue for this extra special event which is part of a series of concerts to raise funds for the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1). Tickets £13 (to include interval nibbles) can be obtained from Thornbury Town Hall or by phoning 01454 412272.

Thornbury & District Flower Club

We are part of the National Association of Flower Clubs (NAFAS) and we meet monthly on the second Thursday of the month to enjoy flower arranging demonstrations, practice nights and workshops.

Our meetings start at 7.30pm at the Thornbury Methodist Hall, £2 a meeting for members plus a yearly subscription of £25, visitors £4 a session. The

September 8th meeting is a practice night entitled 'Autumn Glory (Traditional)'. We also have an annual Open Summer Demonstration and an annual Open Christmas Demonstration in the Armstrong Hall. Please telephone 01454 202962 for further information.

Yours Faithfully

Rev Ann Lloyd

A wealthy man was reputed to be stingy with his money. One day he asked the local vicar, "Why do people accuse me of being a miser even though it is common knowledge that in my will I have left all my money to charity?" The minister responded by telling a fable about a pig and a cow. The pig complained that he couldn't understand why people liked cows more than pigs. He said, "I know that you cows give milk to people. But we pigs give them bacon and ham." "Yes," said the cow, "that's true. But there's one big difference. We cows are glad to do our giving while we're living. You pigs only do your giving after you're dead."

It certainly is commendable to include worthy causes in our wills but not at the expense of being generous right here and now. The true measure of a gift and its giver is not its size or the publicity surrounding it but the spirit in which it is given. Those who give ungrudgingly for the benefit of others will in turn be blessed.

Despite our uncertain economic future post-Brexit, we still live in one of the most prosperous societies that have ever existed. Imagine doing the following and reflect on how challenging daily life is for many people in the world.

Dispose of all your possessions keeping only one table and a couple of chairs, your oldest outfit and one pair of shoes. Empty the kitchen cupboards and the fridge keeping only a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a few potatoes, some onions, and a dish of dried beans. Disconnect the water, electricity and gas. Cancel newspapers and burn books. Jettison bankbooks, pension plans, and insurance policies. Keep only £10 in cash. Move the family into a shack where the nearest medical help is miles away. Rent a piece of land to cultivate knowing that of the small income from cash crops, one third will go to the landlord and one tenth to money lenders leaving you less than half to support your family.

By comparison how rich we are! With such an abundance of facilities, opportunities and material things comes the responsibility to act wisely, not to be wasteful, and to help others. Prosperity can be a blessing, but we have to handle it carefully. We have to cultivate the habit of thankfulness. We have to live in obedience to Jesus' teachings, especially those that require us to care for those less fortunate than ourselves, whether at home or abroad.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Sep 4	8am	Holy Communion	Mr Trevor Cook
	10am	Outdoor Service	Rev P Rowe & E Mead
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Mr Trevor Cook
Sep 11	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir and Baptism	Mr Denis Jones & Rev Paul Van Rossum
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
Sep 18	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe & Martin Canning (US)
	3.45	Back to Front	Paul Harrod
	6pm	Evensong	Rev Ann Lloyd
Sep 25	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Mrs Janet McBride
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev P Rowe & P Harrod

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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

Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Chancel

WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION: At 9.00am except 4th Wed when it is at Olveston Methodist Church

Morning Prayer 8.30am daily ex. Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Sep 11	5.30	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Parker
Sep25	5.30	Evening Service	Rev Ann Parker

Focal Minister: Rev Ann Parker, 01454 632329

e-mail annatdibley@btinternet.com

Church Wardens: Jon Burnett 633835 & Jenn Dickens 632035

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Sep 4	9am	Holy Communion	Rev Mark Pilgrim or Rev Iain McColl
Sep 18	3pm	Harvest Festival	Mrs Tracey Black

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Sep 11	9am	Holy communion	TBA
Sep 25	6.30	Harvest Festival	TBA

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sep 4	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch. St Andrews	Morning Worship led by Mrs Deb Brazier A United Service
Sep 11	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
Sep 18	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
Sep 25	10am	Olv Ch.	Harvest Festival Parade Service led by Rev David Hardy

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

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15pm in the Swan on Thurs
15th Sep To book please ring 613241 or 612112

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

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

HOUSE GROUP Tues 13th Sep at 7 The Green Olveston at 10.30

THE OLVESTON COMPUTER CLINIC Olveston Methodist Hall

Monday 2-4pm Wednesday 10-12 Friday 7-9pm

Ring 07833 354672 or 07957 433091 for further information.

CONTACT: Rev Pete Brazier Tel 01454 418176,

e-mail pete@thebigfishcafe.co.uk

THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

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

Mike and Barbara Matthews, tel. 07512 917229 or email:

thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Sep 4	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Sep 11	6.30pm	TBA
Sep 18	6.30pm	Courtney Harris
Sep 25	6.30pm	Tony McQueen

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & PraiseTime

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

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

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact **Ann Roberts** 632564.

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

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Monday-Friday Daily Mass at 10am

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

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

Local contact: Roger Howell **rog3er2@gmail.com** 01454 415035

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

Diary Dates for September 2016

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

1 st Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop	9am-1pm 9.00-12.00	OS+
2 nd Fri	Thornbury Carers Support Group Computer Clinic every week	1.00-3.00pm 7.00-9.00pm	Chy MH
3 rd Sat	Coffee Morning Aust Fete Classics and Jazz	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH StM
4 th Sun	Open Air service in Dawes' Yard Bingo every Sun at Sports & Social club	10.00 7.00pm	
5 th Mon	Computer Clinic every week Monday Movie	2-4pm 7.30pm	MH StM
6 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R. B. L. (Wms Sect) Police by Emma Slade	10.00-12.00 7.30pm	MH DGCL
7 th Wed	Computer Clinic every week Holy Communion at Daldry Gardens Table Tennis	10.00-12.00 2.30pm 7-8.30pm	MH DGCL PH
8 th Thu	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OS+
9 th Fri			
10 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	AVH MH
11 th Sun			
12 th Mon			
13 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café W.I Talk by a Yeoman of the Guard Aust Parish Council	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL TMH PH EVH
14 th Wed	Table Tennis	7-8.30pm	PH
15 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop	9am-1pm 9.00-12.00	OS+
16 th Fri			
17 th Sat	Coffee Morning Harvest Fayre on Tockington Green	10.30-12.00 2.00pm	MH
18 th Sun			
19 th Mon	Monday Movie Extra R. B. L. (Womens section) Bingo	7.30pm 7.30pm	StM DGCL
20 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45	DGCL TMH

21 st Wed	Beat Surgery Table Tennis Bosom Buddies Talk at Swan Thornbury Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	10.30-11.15 7-8.30pm 7.30pm 8.30pm	OS+ PH
22 nd Thu	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OS+
23 rd Fri			
24 th Sat	Coffee Morning at Olv Methodist Hall	10.30-12.00	
25 th Sun	Aust Quiz Night at Boar's Head	7.30pm	
26 th Mon			
27 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Olveston Parish Council meeting	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	DGCL AP
28 th Wed	Table Tennis	7-8.30pm	PH
29 th Thu	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OS+
30 th Fri			

Looking ahead to October

1 st	'flu clinic for Almondsbury Surgery Patients		
2nd	Olveston Fun Run		
8th	Olveston Parish Supper		

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

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