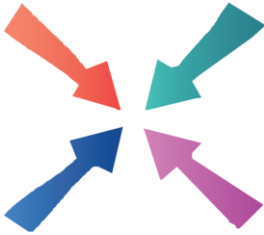


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It is probably due to years of working in education that I cannot think of September simply as the ninth month of the year and, if we are lucky, a warm and pleasant bridge between summer and autumn. For me September always evokes memories of the start of new academic years; new students, new colleagues, new subjects and new challenges.

The cover picture this month is of Olveston School and once term starts the playground will be full of happy children at key points in the day. All the best to them, and to their teachers, as their 'New Year' begins. Good luck to everyone, in fact, who is starting something new this September.

This September I am returning to Tai Chi classes in Thornbury. My challenge is to see if I can remember any of the complex moves I had more-or-less learned before we took our summer break.

Marelin

The cover is by Jan Winter

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News from St. Mary's



The French have a word for it: la rentrée, the time when children go back to school, new classes, new uniforms and new things to learn. We wish you all well in your new situations.

New Vicar

It is with pleasure that we can report a new situation, in the appointment of the Revd. David Moss as the new Vicar for the group of churches that includes Alveston, Olveston, Aust, Elberton and Littleton. David's Licensing to this new Benefice of North Severnside will be held in a special service which is planned for 2nd November 2017. It is not yet decided at which church the service will be held; hopefully all will be decided before October's edition. We look forward to sharing our worship with David and that you will come along and meet him.

Quiz Night: Sweet & Sour

Our next Quiz Night will be held on 9th September starting at 7.30pm in the church. A Sweet & Sour Supper is included in the cost of the ticket and drinks are available to buy. Where else can you enjoy a quiz and get a meal for the princely sum of £5 per person? We recommend that you book your team's place early via an email to Debbie Harries at oboe-debbie@live.co.uk

Harvest Festival and lunch

St. Mary's Harvest Festival Service will be held on 1st October. The service will start later than normal, at 11am, and will be followed by a Harvest lunch.

Village Variety Concert

A concert is planned for the 14th October. More information in October's Meeting Point.

Thank You

We would like to thank you all for your beautiful letters, wonderful cards and amazing generosity following the loss of my darling wife Susan Bryan, Mum and Granny. Sue wrote, *"Without the help, support and love of all you dear friends, I couldn't have got through so well and for so long. Thank you each and everyone of you love Sue xxx"*

The donations to St Peter's Hospice have so far raised over £2,000 and funds are still coming in. After the amazing care she received she would have been so pleased. Thank you from Tony, Nick and Julia

Martin Gibson

Pat Thirkettle

Martin left school at seventeen and started as an articled pupil in an estate agents office in Derby, earning 39s 4d a week, just under £2 today. Two years later, in order to gain the qualification of Chartered Auctioneer and Estate Agent (since amalgamated into the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors), he decided to go to college. There were three courses available: Liverpool, London and Bristol and in 1963 Martin enrolled at Bristol Technical College in Ashley Down. Here he passed his exams and met his wife Margaret who was doing Domestic Science there.

He started working as a negotiator with a family firm of estate agents in Clifton, E.N Eskell & Co, very well known then but no longer in existence. He and Margaret married in 1969 and bought a house in Easter Compton. In 1973 he went into partnership with a friend to open their own business as surveyors and estate agent. The same year Margaret and Martin moved to Old Down Hill, Tockington with son Ben, and their daughter Lucy was born in 1974. Margaret says he was always a bit of a risk taker; early examples were the purchase of the ex-Lord Mayor of Bristol's car (complete with mice) and a lifeboat without an engine, neither of which saw a resale profit!

During the eighties the family decided to downsize and moved to Sheepcombe where they live happily today. In 1989 Martin bought the Long Ashton Cider Company in Wild Country Lane, a part of the University of Bristol Long Ashton Research Station. He remains indebted to the late Dr Gordon Hoad, a close friend and long-time resident of Denys Court, who worked at the Research Station and whose advice on cider apple matters was invaluable. At this time Martin planted four hundred cider apple saplings on the allotments in Olveston until they grew too big and he was asked to move them. He then created the orchard behind the White Hart in Littleton on Severn and looked after them for many years until Smiles brewery went out of business and sold the pub. Today Littleton residents make their own cider there.

In 1992 Martin leased the failing Bell pub in Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, and pulled it together. He found he enjoyed the challenging experience and bought four pubs in Easton and St Paul's. They were difficult to operate but it was rewarding to be involved in inner city life which included amongst other things bikers, unusual characters and a customer with a python, who was asked to leave it at home in the future..... In 2002 he bought Cosies Wine Bar in Portland Square which was a lunchtime restaurant and an evening music venue. It took years to make it profitable but he made many friends along the way, many of whom he is still in contact with, including his accountant and lawyer. During this time he bought the Volunteer Tavern in St Jude's, where his young manager Peter Gibbs won the CAMRA Avon Pub of the Year award in 2015. Peter bought the pub from Martin the same year.



Today, during the summer, he works for UWE Houses, a private student letting company, and administers the change-over of students, usually around two hundred leaving and two hundred coming in; but that is only a backdrop to his activities in the community. He is one of the Church Wardens at St Mary's, Olveston, which he feels is a warm and welcoming place. The position involves watching over the congregation, care of the building and the well-being of the clergy and Bishops. He has recently, along with Rod Williams, joined Trevor Anderson in running Monday Movies in church, which involves choosing suitable films and hosting film nights. He has also been elected a Parish Councillor and joined the Planning Committee which is where his main interest lies. Last year he was involved in creating the Washingpool Hill Residents

Association whose primary aim is to look at road safety for all, as it is a 'rat run' for many motorists from outside the area. They will be extending their remit to Tockington and Olveston which suffer from the same traffic and it is feared it will only get worse when the Severn Bridge toll is scrapped.

One of Martin's other interests is classic motor cars and this has involved ownership of, amongst others, Lotus 7s and Daimler SP250s and today is represented by Dolly, a 1935 Standard 9. He is also very keen on real ale and knows about thirty micro-breweries in the Greater Bristol area and where to find their products. He often organises a group of friends to travel into Bristol to sample these ales, not a hardship he says. Margaret and Martin have five grandchildren aged from three to thirteen, all living locally. They have had a long line of rescue dogs and the latest, Hattie, is in the photo (above) with Martin. As if all this is not enough, Martin feels very strongly that the community as a whole should be paying attention to lonely people living in its midst. To this end, he wants to involve the Parish Council and the churches in looking at ways to rectify the situation. Watch this space!

With Thanks

Mike Belsten, Sarah and Catherine would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone, including St Mary's Church, Olveston and Tockington W.I., The Bells of St Mary's and the Parish Players for all their kind messages of love and support during the difficult time following the passing of Liz on 24th June 2017. Loved by many, missed by more.

Emily joins the British Team

Emily Elms, aged 12, from Haw Lane, Olveston, was selected to be part of the British Sailing Team competing in the Irish Open Championships which were held in August. Great Britain was represented by twelve sailors who were selected from an event held in Torbay back in March. Optimist Dinghies are raced in this international event; these boats are the largest international dinghy class in the world. Competitors come from many countries including: America, Brazil, Spain, Australia and Hong Kong.

We hope to hear how Emily and the British Team got on at the Championships in the next edition of Meeting Point. If you would like to find out more about this event go to www.oppienationals.com.

Making Space for Wildlife - Logo Competition



This is a reminder about the competition that has been organised for young people aged 3 to 16 (who live, attend school or are members of a youth activity group in the Parish) to design a colourful and distinctive logo. Further details are available at biodiversity@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk. An exciting prize-giving event will take place in the autumn and hopefully all families will have at least one entry for the judges.

The deadline for entries is 30th September. **Only 4 weeks to go!**

Thank You

June Hahn and family would like to extend a very big thank you to everyone for all the support, kindness and warmth that has been given to us since John passed away in June. Your cards, flowers and words of sympathy have been so much appreciated. Thank you, friends.

Olveston and Tockington W.I.

Vicki Townsend

In June, Roger Gosling gave an interesting and enlightening talk on Woodchester Mansion, which is a Victorian mansion situated in Woodchester Park, 4 miles from Stroud. Four thousand acres of parkland were purchased by William Leigh to build his Gothic Revival home. The project was beset by problems. Augustus Pugin and Benjamin Bucknell were both at some time employed as architects in the 1850s, but progress was slow and eventually it came to a halt, probably through lack of finance. The unfinished building, which is administered by the Woodchester Mansion Trust, is now open to the public for tours on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Lizzie Lindell gave a talk on Crosswords in July. Lizzie is a crossword compiler for various magazines and she gave us an entertaining insight into the 'tricks of the trade'. The test came when she produced an Olveston and Tockington crossword which she had compiled for us to complete, with some clues that related to members and local events. Time was given to complete the crossword and then the answers.....to cries of satisfaction and others of 'oh, of course'.

In August we held our Annual Dinner at the Anchor at Oldbury and the next meeting will be on 12th September, when John Selby will be recounting his Spanish Adventure. Visitors are very welcome to this meeting which will be at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

At our July meeting the group paid tribute to our lovely Secretary, Liz Belsten, who sadly died in June after a very short stay in hospital. We will miss Liz's infectious laugh and her kindness. Our thoughts are with her husband Mike and her family.

1st Olveston Scout Group

This is advance warning of our AGM which is to be held at the Scout Hut on Monday 9th October starting at 6.30pm.

It is proposed (as last year) to have a camp fire for the children with a sing song, whilst the parents join us in the hut to discuss the next year's events and activities.

Come and be amazed at the activities proposed!

Kingfishers

Trevor Cook

It was just before choir practice a couple of weeks ago that someone mentioned that they had seen a Kingfisher along the Tockington Mill Rhyne. It's not a bird that one sees often in the parishes but the story does demonstrate that this most beautiful of birds *can* be found in the area.



Photo: Andreas Trepte
www.photo-natur.net

The experience of seeing a Kingfisher is always an exciting occasion but too often all we see is the unmistakable flash of iridescent blue as it flies along the water.

A few years ago I also saw one along the rhyne/stream that flows adjacent to The Common (couldn't find a name for that waterway). I heard it calling first and couldn't quite match its squeaky call to a Kingfisher. And as I wasn't expecting it, I too only experienced the blue flash of colour as it flew away upstream.

If you have time to stand and stare into the rhyne, without falling in, it's easy to see the attraction for them, as the darting movements of the sticklebacks will be revealed. Where else might you find them? I have seen one at the other end of the rhyne by the outfall at New Passage (always a good place for birds).

At the Wildlife and Wetland Trust (WWT) in Slimbridge they have created a special river bank for the Kingfishers to bury into and make their nests and have placed a special Kingfisher hide that overlooks it. If it is confirmed the Kingfishers have a nest there, it is certainly worth a visit to see this jewel amongst birds.

St Peter's Hospice - 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 6th October from 11a.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 k.burgess@talktalk.net.

Parish Matters



Richard Rogers (clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

There is now a new way to contact Oveston Parish Council. Drop-in sessions have been arranged for the third Wednesday of the month at the Oveston Methodist Hall from 6.30 to 8.00pm, where residents will have an opportunity to discuss issues with Councillors. Parish Council meetings are all open to the public and visitors have always been encouraged, but now 10 minutes have been set aside at the start of each meeting for Parishioners to raise issues.

The Notice boards in Oveston (by the Stores), Tockington (by the White Hart) and Old Down (on the Bus Shelter) are also to be refreshed with Councillor contact details and meeting dates, in addition to Agendas and the information currently displayed.

The Parish Council Website (www.olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk) compliments the Community website www.olveston.com, and includes eight pull down menus. 'Home' includes news on the Parish, 'Influences on the Parish' provides various links to parts of our District Council www.southglos.gov.uk and other District and National Bodies that are directly affecting our Parish; 'The Parish' provides administrative information on our district & national representatives, information about the services run by and for the Parish as well as links to the Community website and Parochial Institutions; 'Parish Council' provides information about how to be a Parish Councillor and our Councillors, Policies and Governance information and the associated Committees; 'Minutes & Finances' lists the downloadable documents that have been published, such as minutes for Parish Council Meetings, Annual Assemblies and Financial Reports; 'Projects' provides up dated information on the Projects being undertaken on behalf of the Parish; whilst 'Diary' is a list of forthcoming Parish Council meetings. Please note that each pull down box may contain information as well as providing links to further menus.

In conclusion, Oveston Parish Council can be contacted in person at either the monthly drop-in sessions held at the Oveston Methodist Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, and at the beginning of the Parish Council meetings. Emails can be sent to the Clerk at the above address and to Councillors through the email addresses displayed on the notice boards and the website.

Please note this date: Saturday November 11th there will be **Resuscitation and Defibrillator training** at Olveston Parish Hall. Sessions running through the day. More information next month.

Contact: Catherine.offer@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Calling all Munchkins !

The Parish Players need you. If any would-be Munchkins are interested in taking part in their forthcoming production of *The Wizard of Oz* in Feb half-term week, please come along to the Parish Hall for our first meeting on October 2nd & 5th at 7.30pm, where we will be having a read- & sing-through of the show & general registration of new members.

The auditions will be on October 12th after which rehearsals for children (Munchkins) will be on Thursdays & some Mondays from 6.30-8pm, the main company rehearsing from 8 pm. There will be the occasional Sunday after Christmas.

The company look forward to welcoming new members for this delightful show. Details from Linda Evans *01454 413887*.



Aust Village Fete

Saturday September 2nd

The Boar's Head, Aust, 2pm

Stalls, Games, Dog Show, Hot Dogs, Tea & Cakes.

Pulled Pork and Volley Ball in the evening from 6pm



Alveston Local History Society

September 27 th	Vikings and the Severn Estuary. Tony Roberts
October 25 th	The Black Sheep of the Family. Roger Jacques
November 22 nd	Tudor Christmas Eatables. Cherry Hubbard

ALHS meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Alveston Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Members pay £12 annually and visitors £2.50 per talk. (Details of meetings in 2018 will be in the January edition)

For further information contact Jennie Hensley on *01454 417186*.

Write!

Creative Writing Course at The Chantry, Thornbury
Starts Tuesday 12th September 7-9pm
£60 for six workshops (includes refreshments)

To book visit www.do-happy.com or call Sarah *01454 411 536*.

Six O'Clock Gin!

Saturday September 23rd from 6.00pm. Elberton Hall.

Tickets £15 each or a table of 8 for £100.

A Gin tasting competition. Match the eight gins to the correct description and win a gin-related prize.

We are hoping to sell in tables of 8 but single tickets are available. Ticket price includes entry to the competition and a cheese/ploughman's platter on each table. A raffle will also take place on the evening and, weather permitting, you can skittle for a salmon. This event is being held to raise funds for Elberton Church.

Tickets are available for the evening from:

Cheryl Meredith: *Cheryl@themerediths.co.uk*

or

Claire Hawkins: *Claire@brookcottage.info*

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Rewilding?

Angela Daymond

The latest buzzword in conservation circles is 'rewilding': Trying to turn back the clock and restore nature and wildlife to how Britain once was. There have already been some success stories: Slimbridge has worked hard to return breeding cranes to British soil. Beavers are doing well in Scotland and Devon. By replanting trees on the high grounds above the Yorkshire town of Pickering, flood prevention appears to have worked. Even we can join in and do our bit too by planting a few flowers in a pot to encourage insects and thus regenerating the bottom of the food chain. Bird boxes and feeders can replace food found in lost habitats in the wild. It doesn't have to be on a grand scale.

On one level Rewilding seems all well and good - but then some schemes get quite controversial. Wolves have arrived at a wildlife park in Devon from Sweden, with the view that one day their offspring could be released to the wilds of the UK. It's argued that Wolves would help control the over population of deer and help restore the equilibrium of our countryside. Others are talking about lynx and even bears. Now I, as a lover of all things wild, would love this. But if I were a sheep farmer, I might not be so keen! There's certainly a lot of room for thought before action.

Fest Noz Fri 6th October 6pm – 9pm in Olveston School Hall

Olveston Parish Twinning Association and Olveston School invite you to join us for an evening of typical French food and drink and entertainment.



- Music
- Dancing
- Apple Pressing
- Food – a two course French style supper!
- Bar serving wine, beer, cider and soft drinks.

Cartoon:Patrick Zumello.

The women are saying 'Come on you youngsters. Get up and enjoy the party!' or words to that effect....

Tickets £6 Adults and £3 Children.
Available from Lucy 07752942284 or Hamish 610081

From the Registers of St Mary's Olveston.

9 th July	Baptism of Georgie Fern Lewis, daughter of Guy Lewis and Katie Brown.
25 th July	Marriage of Kirstie Gardener and Daniel Wyatt
4 th August	Burial of Ashes of Elizabeth Janet Belsten

From The Registers of Olveston And Tockington Methodist Church

30 th July	Baptism of Harry Daniel James, son of Carly and John Pritchard
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Vegetable Matter

Chris (and Cathy) Bolton

I have been working hard on my allotment since returning from France. Evidently you had wonderful growing weather while we were away and, as a result, there was a fine show of weeds which has had to be dealt with. On the positive side, there were a lot of vegetables to be harvested, and my observation is that I and many of my neighbours have been very busy, picking beans of many varieties, digging potatoes, and collecting all sorts of other beautiful produce. It is a very rewarding time of year.

I notice that while some of the produce arrives at a manageable pace (such as my raspberries, which produce a reasonable picking every day), much else arrives in a glut. For instance, if you don't look at the courgette plants pretty well daily, you can be ambushed by marrows of mammoth proportions. And even if you pick them regularly, you do get rather a lot.

The result is that allotment holders are often to be seen attempting to donate surplus courgettes to deserving recipients, and we always seem to be trying to think of new ways of eating them. 'Have you thought of fritters, or what about courgette soufflé?' Our own contribution to this discussion is a very nice recipe from our French friend Martine which I thought I'd share with you.

It is for a savoury courgette cake. Cathy has translated Martine's French, and even made one specially so that readers of Meeting Point can see a picture.

Martine's savoury courgette cake

Take 2 courgettes and slice them thinly, then fry them with a little olive oil (10 to 15 mins). Dry them with kitchen paper. Mix 150gm plain flour, 2 teaspoons of baking powder and 3 eggs, and then add 1fl.oz of sunflower oil, and 4fl oz. of warm milk. Mix well, then add 200gms of grated gruyere. Check the seasoning and then add the courgettes to the mix.



To this mixture you can also, if you wish, add a handful of chopped bacon, a chopped onion, a few chopped black olives, a red pepper, or any other combination that you like! (Cook these ingredients with the courgettes).

Mix well, turn into a greased loaf tin and cook in a preheated oven at 200°C for 30-40 mins until golden.

Then enjoy with salad or as a nibble with a glass of chilled white wine, as the French do!

'Winter in Majorca'

Saturday September 9th at 7.30pm in the Cossham Hall, Thornbury

A portrait of Frederic Chopin in drama and music – written and performed by Michael Lunts.

'Winter in Majorca' is both a play and a concert rolled into one. Professional actor and classical pianist Michael Lunts will re-visit Thornbury with another of his highly innovative one-man shows to portray composer Frederick Chopin as both man and musician in this atmospheric drama about Chopin's stay in a deserted monastery at Valldemosa on Majorca with his lover, the novelist and femme fatale, George Sand. Incorporated into the action are live performances of some of the beautiful and haunting pieces Chopin composed there.

Tickets £13* (to include interval nibbles) can be obtained from Thornbury Town Hall or by phoning 01454 412272.

* Raising funds for the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1).

Olveston Fun Run on October 15th

There will be a 1km run for younger children around the school grounds and a single lap off-road course – along the footpaths and bridleways of Olveston - for the 5km run.

All runs start at Olveston School.

1 km starts at 10.00, 5 km starts at 10.30, Family 5 km starts at 10.45.

Registration from 9.00am at Olveston School.

Entry Fees:

Pre-registration	Race Day
Adult £5	£7 (members of ARC affiliated clubs £3/£5)
Child 5 km £3.50	£5
Child 1 km £2.50	£3

Family £15 (Advance only max 2 adults/3 children)

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

We need volunteers to be Marshalls, First Aiders and to help with refreshments. Please contact Charlotte (as above) if you can help.

September Puzzle

There are ten local places in the anagrams below. Can you find them all?

Conk Gin Tot
Half Raw Hen
Entry Tonight
By Horn Rut
Paused Ooh Work
Ah Ovum Not
Kahn Comp Rot
Randomly Sub
Crabs Even He
Hen Frill

August Puzzle Answers (with centre letters in brackets)

1. costume (o)
2. flannel (e)
3. western (e)
4. similar (l)
5. scooter (c)
6. witness (w)
7. monster (m)

If you unscramble all the centre letters it spells WELCOME

Tockington Harvest Fayre

Garry Phillips

Saturday September 16th: 2pm – 5 pm

We're hoping you'll be able to come to this year's Fayre on Tockington Green and make it as full and successful as last year's event. Entertainment will include two dancing groups - Vibe Dance and the Ellen Victoria School of dance - and of course there'll be all the usual stalls, games and our delicious cream teas.

The children's fancy dress parade will be about the Seaside and there'll be two competitions to enter – A Garden on a Plate or a Junk Model Animal.

Any donations for the stalls, e.g. books, toys, games, unwanted presents, bric-a-brac, garden produce etc would be very welcome and our cream tea team

leader has particularly asked for any home made cakes – we ran out last year!
We can collect any of the above and the contacts are as follows: -

Garry Phillips: *garryphillips194@btinternet.com*. or 613241,

Maggie Spooner: 610053. Jane Sawyer: *jane@prologue.co.uk*

The funds we raise from this event are entirely used to fund the upkeep of our four Methodist premises here in Tockington and Olveston - the two Chapels, The Wesley Rooms in Tockington and the Hall in Olveston. Without this income it is unlikely we would be able to keep all of them open, so please come along and spend your money at the Fayre. We also need lots of physical help in the preparations, running and clearing up of the Fayre - if you can help please contact the above.

We hope even more of you will join us on the Green and that the weather will be as good as it usually is for us all so that we have another enjoyable Tockington Harvest Fayre.

New Friendship and Support Group

Community Connectors is a new service in Thornbury which helps people who are often isolated with free and confidential support and advice. Community Connectors can also help people start groups and activities which benefit their local community and offer grants of up to £200 to help with setting up costs.

Community Connectors is now helping a local resident start a new Friendship Group in Thornbury to support partners and carers of people with Asperger's, which is a condition on the Autistic Spectrum.

The idea is to set up a friendly group where people can share their feelings and anxieties as well as tips and coping strategies in a very relaxed way with other like-minded people, knowing that what they say is in confidence. In addition, this new group can include any subject of interest in their conversation, to help maintain their sense of humour and brighten what, at times, may be a lonely and isolated journey.

The first meeting is to take place on Monday 25th September, 10.30am at Coffee#1 High Street, Thornbury.

Meeting times and dates can be flexible. If you are interested in knowing more about this new Friendship and Support Group and are unable to attend, please contact the Community Connector Volunteer Coordinator: Sandy Corke
Tel. 07422078549 or *sandy.corke@curo-group.co.uk*

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the August draw, held on 2nd August 2017 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	164	Mrs P A Kemp, Stoke Lodge
£75	302	Mrs J Rawles, Olveston
£25	552	Mrs B Kingscott, Almondsbury
£25	304	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£25	392	Ms A Chick, London
£20	370	Dr M Wright, Olveston
£20	485	Mrs S Lyons, Ingst
£20	297	Mrs J Dickens, Aust
£10	334	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£10	319	Mr J L Henniker-Heaton, Winterbourne
£10	289	Mrs G Davies, Abergavenny
£10	296	Mrs B Binns, Alveston
£10	303	Mrs B Morgan, Tockington

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

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners August 2017:

£50 Graham Clare
£15 Tony Gardner
£5 Bill Finch

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

15/07/17 Dave Gardner
22/07/17 Dave Gardner
29/07/17 Tony Williams

Final Fixtures at The Park Aug/Sep 2017 (1.00pm Start)

26/08/17 1st XI v Bishopston
02/09/17 2nd XI v Chipping Sodbury

Up the Down!!

Behind the scenes at the museum...



Some visitors liken this Thornbury museum to the **Tardis** – they're amazed at how much is packed in.

For the **national Heritage Weekend on 9th and 10th September**, we're giving you the chance to see what's packed in **behind the scenes** too.

Let our **curatorial volunteers** show you how items are recorded, wrapped and stored – all according to best museum practice. Our professional museum mentor has gone on record to the Collections Trust as saying: *"In my ten years in*

museums, I've not come across a volunteer-run museum with such high standards of collections management." We have **Accredited status** to prove it too – the same status as that held by the British Museum and the V & A. And not only do we have high standards, our Visitors' Book says we're "kind", "friendly", "helpful", "lovely" and "welcoming" too... In any given month, more than 50 volunteers work in the museum, many of them from the Meeting Point area. Come and say hello to some of them!

The museum will be open so that you can **drop in any time you like from 10am to 4pm on both days, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September** - we're not usually open on Sundays but we're opening specially. It's absolutely free. We look forward to welcoming you and showing you behind the scenes!

For the little ones...

By the way, the museum's been invaded – by knitted mice! If you come to the museum with children in tow, you can set them to find all the mice hiding in the museum cabinets. If they find them, **they can choose a colourful knitted mouse each to take home**. Some children like pastel shades; some like fluorescent stripes to match their trainers! These mice are travelling all over the world – one recently accompanied its new owner back to California... The mice are there all the time too, **not just on this Open Weekend**. Come in **any time, Tues to Friday, 1 to 4pm or Saturdays 10 to 4**. The mice are at **Thornbury & District Museum, Chapel Street, next to the Armstrong Hall**. More details at: www.thornburymuseum.org.uk



Is there a Doctor in the House?



Meanwhile, a new display in the museum's upstairs exhibition room dips into **the medical history of Thornbury and the surrounding area.**

You can look at the contents of **midwife Nurse Cotton's bag**, and see what **Dr Reid of Olveston** carried in his case, as well as reading some **hair-raising descriptions of the surgeon's craft** written by John Moyle, a medical man in Queen Anne's Navy, in his 1703 book, *The Experienced Chirurgeon*.

We have examples of **spectacles from the 19th and 20th centuries** and bottles and tins which once held medicines, pills, plasters and a variety of lozenges. What was the **Faraday Medical Coil device**? Come and find out - and also **discover the medicinal properties of gunpowder**, read about the wonderful Thornbury perfume, the local dentistry services, and the stories of some notable local doctors – including those in the Grace family. **This display runs until December.** Opening times are shown on the previous page.

The art and architecture of Thornbury Castle

Just in case you want something else to browse while you're in the museum, **our main exhibition**, in the downstairs front room, focuses on the art and architecture of Thornbury



Castle, **built in Tudor times by Edward Stafford, 3rd Duke of Buckingham** – who fell foul of Henry VIII before the Castle was finished and came to a sticky end. There is a wealth of detail here about Buckingham and the Castle.

Like the medical display, this exhibition also runs until December, with opening times as on the previous page. **All exhibitions in the museum are free** – but do pop something in the donations box if you'd like to. You'll always be welcome – come along and see what's in our Tardis!

Police Report

PCSO Kelly Dimery

Incidents reported for July:

- Van broken into and items stolen from within at Travelodge, Aust.
- Number plates stolen from vehicle at Catherine Hill, Olveston.
- Shed broken into and items stolen from within, Rockhampton Cricket Club.
- Milk Churns stolen from a farm on The Naite, Oldbury.
- Lighting unit stolen from a tractor, Aust.
- 3 males attempting to gain access to a property on The Naite, Oldbury.
- Attempted Burglary overnight, Olveston Stores.

Beat Surgery Wednesday September 27th:

Easter Compton Village Hall 09:15 – 10:00

Olveston Stores 10:30 – 11:15

Murder Mystery Evening



The Chantry, 30th September at 7.30 pm.

Thornbury District Community Association invites you to a Murder Mystery evening. An actor led event with the 'Red Herrings'.

'Tragedy in the Twenties' is set amongst the turmoil of the Labour government in 1924 and its attempts to improve relations with revolutionary Russia (U.S.S.R). Guests are invited to dress in 20s style of clothing

£12.50 (including canapes and a 2 course Chantry Supper).

Available to buy from the Chantry Office 9.00 – 12.30pm weekdays.

This event is in aid of building repairs.

Candlelit Flute Recital 'One World, One Flute'

Thursday September 21st - Rockhampton Church

Nicola Woodward, flautist, known locally as Nicki Barnes, will be launching her new programme of folk-influenced flute music 'One World, One Flute' in an atmospheric hour-long candlelit concert on September 21st at 7.45 in St Oswald's Church, Rockhampton.

The concert is timed to coincide with the UN International Day of Peace and all proceeds will go to WarChild Charity.

Tickets £10 (students £3) to include a glass of wine, from 07973 796508

Alveston Gardens Association

Fancy a visit to "Cactus Country?" David Hartnell explores Arizona, Nevada and California

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall Monday 4th September 2017

All welcome – Visitors (£3) Full programme on www.alveston.org

Yours Faithfully

Roger Howell, Society of Friends

In September 2004 I found myself in the company of a small group of Quakers in the little meeting room of the Quaker School at Ramallah in Palestine. It turned out to be one of the strangest experiences of my life. About thirty people from around the world, by no means all Quakers, had assembled for a meeting for worship. Looking down on us, in large print, was a quote from William Penn, "Let us then try what love will do."

From the moment we settled down and I tried to empty my mind of mundane matters, I felt the prick of tears as examples of man's inhumanity to man kept coming to the surface. We had been staying in Jerusalem, a place which had, time and again, in its 6000 year history, been bathed in blood as sieges and massacres had followed each other, empires competed to control it and attempts at ethnic cleansing, often in the name of one religion or another took place. I felt I understood why Jesus wept on coming down from the Mount of Olives and catching sight of Jerusalem.

A southern Baptist stood up and sang a hymn in the deep rich voice of a Paul Robeson, bringing to mind all the pain of slavery in America – more tears. A lady from Dunedin in New Zealand spoke of peace, but a little Chinese lady caught my eye and brought thoughts of the Japanese atrocities in China and then of Hiroshima. By now I was getting embarrassed, handkerchief and tissues were soaking, but still the tears kept flowing. I tried to think of something different, but no, the endless wars in Europe, Stalin's purges, Hitler, in desperation, "Let us then try what love will do," brought only attempts at colonial domination, the near annihilation of native populations in America and Australia Massacres in India, Pol Pot, Idi Amin. I couldn't believe I had such a large reservoir of tears in me. After an hour, the end of the meeting came as a relief as I was forced from my own thoughts to pay attention to those around me.

It wasn't until we arrived back in England a week or so later that I learned that at the very moment we were meeting in Ramallah, the bloody siege of Beslan was taking place.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Sep 3	8am	Holy Communion	Rev. Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Revs A. Lloyd & P Rowe
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Mr Paul Harrod
Sep 10	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Helen Webb
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mrs Janet McBride
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
Sep 17	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
	6pm	Evensong	Mr Trevor Cook
Sep 24	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Mr Trevor Cook
	6pm	Evensong(BCP) with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe

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 10	10am	Morning Prayer	TBA
Sep 24	10am	TBA	TBA

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

Sept 3	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Bone
Sept17	3pm	Harvest Festival followed by Tea in the Village Hall	Mrs Tracey Black

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Sep10	9am	Matins	TBA
Sep24	9am	Holy Communion	TBA

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sept 3	10am	Tock. Ch..	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
Sept10	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
Sept17	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle
Sep24	10am	Tock. Ch.	PARADE HARVEST FESTIVAL led by Mr Adam Biddlestone

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 13th September To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP This meets on Thursday 21st September at 12.15. To book please ring 613241

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

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

HOUSE GROUP Thursday 14th September at 7 The Green, Olveston led by Mr Glyn Varney

THE OLVESTON COMPUTER CLINIC Olveston Methodist Hall

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

Ring 07833 354672 or 01957 433091 for further information.

TOCKINGTON HARVEST FAYRE The Green and Chapel at 2pm on Saturday 16th September

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

Sept 3	6.30pm	Angus Gregson
Sept 10	6.30pm	Dave Wingfield
Sept 17	6.30pm	Steve Loader
Sept 24	6.30pm	James Gulliford

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

For further information please contact Jenny Parfitt jennyparfitt@gmail.com

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.ck-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 2017

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

1 st Fri	Haven Memory Café Thornbury Carers Support Group	10.15-11.45 1.00-3.00	URC Chy
2 nd Sat	Coffee Morning Aust Village Fete at Boars Head	10.30-12.00 2.00pm	MH
3 rd Sun			
4 th Mon	Computer Clinic every week	2.00-4.00pm	MH
5 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Tea/Coffee & bis. 50p Monthly Raffle R.B.L. (Women) Bingo	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	DGCL DGCL
6 th Wed	Computer Clinic every week Table Tennis	10.00-12.00 7.00-8.30pm	MH PH
7 th Thu	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30pm 9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OST MH
8 th Fri	Computer Clinic every week	7.00-9.00pm	MH
9 th Sat	Behind the Scenes at Thornbury Museum Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Sweet & Sour Quiz	10.00-4.00 10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	AVH MH StM
10 th Sun	Behind the Scenes at Thornbury Museum	10.00-4.00	
11 th Mon			
12 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Aust Parish Council W.I. 'A Spanish Adventure' John Selby	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL TMH EVH PH
13 th Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	PH
14 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OST MH
15 th Fri	Haven Memory Café	10.15-11.45	URC
16 th Sat	Coffee Morning Harvest Fayre on Tockington Green/Chapel	10.30-12.00 2.00pm	MH
17 th Sun			
18 th Mon			
19 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
20 th Wed	Olv Parish Council Walk In Session Table Tennis Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	6.30-8.00pm 7.00-8.30pm 8.30pm	MH PH

21 st Thu	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OST MH
22 nd Fri			
23 rd Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
24 th Sun	Aust Quiz Night at Boar's Head	7.30pm	
25 th Mon	1 st Meeting Support Group for Aspergers Carers at Coffee #1	10.30	
26 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Olveston Parish Council	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm	DGCL TMH AP
27 th Wed	Beat Surgery Table Tennis	10.30-11.15 7.00-8.30pm	OST MH
28 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OST MH
29 th Fri			L
30 th Sat	Coffee Morning 'Flu clinic for Almondsb'y Surgery Patients	10.30-12.00	MH OSH

Looking ahead to October

Oct 6	Fest Noz! (OPTA)	7.30pm	OS
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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; **OST** – Olv. Stores; **OSH** Old Sch. Hall Alm; **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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