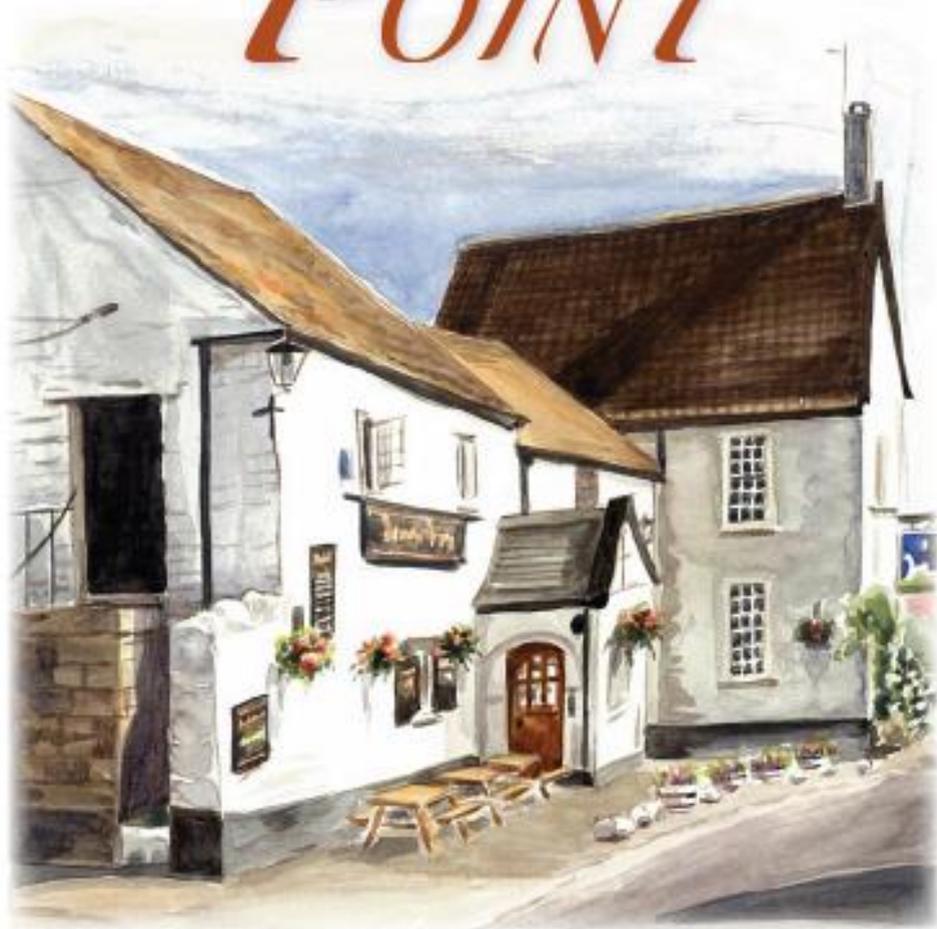
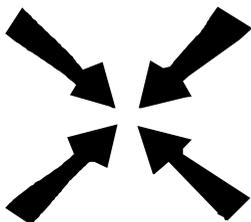


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## From the Editor

This edition marks the beginning of Meeting Point's build-up to its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October. I thought it would be interesting to commission articles from previous Editors, one for each decade of our existence. This month's edition contains a piece by Colin Dean, who was in post from 1982 to 1985. I found it fascinating: I hope you do.

Some of the pictures sent in for this month were in brilliant colour, although sadly you are seeing them only in black and white. Next month, however, Meeting Point will be in full colour, so get thinking about colourful contributions you can send in!

The picture on this month's cover is a picture of The Swan in Tockington in summer time, by the late Rosemary Wilson.

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# Fenella Tait

*Profile by Pat Thirkettle*

Fenella, (Father's name Fenn + Mother's name Ella), was born in Salisbury, (now Harare), in Southern Rhodesia, (now Zimbabwe). From this you will gather that Africa has changed somewhat during her lifetime, she feels not for the better.

Her maternal grandparents were pioneers in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia); they had a farm on the Zambezi River and started saw mills near Livingstone. Her British father was a Royal Flying Corps pilot during WW1 and went to Angola as a rancher before moving to Zimbabwe where he met Fenella's mother. They lived in Umtali, (now Murare), a little town surrounded by mountains like another Switzerland. However, her father's job kept the family moving until he joined the Colonial Service as an airport manager from Livingstone to Lusaka to Ndola, ending in Kasama in northern Zambia. She used to go with her dad to check emergency landing strips while visiting remote areas, and bartering clothes for fruit and eggs with friendly villagers. Eventually she had to board at an Anglican convent school, St Peter's in Bulawayo; it took three days to get to school, first flying to Ndola and then taking the train to Bulawayo. At this time black and white people got along fine, respecting each other.

At eighteen her parents decided she would become a nurse. An uncle in England involved in the medical world sent hospital brochures to them, and the Middlesex Hospital was chosen. As her father was in the Colonial Service, the family used to come to England every three years for a few weeks and they travelled by Union Castle Line through the Atlantic via St Helena, Madeira and the Canary Isles. Her last journey from Zambia before nursing was memorable. Her father and she travelled by car from Kasama across Africa to Abercorn, through game reserves including Ngorong, barely seeing anybody and staying at small lodges each night until they caught the Union Castle boat at Mombasa on the Indian Ocean, her mother already on board. They sailed through the Suez Canal just before the crisis and saw tanks gathering on the banks, but enjoyed a visit to Cairo and the pyramids on camels.

After four years training at the Middlesex Hospital in London she left as a Sister and moved to Southampton to become a midwife, and there she met her husband Malcolm, an aerodynamicist, working on Gnat trainer aircraft. They married on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1964, but when Malcolm became redundant he moved to BAC to work on Concorde and they lived in Winterbourne where their daughter Rebecca was born.

However, two years later a feeler put out at the time of the redundancy bore fruit and Malcolm went to work for Atlas Aircraft in South Africa and the family moved to Benoni an old mining town near Johannesburg. The name Benoni



comes from the bible, Benoni being the son of Rachael though his father called him Benjamin (Genesis 35 v18) lit stands at 6,000 feet in the Highveld which is warm in summer but very cold in winter. Their second daughter Fleur and their son Mark were born there. It was a lovely place for the children to grow up, with the house overlooking a park with rabbits, tortoises and other animals and old mining equipment to climb on. They lived in the Diocese of Johannesburg, so they often met Bishop Desmond Tutu. They were there for twenty years at the time of apartheid. It was difficult keeping within the laws, such as where each race could or could not sit on a public bench. All people, including whites, had to carry ID cards, and were restricted in their movements. However, during their stay the laws were relaxed.

One example illustrates this. Initially they rented a house and Fenella was cleaning her windows when a black lady called Rebecca came by and asked if she could work for her, which she did. They became close, Rebecca living as family, but when they bought their house Rebecca was banned from going with them, as it was out of her prescribed area. Fenella did visit her and tried to keep in touch.

She found the black people in South Africa were very different from those in Rhodesia. There was a wide gulf within the Townships between the best houses and the poorest but a seeming lack of will power to make things better. The black Africans came from many tribes and spoke different languages. Fenella could pass messages from the wash-and-iron lady to the gardener as she knew some of his dialect from Zimbabwe.

Malcolm had been involved with the testing of Concorde at altitude in South Africa, but was mainly involved in the design and flight testing of local aircraft and helicopters as sanctions boosted their industry. When the political situation changed, Malcolm returned to the UK in 1989 and joined British Aerospace to work on Airbus wing design with support work on Concorde. Mark left on his sixteenth birthday to avoid conscription into the military and the family followed in December.

In 1990 they bought their house in Elberton, a converted farmhouse and stable that bears the inscription 1592, and was probably in the Domesday Book. After Warwick University, Rebecca started working for British Airways, initially as cabin crew but now in a senior position. The net result was the opportunity to fly all round the world with her for ten percent of the fare and often stay in her accommodation overseas; the only drawback being that they were always on stand-by.

Fenella used to volunteer in the WRVS shop at Southmead Maternity Unit and was active with NADFAS. They are both busy in the U3A, going on European wine tours before Fenella's health prevented international travel; Malcolm is closely involved with Travel and Tourism, Architecture and Cinema and they both play bridge. Having travelled abroad extensively they now concentrate on this country; they seem as busy as ever with five grandchildren to keep an eye on, and were quite hard to track down for this article!

# News from St Mary's

*Roly Bain*

## **The Peacock Ball**

Our annual ball at Tockington Manor is on Friday, July 8th, and at the time of writing, over 210 are booked in. It's a great night out! You're invited to wear black tie and plumage. Late tickets can be bought from Julia Johnstone on 07966 302762 at £60 each. 10% of the profits goes to St Peter's Hospice, and the rest goes towards the Tower Fund - we are facing an enormous bill for repairs to the tower and pinnacles.

## **BCO Sinfonietta**

On Saturday, July 16th, at 7.30pm, we welcome back the Bristol Concert Orchestra Sinfonietta for their annual concert. They are a wonderful orchestra and the event is always well-attended, so get there early for a decent seat. Tickets at £7.50 from June Robbins on 617491 or at Olveston Stores. Bar available beforehand and during the interval.

## **Neville Boundy**

Canon Neville Boundy is our preacher at 10am on July 17th. A real character, he was at Cotham Church for many years before retirement, but has written plays, broadcast often, and been theatre chaplain at the Old Vic too. My guess is that he'll be both fun and challenging - he usually is!

## **Children's Movies**

Once again we'll be showing Children's Movies through the summer holidays on Monday Mornings at 10am from July 25th. There is a leaflet available in church, and of course popcorn and refreshments will be on hand - we've just bought a new Hoover to clear up the mess afterwards!

## **The Jewish Faith**

On Monday evening at 7.30pm on July 25th, Clare Sandler will be talking about her faith, and Tockington Methodist Church are hosting the evening. This is one of a series exploring the great faiths of the world. Come and find out more...

## **Breakfast Club**

Helen and Steve Webb have been running our Breakfast Club for many years now, but alas that era is ending this month. We are enormously grateful to them both for their inspirational leadership and sheer hard graft in nurturing the faith of many children as well as their parents over the years. We hope there will be a special service to thank them properly, and will keep you posted. Meanwhile, do pray for what should happen next in terms of providing appropriate worship for our young people and families.

# Old Down Play Area

*Richard Rogers (clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

Olveston is lucky to have three children's play areas within the Parish, all of which have been funded through public donations. The newest, at Tockington, was funded through the surpluses generated when fund-raising for the new Pre School rooms a few years ago. While the swings at Olveston date from the 70's the remaining equipment was funded through the Millennium group of parents and friends in about 2002. The Old Down play area is 25 years old and drawing to the end of its effective life.

Once installed, all the play areas have become the responsibility of the Parish Council, who have maintained them, undertaken weekly checks and arranged annual safety checks by ROSPA. This year all three play areas require some rectification but unfortunately the works required at Old Down are significant. Some of the play equipment may still have to be removed and the Parish Council has been warned that repairs made may only prolong the life of the remaining play equipment for a short while.

It is now time therefore to ask the Parish and particularly the Old Down residents and users of this play area to decide whether it should be replaced and if so by what? The default position is for the Parish Council to remove the remaining equipment and associated fencing when it ceases to be repairable.

Over the years the Parish Council have tried to differentiate the play areas, with Tockington for the youngest, and Olveston with its 'enclosed' location for older children. Old Down with its locality close to the Scouts, Football & Cricket Clubs and close access to a car park could be ideal for a variety of play and/or 'training' equipment if so desired - the Council is happy to support a project that local residents or users would like to undertake.

The Parish Council is very willing to help facilitate creation of such a 'project team' so please contact the Clerk, Richard Rogers, (ideally by email) if you are interested.

Please remember that if nothing is organised then the play equipment will be removed once it can no longer be maintained.

# Olveston Parish Walks

Leaflets detailing six circular walks in Olveston Parish are now available free of charge at various locations in the villages, together with downloadable versions on the Community and Olveston Parish Council websites

The walks are:

1. Round Olveston
2. Olveston and Old Down
3. Old Down and Rudgeway
4. Old Down and Tockington
5. Between Olveston and Tockington
6. Down to the Motorway

This project is supported by



## Casting for Peter Pan

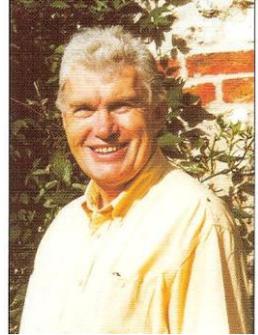
The Parish Players production next year will be J.M.Barrie's 'Peter Pan' in a musical version by Piers Chater-Robinson authorised by Great Ormond Street Hospital. The show will run during half term week, next February.

We are looking for adult and child cast members who would like to join the production and for people to help with the scenery creation, props and costumes. Rehearsals for adults start on Monday September 19th and will continue on Monday & Thursday evenings in the Parish Hall as needed.

Rehearsal dates for the children are yet to be finalised. Initially, the young people will rehearse on Sunday afternoons, and will join up with the main cast in December in the early evening. Please keep an eye out for further announcements when your summer holidays are over.

If you would like to take part please contact Linda Evans for further details on 01454 413887.

# Meeting Point's First Decade



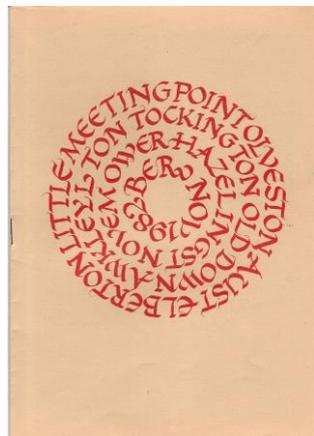
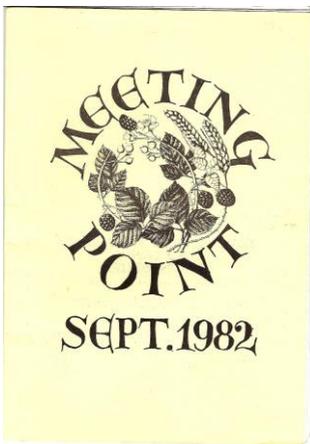
By Colin Dean, Editor 1982-1985

I knew very few people in the Olveston, Tockington and Aust area when (Mrs) Pat Budden persuaded me to become Editor of the church magazine *Meeting Point* in 1982. I knew many more 30 editions later when I handed over to Tony Turnbull after the May 1985 edition.

I changed it from a church to a community magazine and increased the readership as a result. Then as now it was free to all households, thanks to the advertisers, some of whom, like MP's advertising manager at that time (and still!) Nigel Dawes, stood to gain little but just wanted to contribute to village life.

The editor prepared and collated the written words, Norma Richards typed and pasted it up, Thornbury Press printed the 9,600 sheets (38,400 pages), then an army of volunteers sorted them into 1,200 magazines, stapled and folded, while others delivered it to your doors.

Norma Richards was far more than typist. Being a local lady, she knew everyone, whereas I didn't. She once altered a piece I wrote about a local husband and wife because she knew they were brother and sister. Phew! Kate Hickman had a lovely calligraphic hand so she enriched each edition with the ornate feature headings.



Pat Budden's last edition.....and my first

In 1983 I interviewed many worthies. Harold White of Old Down, who told me that he had been a farm worker at *Hazel Farm* for Edwin Vowles for 30 years. Ada Skuse, who had lived in the same house on *The Green* for all her (then) 83 years. Elwyn Davies, caretaker of the parish hall, who had been a professional trumpet player with Billy Cotton and Violet Carson, among many others. May Rugman's grandmother had opened a newspaper shop where *Olveston Stores* now is in about 1870 but May herself worked 30 years for Doble the butcher, at the entrance to Dawes' mill. Like many girls of her era, Ethel Robertson left school at 13 and went 'in service'. In her case, as a parlour maid with the Rev Chilcott in *Elberton Vicarage*, demolished when the quarry was extended.

We also made a fuss of our sporting personalities. John Pullin, 42 rugby caps for England and captain 13 times, but still just as happy playing whist at Aust. Dave Stone, 147 appearances for Bristol Rovers, whose highlight was playing against West Ham in the days of Hurst, Moore and Peters. Gloucestershire cricketer Andy Stovold, who caught the bug when father 'Laud' took him to Old Down's matches and was Man of the Match at Lords in 1977 in the Benson and Hedges final. In 1982 we also interviewed 20 year old Paul Nicholls, who had just become a professional jockey with Josh Gifford's stables. Look at him now!

### SOME OLVESTON BUSINESSES IN 1982

<p><b>TAYLORS - OLVESTON</b>  <b>Mr &amp; Mrs A.W. Taylor</b>  <b>Newsagents &amp; Chemist</b>  <b>Sundries</b>  <b>Tel. Almondsbury 6136</b></p> <p>GREETING CARDS, and STATIONERY, good selection of WATCHES, LIGHTERS, and PIPES, etc.</p> <p>PICTURE FRAMING, SHOE REPAIRS, FOOTBALL POOLS *AGENCY</p> <p>Now open SUNDAYS</p>	<p><b>G.H.DAWES SONS</b>  <b>(Olveston) LTD.</b></p> <p>NEW MILLS,          OLVESTON,          BRISTOL.          BS 12 3DT.</p>  <p>MANUFACTURERS OF CROMWELL COMPOUNDS FOR CATTLE PIGS &amp; POULTRY.</p> <p>Suppliers of Horse &amp; Pony foods, Rabbit &amp; Guinea m&gt;</p> <p>For prompt personal attention - ion-quality &amp; service; Te Almondsbury. 612183 an</p> <p>612540</p>	<p><b>OLVESTON CENTRAL GARAGE</b></p>  <p><i>Tel: Almondsbury 612266</i></p> <p>24 Hr. BREAKDOWN SERVICE          ELECTRONIC ENGINE TUNING          SERVICING-REPAIRS, SPARES          A.A.          EVER READY DRY BATTERIES</p> <p>PETROL: Mon.-Fri. 8-6.30pm          Sat. 8-5.00pm</p>
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**Alan Taylor, always joking; Nigel & Julie Dawes at the centre of social life and Marlwood PTA; Philip White, totally reliable mechanic who discovered the perfect first car for my wife Sue.**

# Aust Parish Council Matters

*Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)*

## **Broadband Provision**

Following the discussions at the annual meeting, South Gloucestershire Council has decided the way ahead. They are using some of the money they have to extend the existing contract with BT and will spend £1.49M with BT in a similar way as in the past and will be inviting tenders for services costing about £2.9M. The paper setting out their decision can be seen at:

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/community-and-living/broadband/broadband-rollout/update-councils-4-39-million-investment/>.

Unfortunately it doesn't at this stage look likely that Elberton and Littleton will benefit from the additional contract with BT, but they will be included in the invitation to tender. Whether that will result in any improvement remains to be seen.

## **Whale Wharf**

The owner of Whale Wharf has given notice of an intention to change the use of the five buildings at Whale Wharf from office or storage to residential, to create 30 accommodation units. This is made under the new rules (introduced 3 years ago) to enable owners of commercial premises to convert them to residential without having to apply for permission. South Gloucestershire Council has the ability to object to this development, but only on certain grounds specified in the rules. The principal reason available to South Gloucestershire Council will be the flood risk. This will depend on advice from the Environment Agency. The applicant also has to show that the use was as office or warehousing or storage, and to satisfy certain other requirements.

At the time of writing this, Aust Parish Council has not yet considered the matter, but you will be able to see its response on the South Gloucestershire website.

# Olveston Parish Matters

*Richard Rogers (clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

June saw the **celebration of the Queen's Official Birthday**, and the Parish Council handed out a commemorative medal to every child who attends Olveston CEVC Primary School or the Olveston Pre-School. There are some medals left which the Parish Council will distribute to primary age children (or younger) living in the Parish on a first come first served basis: please let the Clerk know (by email) if you are interested.

Olveston Parish is still a **Councillor short**, As mentioned in previous Parish Matters, neither Tockington or Old Down are represented, but the Council would be happy to talk to anyone living in the Parish who would be interested. The closing date is 29<sup>th</sup> July but early responses would be appreciated. More details are available from any of the Councillors or the Clerk (clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Alternatively, the parish needs someone with a passion for **Bio-Diversity** to help with a new 'Biodiversity Duty' that has been placed on the Parish Council. To find out more please contact the Parish Clerk as soon as possible, as there are to be discussions with South Glos Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

You now have to be registered via the South Glos website (www.southglos.gov.uk) before you can use the '**Sort It Centre**'. We understand from Matthew Riddle that this is to ensure that only waste from South Glos residents is managed at the site. The process takes about 24 hours, and two cars can be registered to a household.

## Old Down Cricket Club

*Tony Gardner 07889 727729*

### 150 Club Winners June 2016:

£50	Mike Rowen
£15	Grantley Browning
£5	Lesley Clarke

### Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

04/06/16	Neil Cross
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### Home Fixtures in July (1.30 Start):

02/07/16	1st XI v Lansdown
09/07/16	2nd XI v Frampton Cotterell
16/07/16	1st XI v Frampton Cotterell
23/07/16	2nd XI v Old Bristolians Westbury
30/07/16	1st XI v Bradley Stoke

Everyone welcome to attend.

### Diary Date:

Race-night at OSSC on Friday 1st July 7.30, please come along & join this important fund-raiser!!

**Up the Down!!**

# Olveston Primary School News

## Let's Pretend!

Year 3 have been investigating after a dragon egg was discovered in their classroom. They have called on the services of an investigator called Inspector D. Ragon and have been working hard to determine where the egg came from. Unfortunately, over the weekend the dragon egg disappeared. We are all very puzzled and confused about where the egg may have gone. If you have any information please contact a member of Year 3 with details.



Year 3 have also created some fantastic dragon descriptions and are writing their own dragon stories.

## Friendship Service at St Mary's Church

On the last day of Term 5, we held a Church service for our Reception children. The Year 4 buddies read out memories of playing with their Reception buddies and after singing a song together, the Reception children were presented with a Book of Prayers. Many friendships have been created through the Buddy initiative and as Friendship is one of our core values, it was lovely to come together as a school to celebrate the special bond between the Year 4 and Reception children.



## Our Reception children went on their first school trip – to the Zoo!

We were lucky with the weather and only had a little shower of rain. We were very excited getting on the bus for our first school trip and we got into groups when we got to the zoo. We saw lots of animals and our favourites were the lions, gorillas, lemurs, penguins and seals. We were very lucky as David's daddy Christoph met us and told us all about his job at the zoo and told us lots of facts about the animals. Then it was lunch time which was a very popular part of the day and we had lots of fun chatting and eating our sandwiches. After lunch we all went to the park and then we visited the shop. We all chose a lovely gift and before we knew it we had to go back on the bus. Some of us

were so tired we slept the whole way back to school! The adults were very impressed by all of the children's behaviour and everyone had an amazing day!

*By the Reception Children*

## **Road Safety**

This week our Year 5 children have been taking part in Bikeability training. During the week, South Gloucestershire cycling instructors have taught the children how to ride safely on the roads. On Thursday 19th May years 3 and 6 participated in a South Gloucestershire road safety training course. They went to three talks: bike safety, car safety and pedestrian safety. Everyone found it useful and enjoyable. And in the future we're sure no one will get hurt around roads.

*By John and Freddie, Year 6*

## **Fun Run**

Olveston School will be hosting a Fun Run on Sunday 2nd October. If you are interested in helping to organise the event and/or helping out at the event then please contact Charlotte Witherbed (charlottehume123@hotmail.com) or the School Office. Further details on where and when you can sign up to run in the event will be published shortly.

# **Shaking hands**

*Jan's July Puzzle, by Jan Winter*

At a meeting, every person shook hands with everyone else exactly once. If there were 45 handshakes how many people were at the meeting?

## **Last month's solution (the teacher's 72 books)**

The answer is £5.11 as the total is £367.92. This can be done by trial and error, but there are a lot of possibilities! Here is a possible method:

The number we are looking for is divisible by 72, so it is divisible by both 8 and 9 ( $8 \times 9 = 72$ ). It's probably easier to think in pence - 679\_. First consider how to make it divisible by 8: the last digit is the important one. It needs to be a 2 because 792 is divisible by 8 (8 less than 800) and we don't need to worry about the first two digits because any number of thousands are always divisible by 8. Now we know the number is 6792 we can choose the first digit to make the whole number divisible by 9: for this to be true the sum of the digits must be divisible by 9.  $6+7+9+2=24$  so we need to add 3 to make a number divisible by 9. This makes the whole number 36792, or £367.92. So each book cost £5.11.

This was quite a tricky one!

# Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the June draw, held on 9th June 2016 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	436	Mr G Clark, Olveston
£75	582	Mr B Amos, Olveston
£25	353	Mr B J Rogers, Winterbourne Down
£25	274	Mr & Mrs J E Croome, Exmouth
£25	197	Mr & Mrs P E Savage, Olveston
£20	577	Mrs V Brazell, Olveston
£20	233	Mrs G Bowen, Awkley
£20	362	Dr R Slade, Olveston
£10	182	Mr C J Hitchcock, Olveston
£10	192	Mr D J Talbot, Olveston
£10	334	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£10	344	Mrs J Hahn, Olveston
£10	598	Mr P Haworth, Olveston
£10	503	Mrs S Farr, Olveston

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

## Marcus Bean

Readers will be sad to learn that Marcus Bean has died. His weather reports appeared regularly in Meeting Point, using the readings which he recorded daily for the past 25 plus years. Outside Olveston he had a hugely distinguished engineering career: he became a Director of 35 companies, and Managing Director or Chairman of 18 of them. Locally, he and his family were known for many kindnesses, especially to Daldry Gardens residents. After the passing of his wife Joy in 2010 he lived alone, but recently he re-found happiness with Eveline, a childhood friend, and they married in October 2015.



Eveline, Chris, Anne and their families would like to thank all those who attended the funeral service at St Mary's, for all the very kind messages of condolence and of course, for the donations to the British Heart Foundation.

# Songs of Praise on the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

*Mike Wright, Severnside Churches Group*

The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated in Songs of Praise on June 5<sup>th</sup> by 120 people from churches in Almondsbury, Olveston, Compton Greenfield, Olveston, Tockington, Pilning and Severn Beach, all in good voice on a lovely Summer evening in Philip and Alison's Rowe's Almondsbury vicarage garden.

Thornbury Town Band made a joyful accompanying sound and Steve Webb did a great job as Master of Ceremonies linking all the hymns, introducers and prayers together.

Thanks to a multitude of brilliant cake producers, a vast selection of fine treats was enjoyed afterwards along with refreshing teas provided by the Almondsbury home team. It was all a very fitting celebration of Her Majesty's long service.



## From the Registers of St Mary's Olveston

5th June 2016: Baptism of Daisy May Vinson, daughter of Carrie Anne Vinson.

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016: Thanksgiving Service for Geoffrey Stewart Healey at St Mary's.

7th June 2016: Funeral Service for Bernard Charles Trott at St Mary's.

## From the Registers of Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church/Olveston Church

1st June 2016: Service to celebrate the life of Jane Ruth Taylor, followed by burial in St.Mary's Churchyard, Olveston.

# Olveston Housing Needs Survey

A survey was recently carried out in Olveston Parish and was completed by 52% of households.

The results have been collated by South Glos Council and the report verified by Olveston Parish Council.

This is now available to view at:

[https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/Olveston\\_LHNS/consultationHome](https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/Olveston_LHNS/consultationHome)

## A Big Thank You

*Tony Heming – Chairman of Olveston 1<sup>st</sup> Scouts*

On behalf of Olveston 1<sup>st</sup> Scouts, I would like to thank all those people that gave their time on the weekend of 23/24 April to help in our “work party weekend”. It was a great success and we managed to complete 90% of the maintenance jobs proposed. People were very generous with their time and the weather was glorious.

We would like to thank all the traders who generously supplied the materials required. We therefore extend our gratitude to:

- Neil Jenkins (the woodstore man) of Aztec Builders
- John Porter of CW Duke for electrics
- Matt Coldecott of IRM Bristol for door handles
- Hardtrack plant services for loan of the digger
- Geoff and the team at Gaps supplies for building materials
- Will Duke for his donation towards supplies and use of his trailer
- John Williams for his building expertise
- Dave Fox of DHF window cleaning for gutter clearance and window cleaning
- Ian Curtis at the Crusty Loaf for food
- James Heming of AP Clark & Son for the gravel

It was a long but very enjoyable weekend for many of us, and I’m sure that future generations of Olveston Scouts will benefit from our hard work.

I personally would like to thank the Executive Committee and all the leaders/assistants who generously give their time every week for no reward. They consistently deliver a hugely diverse programme of events for the benefit of the children.

# God, Gossip and Scandal

A Museum-led Summer Walk, Wednesday 20 July, 6.30pm



A walk through the town, led by Meg Wise, telling some surprising stories about colourful characters who have lived in Thornbury.

Stroll with us and hear little-known, behind-the-scenes stories of past life in our market town.

The walk will take about two hours, starting at St. Mary's Church. Suitable

for wheelchair users. Not suitable for children under ten. No dogs please, except for guide dogs.

Tickets cost £3 for adults (free for accompanied children of 10 and over) and should be booked in advance from the Museum.

**Thornbury & District Museum**, Chapel St, Thornbury.

Opening times: Tues. to Fri. 1-4pm and Sat. 10am-4pm. Tel.857774

[www.thornburymuseum.org.uk](http://www.thornburymuseum.org.uk) email: [enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk)

## Gardens Open for Cancer Research

Once again, for the 18<sup>th</sup> year, Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee are holding "Open Gardens", which is a major fundraising event of the year, on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July, between 2 and 6pm.**

This year there will be 2 Gardens in **Tytherington**, 2 in **Alveston**, 2 in **Elberton**, 1 in **Old Down** and 1 in **Thornbury**. **A limited bus service will be available.** Just look for the yellow signs which will guide you to the participating Gardens.

An Entrance Fee of £6 per person is payable at any of the Gardens, and teas will be available for purchase at one of the participating Gardens.

Please do support us by attending and enjoy a wonderful afternoon. All monies raised go direct to Cancer Research UK.

For further information please contact Pam on 01454 416941.

# Movies at St Mary's: July

Trevor Anderson



*Summer Greetings* to all readers from the Movie Club Team at **St Mary's Olveston**! Our Summer Programme has now been published and features ELEVEN terrific films from July - September. Movie Club members will already have received theirs by email and paper copies are available to pick up from just inside the church door.

As I'm sure all readers now know, we show films for the 'grown-ups' on the first and third Monday evenings of each month and for 'children of all ages' every Monday morning during school holidays. Everyone is welcome to all the films (you don't need to be a Movie Club member) and there is no need to book. Admission is free, although a **donation** at the end towards expenses is always welcomed and appreciated.

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

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm:** A chance encounter in a department store leads elegant housewife Carol (Cate Blanchett) and uncertain shopgirl Therese (Rooney Mara) into a forbidden romance in 1950s New York. (*2015, Cert 15*)

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

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm:** A toe-tapping, warm-hearted, delightful adaptation of the acclaimed stage musical of the same name, featuring music by the pop-folk band The Proclaimers. Described by the Daily Mail as "the feel-fabulous film of the year." (*2015, Cert PG*)

## **CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB** (*Every Monday morning in the school hols*)

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am:** What if giant dinosaurs had never become extinct? A hilariously heart-warming movie from Disney-Pixar about confronting and overcoming your fears and discovering who you are meant to be. (*2016, Cert PG*)

Refreshments available at all the shows, plus licensed bar in the evenings and popcorn, soft drinks and biscuits in the mornings.

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](mailto:trevoranderson@btinternet.com).

# Time to Sing!

*Ceri Dash*

## **Something for the Kids**

I run after-school singing groups in Almondsbury. Currently the group for KS2 (children aged between 7 and 11) runs on a Friday in the Old School Hall, starting at 3.45pm to allow children to arrive from their various schools. We start with a drink and a biscuit, which is provided, and then sing until 5pm. There is a charge of £4 per child (reduced cost for siblings at £3 per child). The songs we sing are fun and engaging and prepare the children to sing in local, community events and concerts.

In September there will also be a singing group for children in KS1 (children from 5 - 7). This will be run on a similar basis to the one for KS2 children. Please contact myself or my colleague, Paula Vicary for more information on either of these groups.

Paula and I have worked in education for many years, both having taught at Almondsbury Primary School. We share a love of music and sing ourselves, but equally love sharing our passion for singing with children. Singing contributes an enormous amount to a child's health and well-being, develops confidence and self-esteem and promotes that 'feel-good' factor.

## **and for Ladies Only...**

In addition to the children's groups, I also run adult community singing groups in Almondsbury (both in the daytime and evening). If you are someone who enjoys a good sing-song, these groups are just for you. No previous music reading experience is necessary; just a love of singing. However, if you fancy a bit of a challenge the Wednesday evening group is for those who can read basic notation. There is a cost of £3 per session. However, the first session is FREE.

## **and for The Chaps...**

On Thursday evenings I run an all-male singing group in Almondsbury. No previous music reading is required - just a love of singing - and having a good time in the process. Again, there is a cost of £3 per session with the first session free of charge.

Please contact me, **Ceri Dash**, on **07854 647212**, or my colleague **Paula Vicary** on **07976 694419** if you are interested in finding out more about any of these groups. Or send us an e-mail at [ceridash@me.com](mailto:ceridash@me.com) or [paula.vicary@btinternet.com](mailto:paula.vicary@btinternet.com).

# Money for Nothing or Dire Straits

There are times throughout everyone's life when finances get a bit tight. Sometimes it is far worse and things get desperate. Perhaps YOU are in that situation or you may know someone who is struggling?

Financial help is available by way of a direct gift, not a loan. We can help by putting people in touch with a local charity and it can be very quick, just two weeks in some cases. A minimum of questions asked and total confidentiality.

The sums involved tend to be in the up to £200 bracket – enough to replace a broken washing machine or pay for a week's groceries. All you have to do is make a phone call.

Martin Gibson 616856

Sue Farr 614861

## St Peter's Hospice - Garden Party

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to a Garden Party to be held at **Grove House, The Street, Alveston (BS35 3SX)** on **Sunday 10th July, 2.30pm – 5.00pm** (by kind permission of Geoff and Carol).

Entrance is £3.00 to include tea and cake. There will be a raffle and stalls. Bring a picnic chair, listen to the music of "The Ukulele Jam Band" and enjoy the gardens.

Please come along and support St Peter's, your local Hospice.

## Fife and Strum folk melodies

Fife and Strum play enchanting folk melodies, with a pulsating rhythmic heart. The soaring sound of flutes, whistles and crystalline vocals by Nicki Barnes, rides above the energy of a driving acoustic guitar played by Sam Stennett.

These two musicians, coming from backgrounds in classical music and jazz, have come together with a shared love for this evocative and beautiful folk music style. They bring exciting inspiration from their different musical journeys into their interpretations of traditional tunes, to create a sound which is at times fun and lively, at times gentle and ethereal, and always full of passion and emotion.

Nicki studied joint flute and piano at the Royal College of Music, London, and went on to perform at the Wigmore Hall, Purcell Rooms and on Classic FM, as well as freelance orchestral playing with the London Philharmonic and Bournemouth symphony orchestras. She has also provided entertainment for the Royal family and their guests on numerous occasions! Nicki also has a keen interest in folk music, and has toured with a folk orchestra in South

America, played Flamenco with Juan Martin and been a member of Irish band 'Penradin'.

Sam started his guitar journey as a teenager, and was deeply inspired by his grandfather, the Welsh jazz musician and entertainer Stan Stennett. Stan passed on many tricks of the trade, and a huge amount of wisdom, especially on the subject of strong rhythm playing. Now carrying the family flame forward, Sam plays guitar professionally, and is passionate about both performing and teaching. As well as being a member of Fife and Strum, he tours with a Django Reinhardt inspired gypsy swing band, 'The Schmoozenbergs' and plays jazz guitar as an accompanist to singers and instrumentalists.

This enchanting concert is in the **Cossham Hall, Thornbury at 7.30pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. Tickets at £10 each ( under 18s £5), to include interval finger nibbles, can be obtained from Thornbury Town Hall or by phoning 01454 412272. This concert is part of the series to raise funds for the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1).

## Gymkhana Reminder

This year's Almondsbury Gymkhana & Pony Show is on **Sunday July 3rd 2016 at Washingpool Hill**, Tockington, Bristol BS32 4NY. The gates will open at 9.30am, and Events will commence at 10 am. Entry is £2 per car. In addition to the equestrian events there will be a Dog Show from 12 noon, as well as refreshments and a raffle.



## Police Report

*PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery*

**Crimes reported** in May included:

- Theft of number plates from a caravan in Aust.
- Attempted burglary to a residential property in Tockington: unknown offenders tried to gain access to the rear but were unsuccessful.
- Diesel stolen from tanks at premises in Tockington.
- Horsebox trailer stolen from an address in Aust.

The next **Beat Surgeries** will be at Olveston Stores 10:30 – 11:15 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016

### Reporting Incidents

Please **DO NOT** email incidents to individual officers or the Beat Team via the Force website. If the officers are not on duty, the messages may not be picked up. **Non-emergency incidents should be reported by calling 101**. This results in incidents being given a unique reference number, making it easier to collate information in the future. **For all Emergencies call 999**.

# Yours Faithfully - Beliefs

*by Roger Howell, Society of Friends, Thornbury*

Quakers are often asked what they believe. Their answers would probably vary from person to person and it would be difficult to find two exactly the same. Most Quakers would agree that their religion is non-credal but experiential. In other words they do not have set dogmas to which everyone is supposed to adhere, but their religious ideas are based on the inner experience and observation of the individual. It is the way of life that is important to them rather than individual beliefs. This way of life is upheld by what they call testimonies, which are basically: peace or non-violence, truthfulness, justice, equality and simplicity. A more recent addition to these is a concern for the environment.

A series of Advices and Queries provides a set of examples of how to order one's life according to Quaker principles, and one or other of these is usually read out during the mostly silent meetings for worship. A larger volume of quotations called Quaker Faith and Practice provides a compendium of Quaker thought over the ages. Typical Quaker advices are to walk cheerfully over the world seeking that which is of God in everyone, to respect people of different faiths, and in argument to acknowledge that one's views may be wrong.

One does not have to become a member of the Society of Friends to attend a meeting for worship; it is perfectly possible to encompass the Quaker way of life while holding other religious beliefs. At Thornbury Quaker Meeting we have had Catholics and members of other Christian denominations, as well as Jews and Muslims, join us as attenders.

Quaker views of God differ from person to person. Some see God in the traditional Christian way, others more as an inner experience, the voice of conscience, a spiritual enlightenment or the dictates of altruistic and unconditional love; yet others may say they are agnostics or atheists.

A favourite Quaker quotation concerns William Penn, a courtier at the court of Charles II. As a courtier he was expected to wear elaborate court dress which included a sword. One day he asked George Fox whether he should continue to wear his sword. George Fox's answer was 'wear it as long as thou canst'. In other words, it was to left to his conscience, the still small voice of God, to tell him what to do.

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

July 3	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev P Rowe & E Mead
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Mr Denis Jones
July 10	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mr Trevor Cook
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
July 17	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev P Rowe & N Boundy
	6pm	Olveston Course	Rev Philip Rowe
July 24	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Mrs Janet McBride
	6pm	Evensong(BCP) with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
July 31	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Morning Prayer	E Mead & Mr D Jones
	6pm	Holy Communion(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](mailto:office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk)

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

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

[www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html](http://www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html)

**PRAYER GROUP:** Mondays, 2.45pm in the Chancel

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

**Morning Prayer** 8.30am daily ex. Wed

## CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

July 10	5.30	Holy Communion.	Rev. Ann Parker
July 24	5.30	Evening Service	Rev. Ann Parker

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

e-mail [annatdibley@btinternet.com](mailto:annatdibley@btinternet.com)

**Church Wardens:** Jon Burnett 633835 & Jenn Dickens 632035

## ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

July 3	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black
July 17	9am	Holy Communion	Rev Andrew Daunton Fear

**Contact** **Mrs Tracey Black** 01454 417660

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

July 10	9am	Matins	Sandra Edgerton
July 24	9am	Holy Communion	TBA

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

July 3	10am 6pm	Olv. Ch. Tock Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Deb Brazier United Service with St Andrews led by Rev Pete Brazier
July 10	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Rev Pete Brazier
July 17	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr John Seward
July 24	10am	Olv Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
July 31	10.30	Alv. Meth Ch	Cluster Service with Holy Communion

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> July  
To book your lunch please ring 416528

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP** meets at 12.15pm in the Swan on Thurs  
21<sup>st</sup> July. 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** Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July 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](mailto: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](mailto:thevine_awkley@hotmail.com)

## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

July 3	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
July 10	6.30pm	Philip McOlder
July 17	6.30pm	Chris Palmer
July 24	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies
July 31	6.30pm	TBA

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](mailto: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.ctk-thornbury.org.uk](http://www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk)

## SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

**Local contact:** Roger Howell [rog3er2@gmail.com](mailto:rog3er2@gmail.com) 01454 415035

**National:** [www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk) Bristol area: [www.bristolquakers.org.uk](http://www.bristolquakers.org.uk)

# Diary Dates for July 2016

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	Thornbury Carers Support Group Computer Clinic every week	1.00-3pm 7.00-9pm	Chy MH
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Almondsbury School Fayre Thornbury Carnival Parade Thornbury Carnival Gates Open	10.30-12.00 12-2pm 10.30 12.00	MH
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	Almondsbury Gymkhana Tockington Bingo every Sun at Sports & Social club	9.30 on 7pm	
4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Computer Clinic every week Monday Movie	2-4pm 7.30pm	MH StM
5 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R. B. L.(Womens section) Flower Arranging	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	DGCL DGCL
6 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Computer Clinic every week Holy Communion at Daldry Gardens Table Tennis	10.00-12.00 2.30pm 7-8.30pm	MH DGCL PH
7 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9am -1pm 9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OS+ MH
8 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Peacock Ball, Tockington Manor		
9 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	AVH MH
10 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
11 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
12 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café W.I. Great Western air Ambulance Aust Parish Council	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL TMH PH EVH
13 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Beat Surgery Table Tennis	10.30-11.15 7-8.30pm	OS+ PH
14 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OS+ MH
15 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
16 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning BCO Sinfonietta	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH StM
18 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
19 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R. B. L.(Womens section) Bingo	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	DGCL DGCL

20 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Table Tennis Bosom Buddies .Skittles & Buffet Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	7-8.30pm 8.30pm	PH
21 <sup>st</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop	9.00-1pm 9-12.00	OS+
22 <sup>nd</sup> Fri			
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
24 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
25 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Children's Movie	10.00	StM
26 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Olveston Parish Council meeting	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm	DGCL TMH AP
27 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Table Tennis	7-8.30pm	PH
28 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OS+
29 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
30 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
31 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Aust Quiz Night at Boar's Head	7.30pm	
<b>Looking ahead to August</b>			
13 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz	7.30pm	StM

**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.WHLS URC United Reform Ch Th

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