

MEETING POINT

*100 years ago, on
4th August 1914
War was declared ~
Among local men
who went off
to fight were these
soldiers of the*

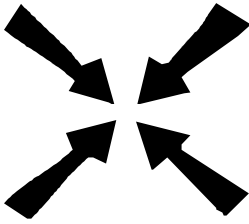
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From the Editor

August 2014 Meeting Point marks the centenary of the outbreak of the first World War with three articles which I hope you will find interesting. A hundred years later it is perhaps still difficult to understand the profound effects of that war on the whole of our society, then and since.

Please take the trouble to read and respond to Matthew Riddle's letter.

Whether you are at home or away, I hope you have a good August.

The cover: The cover photograph of the men of the Olddown Troop has been supplied by Eric Garrett from his family archives. Members of Eric's family served in the Troop.

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The Great War comes to Gloucestershire

Nick Fear

For many soldiers who had served before the 1914 - 1918 conflict, the expression 'The Great War' was used to refer to the Great War in South Africa. That conflict, fought between 1899 and 1902, was to provide many lessons which could be carried into what we know today as The Great War.

The summer of 1914 for the villages of the local area was a glorious sunny one, helping work and play in equal measures. Shade and breezes were sought, the cool of local pools and streams sampled. Further afield the delights of the Bristol International Exhibition at Ashton Gate were visited by many.

Some people had known that war was inevitable for months, but hostilities arguably began in Sarajevo on the 28th of June 1914, with the shooting of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. This was reported as an outrage by Gloucestershire newspapers, although reassuringly courteous notes between nations were exchanged to avert any crisis. Then increasingly disturbing world events were chronicled, resulting in demands being issued.



Taking the King's shilling – Bristol 1914

On the 30th of July the 'Bristol Times and Mirror' had a headline which read, 'Situation of extreme gravity'. By the 3rd of August it was reported that Germany had invaded France and a national proclamation of army mobilisation was being made. On the next day Prime Minister Herbert Asquith declared the country at war with Germany after a 'flagrant violation of the laws of nations'. On the 4th of August seven European nations were at war.

Army reservists were called up for immediate service, as were members of our local Gloucestershire Territorial Force. The popular Lord Kitchener was appointed Secretary of State for War and began an immediate army recruiting drive. His picture appeared on the famous posters, his eyes seemed to follow an observer walking past it. Local men answered his call in their hundreds, overwhelming recruiting stations in Gloucestershire and Bristol.

Public talk was of a short war over by Christmas; there were also concerns about a lack of uniforms and military equipment. Employers and, in particular farmers of the district, voiced anxiety about loss of manpower, although the effect was not immediate as, once signed up, most men returned to their jobs to await a call to arms. Patriotism calmed most; women and children of the parish came forward with offers of help to close the void left by departed men. The tranquillity of our local community was changed, but not many people could ever have foreseen just how extensive this change was to become.

Children's Society Boxes

Peggy James

Thank you to all my members who have a 'House Box'. This year we raised £530.00: an amazing sum to help all young people who come to us when in need.

Thank you so much. If anyone would like a 'Box', we count annually, please contact me, Peggy 613129

Littleton at Home

Frank Walters

What a wonderful day we had and a very successful one as we raised £1217. This is brilliant! The PCC and I are very grateful to you all, and to all our visitors, as it will allow us to carry on with essential repairs to the Church. It went so well because so many people helped out and worked hard opening their gardens, which were spectacular, and ran various stalls which raised significant cash. A truly great community effort - thank you. Maybe we could give a little credit to the weather too

The Great War - a Littleton perspective

Carol Watkins

"This 'ere zong was zung on the night when them silver mounted sticks was give to the sailors and soldiers who went from Littleton"

The "zong" was composed and sung by the Rev. R. Jeffcoat on 27th December 1919 to the tune of Widdicombe Fair at Littleton Village School. The occasion was a Thanksgiving, Welcome Home and Presentation of engraved silver topped walking sticks to the men who fought in the 1914-18 war and who returned safely.

The first two verses (there are eleven altogether) describe the men leaving for war. Seventeen young men from the village joined up: the effect on such a small close knit community must have been immediate. The Durnell family saw eight of their men folk enlist – Albert, Arthur, Charles, Ernest, Enos Orpheus, Hubert, Mark and Percy. Three Stafford brothers, Arthur, Edward and Samuel, and William Coleman, Charles Hawker, Thomas Goss, John Holder, Harold Lugg and Wyndham Wilcox also joined up and all were sent to the various war zones round Europe. Only one man, Charles Durnell, did not return. He joined the 1st Battalion Gloucester Regiment and was sent to Mons and then Ypres. He died of his wounds on 2nd November 1914, aged 27.

*Don't be so flurried, but keep yourself cool,
Don't lose your wool Mother, don't lose your wool
You know there's a Peace Celebration at school
For Sam Stafford, Arthur Stafford, Ted Stafford ... (v.3)*

*They were giving us sticks cos we stuck to the Huns
Struck at old Fritzy till he started to run
Like bulldogs we fought till the war we had won
And Charlie and Percy and Arthur and Herbert and Orphie and Mike
And Mark, Ted and Jack and Arthur and Sam
And Henry and Wyndham and all –
Yes Henry and Wyndham and all (v.4)*

The Peace Celebration was a fine meal with:

*...a slice of roast bullock with pickles and ham
New bread and butter all covered with jam
Plum puddings and tarties in the tummies to cram... (v.5)*

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After three more celebratory verses comes a toast:

*So here's to each Littleton Tommie and Tar
Come along, come along, give us your hand
Thank God you have all returned safe from the War... (v.9)*

And the final verse thanks them and wishes them well:

*Let us wish them good luck and a Happy New Year
Let us join all together and give them good cheer
They deserve the best thanks of their country
Does Charlie and Ernest and Arthur and Percy and Orphie and Mike and Ted
and Jack and Sam and Albert and Harold and Bill and Henry and Wyndham
and all*

A member of the Stafford family enquired at Thornbury Museum as to the whereabouts of the presentation walking sticks. It emerged that Littleton resident Sylvia Gould still had her father Enos Orpheus' stick. He joined the Highland Regiment and served in Salonika. Sylvia has donated his stick to the museum which also has the original manuscript of the Welcome Home song. www.thornburymuseum.org.uk



Enos Orpheus Durnell



His engraved walking stick

WW1 Commemorations at Olveston School

As part of the commemorations for the start of WW1, schools across the country are planting poppy seeds from Flanders Fields which have been donated by the Royal British Legion. We were delighted that members of Olveston RBL were able to join the school and lead our assembly. They then helped the Eco Warriors plant our seeds.



The assembly really inspired Alex in Year 4 and he wrote this poem:

World War Poem

*Summer comes and winter goes
Poppies grow and poppies blow
The poppies flowing row by row
In the fields of pure red
Dying words are uttered and said
Seizing souls taking dead
Away to heaven they will go
Dying on the frosty snow
They will rest where the poppies grow.*

We are planning further commemorations in the autumn term and we hope to share them with the community. More details will follow.

South Glos. Ladies Lunch Club

Why not join our friendly Ladies Lunch club? We meet 12.15 - 3pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month, October to March at The Old School Hall, Lower Almondsbury for a 3 course lunch plus coffee, followed by a speaker or event. Membership is £16.00 for the 6 months plus lunch at £7.50. Tel. Hilary Broad: 01454 619554 or 07876 666458 for more information or to confirm your visit.

Village person: Mike Whitfield

Pat Thirkettle

Although born in Portishead and then moving to Westbury on Trym, Mike Whitfield has always known this area through friends he met when a boarder at Colston's School – the Farrs, Browns and Bamfields and later Nigel Dawes at Westbury Young Conservatives. He was always going to be an engineer, a creator and mender of things. His first award was a Meccano Certificate of Merit at eight years old! He sold crystal radio sets at primary school and built his first car at nineteen, which received an honourable mention in the Bristol Siddeley News in March 1960.

After school he joined the Bristol Aero-Engine Company as a craft apprentice – a wonderful basic training that taught him all the practical engineering skills he needed to know in the first year. During the rest of his apprenticeship, Mike went to night school to obtain a Higher National Certificate in Electrical Engineering. In fact he only ever worked for the one company, as it became Bristol Siddeley Engines and then Rolls-Royce, and he retired as a senior manager in 1997. He was involved in the birth of electronics, a word that did not then exist, it was known as 'electrical engineering (light current)'. When Bristol Siddeley began seriously to use electronics, Mike started the computer engineering department to develop ways of connecting computers to each other and then to aero engineering processes like engine testing and component manufacture. After a variety of other jobs during the massive growth of computing at R-R, he became one of a new breed called IT architects. The aim was to ensure that computer system architecture channelled expensive investments in new computing capacity to the activities that were expected to deliver greatest benefits to the business.

He met his wife Julie in the Bristol Jazz clubs and when they got married they lived in a flat in Clifton while hunting for a cottage in the country, and this was naturally the area they searched with the help of friends. First they restored Briar Cottage in Elberton from closing order status and then in 1972 Camp Farm, Elberton, came on the market, and they were able to purchase it with the help of Julie's mum. Immediately the interest rate shot up by 2.5%, so for the next five years Mike used his other hobby, Jaguar cars, to bolster the family finances by servicing Jaguars for work colleagues and locals.

He had been a Jag enthusiast from the age of twenty-one, when a legacy from his grandmother paid for the first, an SS100. This was followed by an XK120 an XK150, two 3.4Mk2s (the car Inspector Morse drove for ignoramus like me!), and more recently an 'Aristocat XK120' lookalike kit car that was someone-else's failed project.

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Acknowledging his advancing years, he has recently sold all these rusting and otherwise unlikely to be finished 'project' cars, in order to fund purchase of an up-and-running Aristocrat which he can enjoy driving now!!

Sailing, another hobby, was kindled as a youngster learning to row when helping out at the lake in Portishead. Mike was much involved in constructing and installing the slipway at Littleton Whale Wharf for a boating and water skiing club that many local families enjoyed for eight years until the sea wall was rebuilt and it was lost. John Gillespie introduced him to dinghy sailing and then he helped to build the 35 foot Trident Marine yacht 'Astina' (that many of us saw taking shape in John's garden at The Green in Olveston in the late 1970s), which they launched in Bristol and sailed to moorings in Plymouth. Mike went back to night school for sailing certificates and for twenty years owned a Westerly 33 moored in Salcombe, which he sold three years ago.

In 2000 Elberton Village voted him Project Leader to seek traffic calming measures and seven years later the 40mph scheme was completed. Enforcement became necessary and he formed a Community Speedwatch Group – you have been warned, I nearly got caught once, just saw the device in time! Mike is now part of South Gloucestershire Council's Community Speed Watch Steering Group and looks after ten CSWs across Severnside. He has been shooting since school days, and runs the Littleton Clay Shooters Club. When a group of Littleton residents decided to make cider from the orchard behind the pub, they bought a hundred year old cider press and a hand turned apple crusher. The latter was so labour intensive that Mike mechanised it with a Lister stationary engine. The cider is sold at the pub as 'Littleton Lifesaver'. He and Julie are keen supporters of the Panama Jazz band that regularly plays in the White Hart in Olveston.

They have three children and two grandchildren. Both their boys trained as engineers with a bias towards boats. One became an engineer on the Salcombe lifeboat and now instructs on power boats for the Salcombe Power Boat School. The other became chief engineer on super yachts, and, although now working for the largest vineyard owner in the UK, is happily re-involved because said owner asked him to carry out the acceptance sea trials for a recently acquired super yacht. Their daughter has bucked the engineering trend, was a county level swimmer, and is now sales and marketing manager for the Clifton Pavilion at Bristol Zoo.

With so much going on at home and five acres of land attached to Camp Farm, the family did not have holidays abroad. These were mostly taken in a camper van before boating took over: now the boat has been sold, they are returning to campervanning. Mike and Julie intend to visit places passed through or missed on the way to the sea; although only when time permits from so many other interests.

Consultation on speed limit and waiting restrictions in

Olveston: extended deadline - Friday 29th August

**Letter from Matthew Riddle
South Gloucestershire Councillor for the Severn Ward**

Dear Local Resident

Summer 2014

I wanted to make you aware of a South Gloucestershire Council consultation which has started, regarding some of the highways in Olveston. The proposed changes are all part of a wider package of measures to make both travelling to Olveston School and the area around the school safer for pupils, parents and wider public.

The proposals include:

1. Introduction of a 20 mph speed limit on Elberton Road, The Street, Aust Road, Ley Lane, Church Hill, Vicarage Lane, Daldry Gardens and New Road.
2. Introduction of new waiting restrictions and amended waiting restrictions at the junction of The Street and Vicarage Lane and at the junction of The Street, Aust Road and Elberton Road.

More details (including a map) are available **using the link below**, including how you can make your views known.

<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/Olveston20mphlimit/consultationHome>

Alternatively **email** your comments back to:-
transportservices@southglos.gov.uk

or **write to**:- Transportation Services, South Gloucestershire Council, PO Box 299, Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 ODR.

I would encourage you to take part in the consultation which ends on Friday 29th August.

Olveston Parish Matters

Richard Rogers (olvestonpc@gmail.com)

Olveston Parish Council has begun to make additional payments to South Glos Council to cut amenity grass and have the dog bins regularly emptied. This follows the decision by South Glos Council to provide only a minimum of services (for safety) which would preclude this work. To streamline services, South Glos Council will now allow **bagged dog waste to be put into general litter bins** (and have placed suitable signs on the bins they empty).

In the short term, whilst the Parish Council is being charged for emptying the dog bins, it is not being charged for the litter bins and is therefore looking to reduce the number of dog bins around the Parish. The Parish Council is also monitoring the effectiveness with which the amenity grass is being cut, to assess contractual requirements for future years. So please also email the Parish Council if you have issues with the work South Glos Council is doing for us.

Olveston Parish Council is increasingly reliant on emails and access to the Web, and has recently installed **internet facilities at the Queen Alexandra Memorial Pavilion** to support its work. Connection to WiFi around the building is also free to parishioners belonging to the Sports Clubs and Societies that use these facilities, although it is subject to a fair and suitable use policy. Agreement for use and access to the monthly password is coordinated through these amenities.

Olveston Vision - Drop-In display and chat

Saturday 13 September 1-4.30pm Parish Hall

On Saturday 13 September at the Parish Hall residents are very welcome to drop-in any time between 1pm and 4.30pm to see the work done so far on the Olveston Vision project. The results of the questionnaire circulated in the parish last year will be displayed along with the Vision team's ideas about the way forward. Nothing has been finalised and you can take this opportunity to chat to the team, all volunteers, about your concerns and ideas.

The purpose of the Vision project is to identify and drive forward issues that concern residents in maintaining a strong and viable community in the short to medium term. These include housing, transport, business, communications, traffic, facilities and environmental issues. Do take this opportunity to come and meet the team and have your say.

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Possible parish plan

The Council discussed the responses to the questionnaire at the July meeting. A total of 32 responses had been received from approximately 195 households in the parish. Of those who answered, 25 were in favour of a plan. The Council considered that, despite the interest from some residents, there was insufficient interest in the parish as a whole for a parish plan. The Council will therefore do nothing more, beyond noting the points made.

Suggestions for action included: traffic calming on the A 403 at Aust and in the villages generally; the need for enhanced internet service; the noise made by model aeroplanes flying at Whale Wharf; the need for sport or recreational facilities; road surfaces and potholes, and surface drainage. Many residents wanted no further development in any of the villages; though some in Littleton thought there should be very limited development of affordable housing.

The Council is grateful to those who took the trouble to respond and particularly to those who volunteered to help, if action were to be taken. Anyone who has further comments is welcome to get in touch with me.

Severn Bridge Half Marathon

This will be run on the morning of Sunday 24th August. The B4461 will be closed from Aust to Foxholes Lane, and the hill from the junction with Kington Lane near Kyneton House to Mumbleys Lane will also be closed. The race will pass from Elberton to Kington via Field Lane and Kington Lane, and from Mumbleys down Sweetwaters Lane. Apart from the closed sections, the roads will be open but it is expected that there will be lots of runners.

Mobile signals in Aust for EE, Orange and T-Mobile Users

A resident of Aust reports that the phone mast has been moved from Manor Farm to Aust services, and as a result, customers in some areas of Aust – and possibly elsewhere – have lost their signal. EE told the resident that they accepted that they were in breach of their commitment to their customers, and sent him a booster to connect to his broadband service. He suggests that other residents affected might need to press for a booster. Any users without a broadband connection might be able to use this as a reason to change suppliers without penalty.

Flights of Fancy - Gulls

Trevor Cook

Time for the seaside and it's time to look for Gulls, although nowadays they can be seen almost anywhere on our island.

We'll start with the most common gull that we see; the Black-Headed gull. That's the one that has a chocolate brown head only for the length of the breeding season and then loses it. What we see then is a white headed gull with only a black comma behind its eye. Best things to look for are its cherry red legs and bill and its smaller size. It's the one that steals the bread when you are trying to feed the ducks.



Black headed gull
©Arild Vagen

If lucky, you might spot a very similar gull that has come to stay - the Mediterranean Gull. Now this one really has a black head and can be

picked out by the lack of black on the tips of its wings. It is hard to spot as you have to scan a thousand Black-Headed Gulls but can be seen along the Severn and at Slimbridge.

The larger Herring Gull is seen as often on the rooftops of Bristol and along the harbour wall as by the sea. The days of eating herring are long gone and it turned to a diet of our throw-away food and stolen chips along the waterfront. It is big and when it attacks can be quite disconcerting. Look for its pale gray back and the red spot on the lower part of its yellow bill.

If the back is a darker charcoal grey then you are watching the Lesser Black-Backed Gull. The 'Lesser' is nothing to do with size: it's because there is a Black-Backed Gull which does not normally stray far from the sea and is slightly larger than the Herring Gull and the Lesser Black-Backed.

No discussion of Gulls could be complete without mentioning my particular favourite which is the Kittiwake. Sometimes seen flying along the Severn and out to sea, it only comes ashore to breed on the cliffs. Its cry, which is its name, evokes for me the wild ocean which is where it normally lives. To look at, it is a smaller white gull with ink-blot black tips on its wings but it is the sound which will identify it most easily.



Kittiwake
©Ron Knight

See more at <http://www.bto.org/about-birds/birdfacts/bird-families/gulls>

August

Angela Daymond

It might be noticeable that the days are getting a little shorter, but that doesn't mean it's getting cooler yet. August takes us to late summer and the fields can look pretty parched, hedgerows are ripening, look for some early blackberries and elderberries, the birds and mice certainly will be.

The long dry grass comes alive with the songs of the grasshopper and the cricket now. Their 'stridulating' as their noises are called, is advertising each little territory in the field. If you've ever wondered the difference between the two: grasshoppers have short antennae, crickets long; grasshoppers make noises by rubbing their hind legs with their fore wings, crickets rub their wings together; and although grasshoppers are active day and night, the cricket is totally nocturnal. The famous Aesop fable tells of the grasshopper and the ant. All summer the grasshopper played his songs while the ant toiled all day gathering food to store. Once winter came the grasshopper was starving and ant who had worked so hard refused to share his bounty.

Real ants themselves will synchronise their day to begin their 'nuptial' flight. Winged males and females from many colonies emerge together and mate on the wing; the male will die shortly afterwards, but the female will shed her wings and establish a new colony, living for up to fifteen years.

Other animals are just busy piling on as much weight as possible to see them through the hard times. Squirrels will be testing beech nuts in anticipation of them being ripe enough soon. Hedgehogs and badgers are praying for late rain to bring earth worms back to the surface to eat, and bats will be making the most of the myriad of flying insects now.

So although we love the lazy days of summer many creatures just get busier and busier at this time of year.



DON'T MISS!

Fun Doggy Day and Companion Dog Show

from 10.00 am Sunday 17th August

whatever the weather in aid of **South Glos stray dogs**
on **Sunday 17th August 2014** at **Avon Riding Centre**
for the Disabled, Kings Weston Rd, HENBURY,

BRISTOL BS10 7QT. Even bigger and better than last year's – with something for everyone! Ring 07768 285009 [evenings](#) for info.

News from St Mary's Olveston

Quiz Coq au Vin

Our next quiz at St Mary's is on Sept 13th at 7.30pm. They're always extremely popular so book early. Tickets are still only £5 including your meal, and teams are a maximum of six people. If you'd like to book, tell Roly on 616593 or roly@rolybain.co.uk, but there's a limit of 90 people!

Growing Old Gracefully

There are an increasing number of older people living in this community, and some who are moving into it because of the wondrous selection of shops that we are so fortunate to have here. But some of the elderly live on their own, and some are inevitably lonely. This is partly a plea to look out for and after your neighbours, if they need either help or just company. It's also to say there are three opportunities for coffee mornings each week, if you'd like some company: Daldry Gardens has a coffee morning on Tuesdays at 10.30, St Mary's has the coffee shop at Olveston Stores on Thursday mornings (9-12 in term time, 10-12 in school holidays), and Olveston Methodist Church serves coffee on Saturday mornings. You'll be very welcome in all three places.

Service Al Fresco!

On August 31st, St Mary's and the Methodist Church are having an outdoor service in Cromwell Court at 10am. Music is provided not only by our fabulous choir but also by the Portishead Concert Band (the one that played at the Fête). It should be interesting because the band has never played hymns before! Come and join us for a good old sing-song and worship in a church without walls.

Summer Fête

Thank you to everyone who supported the Church and School Fête this year. We were enormously blessed by the weather once the morning hailstorm had passed! It rained in Almondsbury and Thornbury but passed us by.... Final figures aren't complete at time of going to press but it looks as though we have made a profit of £3,600, divided between St Mary's and FOOS, which is magnificent. More importantly, it was a great community event with a real feel good factor, so thanks to all who ran stalls, performed, bought raffle tickets, turned up, parted with their hard-earned money and generally enjoyed it. Thanks indeed!

Confirmation

The Confirmation Service this year is at St Mary's on Sept 18th at 7.30pm. We don't host it very often, so if you're interested in being confirmed at St Mary's, please let Roly know on 616593.

Christ the King Social Club

Christ The King Social Club, Castle Street, Thornbury, has a Quiz Night every first and third Wednesday of the month, starting at 8pm. All welcome and new members to the club are also always welcome.

Christ The King Social Club, Castle Street, Thornbury, has a Folk Music Night every third Thursday of the month, starting at 8pm. All welcome and new members to the club are also always welcome.

Porch House and Church Hall and Social Club are open for bookings for all kinds of functions as well. Just telephone Lesley Morrissey on 01454 418004 or e-mail lesleyvm@hotmail.com quoting the publication where you saw the advertisement.

Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains Scenic Coach Trip

Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church is arranging a coach trip to the Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains on Thursday 25th September 2014. The itinerary will include travelling over the old Severn Bridge up through the lovely Wye Valley to Monmouth where we will stop for coffee. We then continue to Brecon for lunch. Afterwards we travel over the Brecon Beacons and the Black Mountains to Mumbles Swansea Bay, for tea with a view of the Lighthouse. The return is via the M4 and will include a comfort stop. We expect to be home between 6.30pm and 7.00pm.

The cost of £18.00 covers the coach and drivers' gratuities only. Coffee and meals are not included. There may be some spare seats.

If you would like more information please ring Trevor Watkins on 416528.

Jubilee Sailing Trust

We are having a 'Pirate Themed' afternoon mini Fete in the grounds of The Lord Nelson Pub at Cleeve on the A 370 near Congresbury on Sat 16th August 2-5pm. Please come and support us. We have been meeting there for twenty years. Enjoy a good day out and help to support our amazing ships.

Movies at St Mary's: August Trevor Anderson



FIVE movies this month at St Mary's Olveston. If you haven't yet been, do come along. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book:

MONDAY MOVIES (*Recent releases and popular classics*)

Mon 4th Aug at 7.30pm: Audrey Hepburn sparkles to the memorable refrain of 'Moon River' in this enduringly enjoyable romantic comedy about a lost girl looking for love in the big city. (1961) *Cert PG*

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

Mon 18th Aug at 7.30pm: A heart-warming French film about a kind and gifted teacher in a harsh boys' boarding school who sets out to change the pupils' lives by introducing them to the magic and power of music. (2004) *Cert 12*

CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB (*Monday mornings at 10.00am in the hols*)

Mon 4th Aug: A gangster movie where all the gangsters are played by children. Instead of real bullets they use "splurge guns" that cover the victim in cream. (1976) *Cert U*

Mon 11th Aug: It's a Disney film, so there's a major lesson to be learned. Happily, it involves nothing more than taking life easy. All together now: "Look for the bear necessities..." (1967) *Cert U*

Mon 18th Aug: The third instalment in this famous starry trilogy comes loaded with epic battles, rousing themes and fantastic special effects. (1983) *Cert U*

Refreshments available at all the shows. Admission is free although a **donation** at the end towards expenses is always appreciated.

For copyright reasons we can't name the films here, but if you **join the Movie Club** we'll send you titles and full details by email. It costs nothing to join – just email me at trevoranderson@btinternet.com.

Old Down Cricket Cub

150 Club Winners July:

£50 Ted Sharpe

£15 Peggy James

£5 Tony Gardner

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

14th June Simon Higgs

5th July Greg Welsler

August Matches at The Park (2.00pm Start):

02/08/14 2nd XI v University Staff

09/08/14 1st XI v Stoke Bishop

16/08/14 2nd XI v Cleeve

23/08/14 2nd XI v Bedminster

30/08/14 1st XI v Pak Bristolians

Please come along & support, everyone welcome. Up the Down!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Peter Harse

The family of Peter Harse would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate his life at the Woodland Memorial on the 19th June.

The sheer number of well wishers was somewhat of a surprise since the buffet had catered for around 70 and had sufficient Pimms for 80 or so. I suppose the glorious sunshine brought on a summer thirst and with Wimbledon just around the corner maybe more strawberries should have been on offer. Biblical intervention aside, even the cake so lovingly made by Rose Brown wasn't going to stretch to the 170 people who so kindly came to share in the day.

It truly was a proud moment to have so many old faces present (I mean old as in from the past, not aged!). There was a relaxed and social atmosphere and so many memories were shared and stories recounted.

Thank you again for all the cards, flowers, kind words and ongoing support.

Sally, Stuart and David

Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in the July draw, held on 10th July 2014 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	587	Mr D Jeckells, Olveston
£75	542	Mr N Fear, Tockington
£25	487	Mrs C Phillpott, Tockington
£25	454	Mrs P MacLeod, Olveston
£25	372	Dr M Wright, Olveston
£20	367	Mrs J Bendall, Tockington
£20	282	Mr R A Hicks, Cornwall
£20	376	Mrs J A Jones, Olveston
£10	590	Mrs S Roos, Olveston
£10	195	Mr R Bisiker, Tockington
£10	536	Dr M Wright, Olveston
£10	440	Mrs C Black, Thornbury

Tockington Harvest Fayre

Saturday September 13th 2.00 pm

Jane Sawyer & Garry Phillips

Come along to our annual Harvest Fayre, held on Tockington Green. There will be lots to do for everyone, including the delicious Tockington Cream Teas and Home Made Cakes. During the afternoon there will be craft displays in the Church and live musical entertainment on the Green, including the crowning of the Harvest Queen, supported by her attendants. Lots of stalls including books and 'As New' items for you to browse through, pet's corner, games, and skill stalls for the young and old alike. The competitions for children will be decorate a cake or cupcake, make a space 3D model. Don't forget the children's fancy dress parade – with a 'space theme'!

If you are having a sort- out over the summer months, we would be grateful for any good quality donations of unwanted presents, bric-a-brac, or second hand 'home' items, books, toys and games. We are happy to collect donations from July onwards – please contact Garry Phillips email – garryphillips194@btinternet.com tel 613241, Maggie Spooner tel 610053, Jane Sawyer email - jane@prologue.co.uk

This is our major fund raising event. We rely on it to support the upkeep of our Methodist premises at Tockington and Olveston which are used extensively by many other local community organizations. We hope as many of you as possible will be there and we'll do our best to make the sun shine so that you can enjoy an afternoon at Tockington's Harvest Fayre on the village Green.





1st Olveston Scout Group Annual General Meeting

We will be holding our next AGM on Monday the 15th September 2014 at 7:30pm at The Scout Hut, Old Down Hill, Tockington. Anyone with an interest in scouting is welcome to join us.

Alpha Supper

We will be holding another 'Alpha Supper' on Wednesday 17th September from 7.30pm. It is hosted by Paul and Natasha Harrod at Churchill House in Olveston. All are welcome and a delicious evening meal will be provided.

Over 20 million people, worldwide, have been on an Alpha course. It explores the basics of the Christian faith - and deals with many common misconceptions. Who was the real Jesus? Why does a 'loving God' allow such suffering? Is there more to life than our seventy-odd years on this Earth? These are the kinds of questions Alpha explores - and the evenings are based around group discussion; you won't be preached at!

Please come along to the Alpha Supper on the 17th September and see for yourself. For more information please email paul.harrod@gmail.com, or call 613642. There is also an alternative Alpha Supper in Almondsbury starting on Monday 15th Sept.

General Knowledge Quiz

7.30pm Saturday 20th September, Parish Hall, Tockington.

£15 per team, 4 people per team. Ploughman's supper provided. Bar available. Quiz organised by the Tennis Club.

Contact Mary Long, marylong300@live.co.uk or on 01454 625778 for tickets.

Summer Sundown Party

Saturday 6th September 5-9pm Olveston School

After the success of last year's party, this September we are holding a Summer Sundown Party to celebrate the last days of what has been a glorious sunny summer.

Come and join us at Olveston School for the 'Sundown Bundown Big Burger' specially created by Powells the butchers, and the 'Sundown Chocfest Brownie' specially created by Ian Curtis at the Crusty Loaf and served with ice cream. All this is included in the very reasonable ticket price. There will be a bar with draft beer, lagers, ciders, wines and soft drinks to complement the food, so bring your cash. There will be live music from solo performers to rock out bands ... a mellow way to see out the summer.

Olveston Parish Twinning Association organises these hugely popular family events (so you won't have to pay a babysitter) for the whole Parish - not just their members. They are always a great way to spend an evening with friends at a very reasonable cost. So, put the date in your diary now.

Tickets - INCLUDING FOOD - £5 for adults and £3 for children (up to the age of 15), or a special family deal - 2 adults, 2 children - for £15. They are available now from Noel 614099.

Alveston Flower Show

Marj Roper-Marshall

Saturday September 6th Jubilee Hall & Youth Centre 2.00pm

Cream Teas available 2.30 – 4.15pm

I really cannot believe it is nearly the time of year for all those Flower Shows. There are usually quite a few to choose from, but I hope you will make Alveston Flower Show your 1st choice. Better still, why not enter one of the classes, it is open to everybody, you don't have to live in Alveston to take part. If you have visited us before I am sure you had a very enjoyable afternoon, if you haven't then come and see for yourself. There are plenty of classes to choose from – so why not pick up a schedule from the local shops and library? Or just come along and enjoy the day – maybe treat yourself to a cream tea – naughty but nice... Hope to see you there.

Afternoon Tea made £510 for Avon Riding School

On a beautiful summer's day on Thursday July 10th, Afternoon Tea and Raffle at Cromwell House in Olveston, in aid of Avon Riding School for the Disabled, was well supported. All the organising help and the donations of raffle prizes and cakes were much appreciated. The final amount raised was £510.00

Yours faithfully

Geoff Watkins

Aust Evangelical Church

Recently I read an article about something every one of us has and never thinks about much during the day, and certainly not whilst sleeping. Any ideas what it is yet? It is a small part of our body which weighs approximately 11 ounces and works 24/7; it is your heart.

It beats 70-75 times a minute, pumps an average of 2000 gallons of blood through 60,000 miles of blood vessels each day. Every day your heart creates enough energy to drive a lorry 20 miles, which equates to driving to the moon and back in a lifetime. Every week we are given advice on how to prevent heart failure - eat the right healthy food, do enough exercise, and a host of other things. If our heart fails or slows down, our whole body shuts down and we die.

Our "spiritual heart" which represents the centre of our emotions, thinking and reasoning is the "command centre" of our life.

There are many references to the heart in the Bible. The book of Proverbs written by Solomon, son of King David, gives good advice. Proverbs 4 v 23 says "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life". What difficult advice to adhere to. Everyday life makes demands on our time and energy - school runs, shopping, getting to work on time, milking, planting and harvesting - all things that have to be done in the process of everyday life. Taking time to hear God's Word and to do what it says becomes lost in the background of demands. We may not realize the consequences of neglect right away, but over time it may give way to a spiritual "heart attack".

Are you like the disciples whose "hearts burned within them" when they walked along the Emmaus road? (Luke 24 v 32) Does Jesus want you to talk to Him today? He has a direct line and so do you. Try it today.

From the Registers of St John the Evangelist Elberton

16th April 2014
26th April 2014

Funeral Service and Burial of Rosemarie Floyd
Wedding of James Edward Meredith
and Rosalind Jennifer Turrell

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Aug 3	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev Roly Bain
Aug 10	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mr Denis Jones
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev. Philip Rowe
Aug 17	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Roly Bain
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Janet McBride
Aug 24	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Rev Roly Bain & Abby Macaskill
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
Aug 31	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Open Air Service with Choir	Rev Roly Bain
	6pm	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Rev Philip Rowe, 01454 613223; email: 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

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

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

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Aug 10	10am	Holy Communion.	Rev Roly Bain
Aug 24	10am	Morning Prayer	Mr Denis Jones

Hon. Curate: Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

Church Wardens: Terry McLeavy 633680 Janet Ford 633300

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Aug 3	9am	Matins	Mrs Tracey Black
Aug 17	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Aug 10	9am	Family Service	Sandra Edgerton
Aug 24	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Aug 3	10am 6pm	Tock.. Ch. Tock. Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Dilwyn Edwards Evening Worship led by Mr Iain MacGillivray with St Andrew's
Aug 10	10am	Olv. Ch.	All Age Worship led by Mrs Valerie Williams
Aug 17	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle
Aug 24	10am	Olv.Ch..	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams
Aug 31	10am		Open Air Service Cromwell Yard

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 13th August To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP No meeting in August Next meal Sept 18th

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

PRAYER MEETINGS Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 **No meetings in August.**

HOUSE GROUPS Tuesday 12th Aug at 10.30am at 7 The Green Olveston.led by Mr Glyn Varney or Mrs Rosalie Doyle.

THE OLVESTON INTERNET CAFÉ Olveston Methodist Hall

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

Ring 07833354672 or 07957433091 for further information.

CREAM TEAS 25th August on Tockington Green

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

Aug 3	6.30pm	Rev Colin Lewis
Aug 10	6.30pm	Ed Stuart
Aug 17	6.30pm	Lyll Drewett.
Aug 24	6.30pm	Rev Jim Dick
Aug 31	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

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

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

www.THEDOORYOUTH.CO.UK or tel 07837234949

For more details, please phone 632564.

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

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

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

Local contact: Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603

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

Diary Dates for August 2014

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

1 st Fri			
2 nd Sat	Coffee Morning Th. & District Flower Club Garden Party	10.30-12.00 2-5pm	MH
3 rd Sun	Bingo every Sun at Sports & Social club	8.15	AP
4 th Mon	Children's Movie Club Monday Movie	10.00am 7.30pm	StM StM
5 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Th. Art Club Midsummer Art Exhib. 'til 9th	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.00-4pm	WR DGCL TMH
6 th Wed	R.B.L. Women Ploughman's Lunch	12.00	
7 th Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Open Mic. At White Hart	9.00-1.30 10.00-12.00 8.30pm	OS+
8 th Fri			
9 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	AVH MH
10 th Sun			
11 th Mon	Children's Movie Club	10.00am	StM
12 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45	WR DGCL TMH
13 th Wed	Beat Surgery	10.30-11.30	OS+
14 th Thu	Coffee Shop	10.00-12.00	OS+
15 th Fri			
16 th Sat	Coffee Morning Jubilee Sailing Trust Fête, Cleeve	10.30-12.30 2.00-5.00	MH
17 th Sun	Fun Dog Show at Avon RDA centre Henbury	11.00	
18 th Mon	Children's Movie Club Monday Movie Extra	10.00am 7.30pm	StM StM
19 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00	WR DGCL
20 th Wed	Severn. Vale. Flower Cl. Demonstration Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	2pm 8.30pm	AH
21 st Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop	9.00-1.30 10.00-12.00	OS+
23 rd Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
24 th Sun	Severn Bridge Half Marathon	9.00 start	

25 th Mon	Cream Teas on Tockington Green	From 2.30pm	
26 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Olveston Parish Council meeting	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm	WR DGCL TMH AP
28 th Thu	Coffee Shop	10.00-12.00	OS†
30 th Sat	Coffee Morning Marlwood School Car Boot Sale	10.30-12.00 1.30-3pm	MH

Looking ahead to September

6th	OPTA Summer Sundown Party	5.00-9.00	OS
13th	Thornbury Food fair Olveston Vision Drop-In Display Quiz coq-au-vin	1.00-4.30 7.30	PH StM
15th	1 st Olveston Scout Group AGM @ Scout Hut	7.30	
17th	Alpha Supper at Churchill House	7.30	
20th	Harvest Fayre on Tockington Green Tennis Club Quiz	2.00pm 7.30pm	PH
25 th	Olv/Tock. Methodist Church Brecon Beacons coach trip		

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

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