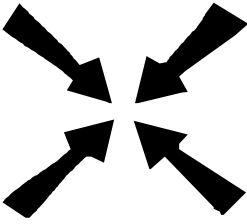


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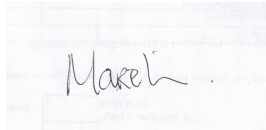
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It is a full edition of Meeting Point for August and no silly season * features are necessary for us! As always we aim to reach out to all ages - this month a pupil at Olveston Primary School writes about the ways in which her class have made links with children in our twin village of Brehan and we also say Happy Birthday to, possibly, Meeting Point's oldest reader.

Chris has returned from his travels so he will be back the editor's chair for the September edition. I have enjoyed the experience of editing Meeting Point for the last three months. It has certainly been a steep learning curve, but most of all it has been a pleasure to work with such a supportive team.



* *In the United Kingdom and in some other places, the **silly season** is the period lasting for a few summer months typified by the emergence of frivolous news stories in the media. It is known in many languages as the cucumber time.*

The Cover shows a photograph provided by Old Down Cricket Club.

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News from St Mary's

The Fete

Thank you to everyone who supported the Fete. Over £3,800 was made, which is the best yet. We were grateful for the weather, once the drizzle cleared, and we're even more grateful for your support. The money is divided equally between the school and the church.

Bridge to Gautampuri

Thank you to all who contributed to our Bridge to Gautampuri Appeal. We reached our £15,000 target within seven months, and then an anonymous donor gave us another £4,500 so we can add a third storey to the building. There is still money to come from the school (or there was at the time of writing) so we got the Bishop of Bristol to present a cheque to the Bridge Trust at our Community Service on June 28th - and what an excellent service that was, with over 110 people present. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Financial help

Don't forget that if you need any financial help or if you know of someone who does, let me know. We have access to small grants of up to around £200. So even if it is just a new pair of football boots for next term, or a new fridge, you can find me on roly@rolybain.co.uk or ask Nita Slaytor. It's all done in the strictest confidence. I also have vouchers for the local food bank if you need food.

Outdoor Service

We're having another outdoor service in Dawes Yard (or Cromwell Court, if you prefer!) on August 30th at 10am. The Portishead Concert Band will be playing and all sorts of things happening. Why not come and join us?

Thank you from Alveston Singers



Thank you very much to all of you who attended the Alveston Singers' summer concerts in June. Thanks to your generosity we collected £1177 for the *Stroke Association & Bristol Teenage Cancer Trust*

We hope to see you at our Christmas concerts on 15th and 19th December. Look out for further details

Get to know your Parish Councillors

Pat Thirkettle

Our series of profiles, introducing the newly elected Olveston Parish Councillors, continues this month with Tony Williams and Alyson Kennea.

Tony Williams



Tony is Bristol born and married Yvonne from Aust in 1981; they live in Olveston and have two children and six grandchildren. After secondary school Tony was first apprenticed to the Whicheloe Macfarlane Partnership of Architects in Park Street and became an architectural technician. After twelve years he wanted a change and became site manager on building sites. Eventually he was Contract Manager for Grant Management in Bristol, a Scottish firm that inevitably involved a lot of travel. For the last five years he has been with Britannic Garden Furniture in Alveston, the

last two years as Managing Director.

Tony and Yvonne moved to Olveston thirty years ago. Their boys played football and Tony became manager of the junior football team and has been with Olveston United ever since. When he moved to Olveston he had over twenty years in Scouting and was approached by the local Scout District, (once they have you they keep track of your movements), who were desperate for leaders. Tony agreed to become a Cub Scout leader in Patchway, before transferring to Olveston as Scout Leader and then Group Scout Leader.

In 1996 he stood for election to the Parish Council as he wanted to do more for the community. During this time he was also elected as our District Councillor for four years, from 2003 -7. It was a busy few years and he feels his biggest achievement was the building of the footpath between Olveston and Tockington. He was also instrumental in the campaign for the footpath between Old Down and Alveston. In 2007 he took the job with Grant Management, and resigned from the Parish Council due to the travelling.

So now he is back on the Parish Council and on the Planning Committee. Much has changed since he was first elected, mainly due to localism. The government is devolving more and more responsibility to Local Government and it trickles down through the District Council. Politics has never been

brought into Olveston Parish Council, (it has elsewhere), and Tony is concerned that the heavier responsibility wielded by the Council could involve professional politicians becoming involved; he hopes that will not happen.

Alyson Kennea

Alyson (*family name Rogan*) moved with her husband Peter and son Tom from Almondsbury to Tockington a year ago. She studied Business Studies at John Moores University, Liverpool, and has enjoyed a wide ranging career starting in sales administration and customer services and moving into operations, sales and marketing later on. After many years living in the Manchester area, the family moved to Almondsbury thirteen years ago where she joined a management consultancy in Bristol that provided professional development for teachers internationally. However government cuts withdrew further contracts and redundancy beckoned.



As a way of getting involved in the community; Alyson helped to run Oasis, a church group for Mothers and children and soon after became a governor of Almondsbury School for eight years taking up the VC role and Chairing the Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee. Both roles required a huge amount of time and commitment but she was very impressed by the rigour, accountability and professionalism within the school and at South Glos. She feels privileged to have worked within such a well run and thriving school.

Having settled into Tockington, Alyson's neighbour, who was a member of the Parish Hall committee, invited her along to the Parish Hall AGM which she subsequently joined. From there she was introduced to the Parish Council and before she knew it, she was serving on both.

As a Parish Councillor, Alyson has been appointed to the Recreation and Leisure committee. She joined the Council as she would like to contribute to the community she lives in and because she cares what happens within it and to the environment around it. 'We are fortunate to live in a lovely place and must work to keep it that way'. She looks forward to working in a newly formed Council and possibly being involved in projects relating to the recently published Vision document.

Olveston Parish Matters

Richard Rogers (olvestonpc@gmail.com)

Olveston Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved in the Sports Weekend (13th/ 14th June 2015), particularly Richard Panes who in conjunction with the Sports Clubs organized the weekend, and the parishioners who attended.

Saturday started slowly (a lot to do with the weather) but in the end the Archery club had approximately 50 visitors, the Tennis Club also had a good number of visitors with there was interest in membership and starting a junior coaching session. It was more of a challenge for the Netball ladies but they apparently enjoyed their morning.

On Sunday the weather was a little more kind and a good number of people attended Old Down to partake in the cricket nets and to watch some of the disabled County game that was taking place, their enjoyment of playing the game was a real reminder as to how lucky we are when we enjoy good health. The Bowls club also received a few first time bowlers, a couple of whom proved to be naturals. The Football Club turned their session into more of a social occasion with barbecue and bouncy castle which was well received.

The final plus is that a couple new to the village are interested in starting up a Table Tennis club which could well take place as from September in the Parish Hall. (*See the article in this edition of Meeting Point*)

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Parish Council Meetings and Papers

In accordance with new rules introduced by the Government, the agenda for forthcoming meetings, with supporting papers will be published on the parish council pages of the Olveston and Aust website. Here is the address:
<http://www.olvestonandaust.com/councils/aust-parish-council/aust-parish-council-documents>.

There will be no meeting in August, so the next meeting for which papers will be published will be the meeting on 8th September.

Severn Bridge Half Marathon

It seems that this race will be run again this year on Sunday 30th August. There will be road closures from 8am to 1.30 pm – the B4461 from Aust to Foxholes Lane (in both directions) and the whole of Mumbleys Hill will be closed for all traffic except pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders – if any are brave enough to venture out! Last year there were over 1,000 runners.

Construction of the Severn Bridge

The niece of a former resident of Stroud has very kindly sent me a collection of photographs taken by her uncle during the construction of the bridge. She hopes that they may be used to stimulate youngsters' interest in engineering. I would welcome any suggestions as to how to do this!

Annie, the Musical - get involved!

In September you could go and see 'Annie' (it's playing at the Bristol Hippodrome) ... or ... you could start rehearsing to take part in the February 2016 production by the Parish Players. We are very happy to welcome new members – make a date in your diary!

We start on Monday September 14th at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please note our first meeting for Orphans is on Sunday September 6th at 2pm in the Olveston Methodist Church (girls only this year). Please contact Linda Evans for full details on 01454 413887

From the Registers of St John's Church, Elberton

26th April Baptism of Sebastian Alexander Palmer-Houlden and Gabriel Louis Coulston Thiery
27th June. Wedding of Hayley Elizabeth Meredith & Thomas Richard Tudor Oxlade

From the Registers of St Mary's Church Olveston

July 11th Wedding of Nick Garland & Rachel Smart
July 11th Burial of Ashes of Ursula Patterson

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the July draw, held on 2nd July 2015 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	261	Mrs A R Knight, Olveston
£75	290	Mrs M Griffith, Olveston
£25	161	Mrs L Clarke, Olveston
£25	187	Mrs J Williams, Pilning
£25	291	Mrs I Phillips, Olveston
£20	609	Mrs M Shurmer, Olveston
£20	275	Mrs L Evans, Alveston
£20	234	Mrs G Bowen, Awkley
£10	307	Mrs B Morgan, Tockington
£10	347	Mr J Chick, Olveston
£10	274	Mrs & Mrs J Croome, Exmouth
£10	385	Dr R Slade, Littleton-upon-Severn
£10	294	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£10	420	Mr R P Bush, Westbury-on-Trym

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

150 Club Winners July 2015:

£50 Andy Rowen
£15 Simon Walker
£ 5 Bill Finch

Fixtures at The Park August 2015 (1.30 Start):

1st August 2nd XI v Whitchurch
2nd August South Glos U15 v Cheltenham & Cotswold U15 (1.00)
8th August 1st XI v Bradley Stoke
15th August 1st XI v Bristol Asians
22nd August 2nd XI v Hallen
29th August 2nd XI v YMCA

Spectators always welcome! Up the Down!! Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Evening Table Tennis in Olveston

Having recently moved to Olveston, we are missing our table tennis evenings. We are trying to establish an adult mixed table tennis group playing on Wednesday evenings at the Olveston Parish Hall at 7.00pm for an hour and a half. This will be a fun evening and all levels - including beginners - are welcome. We have enough interest, from posters around the village, to run two trial sessions on **Wed 29th July** and **Wed 5th August** and we will progress, hopefully, from there.

If you are interested, please contact Jeanette or John Treby Tel. 202319.

Thornbury Castle Grounds

A Museum-led Summer Walk, Thursday 20 August, 6.30pm

Volunteers from Thornbury and District Museum invite you on an evening walk, strolling around the exterior of Thornbury Castle's walls and looking inside the courtyard and the gardens of this Tudor castle. This is a chance to learn something of the history of the site, both the Castle and the Manor House which preceded it.

We start outside St. Mary's Church at 6.30pm and the walk will take one and a half to two hours. 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.

Museum opening times are Tuesday to Friday 1-4pm, Saturday 10am-4pm.

Tel: 01454 857774 or email: enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk

See our new website for more information: www.thornburymuseum.org.uk

Olveston and Tockington W.I.

Olveston and Tockington W. I. will be holding their members' Annual Dinner at the Anchor Inn on Tuesday 11th August, this will replace their monthly meeting.

Olveston Sports and Social Club - Family Fun Day

Sunday August 30th

The day will begin with a Car Boot Sale 9am – 12 noon. Boot sellers are needed! Refreshments will be available all morning.

In the afternoon there will be various activities including skittles, bouncy castle, face painting, tombola and a BBQ until 4pm.

In the evening there will be entertainment in the Pavillion.

Anyone wishing to have a place at the Car Boot Sale, or a stall in the afternoon activities, please contact Barbara on 01454 415036.

Happy Birthday Wishes

The Meeting Point team would like to send Happy 100th Birthday wishes on August 16th to Nigel Raban, who no longer lives in our area but who still enjoys receiving Meeting Point every month. Nigel used to live at Granville Lodge in Haw Lane, Olveston. He was a Churchwarden at St. Mary's and is a past President of Old Down Cricket Club. A very Happy Birthday from all of us and especially from June Robbins, your former next-door neighbour!

Alveston Flower Show

Saturday 5^h September 2015 at the Jubilee Hall & Youth Centre
Opens 2.00pm. Cream teas Available from 2.30 – 4.15pm

All the usual Flower Shows will soon be upon us and I know there are quite a few on the same day but I hope you will make Alveston Flower Show your first choice. Better still why not enter one of the classes? It is open to everybody and you don't have to live in Alveston to take part. So why not pick up a schedule from the local shops and library? If taking part is not your thing, then just come along and enjoy the show. Maybe treat yourself to a delicious cream tea. Our Charity this year is "Jessie May Trust" which provides a hospice at home for terminally ill children in South Gloucestershire, Bristol and North Somerset.

Marj Roper-Marshall

School pupils help launch digital war memorial

Thanks to a digital project which is helping to bring history to life, anyone with a smart phone or tablet can tap into the history of local people from Olveston who lost their lives during the First World War.



On Wednesday 1 July, students from Olveston and Marlwood Schools joined members of Olveston Parish Historical Society and local councillors at Olveston War Memorial. They used modern technology to access a Quick Response (QR) code which has been installed near the memorial. When scanned,

the QR code provides a wealth of information and personal stories about people named on the memorial who were killed in battle.

People like Charles Hughes, a farm labourer who was married to Alice who was in service in the village, with their three sons. Charles was involved in action in March 1918 near Herbécourt when the Germans began their 'Great Offensive' or 'Kaiserschlacht'. During the fighting his unit was surrounded and they were ordered to fight their way back to their base in Harbonniers, but he was killed on March 30 1918 along with 157 other men. He is remembered on the Pozières Memorial four miles to the north-east of Albert, together with Frederick Addis also listed on the Olveston War Memorial, who died in the same German offensive.

The stories have been researched by Bill Morgan from Olveston Parish Historical Society. Chair of Olveston Historical Society, Les Harper, said: "The QR code will inform local people and visitors of the lives of the ordinary men in this village who gave their lives in the First World War and enable people to put a human face and story to a name. Being able to bring the research we have done to a wider audience through new technology will ensure we never forget the sacrifice of these people."



The project has been coordinated by South Gloucestershire Council as part of the Heritage Lottery Funded South Gloucestershire First World War project to engage local people with the First World War centenary and includes working with schools and community groups.

Visit <http://sites.southglos.gov.uk/war-memorials/> and read the stories of many more Olveston residents who lost their lives during the war.

New French Friends!

(OPTA has expanded its links between Olveston and Bréhan to include the Primary Schools in both villages!)

I didn't know much about the Olveston Parish Twinning Association (OPTA) until my teacher asked us to write a letter about ourselves to send to France. She told us about the trip she took to Bréhan in October 2014, when she saw their village primary school. We wrote letters to their year 3 class and now we all have a buddy, mine is called Julia, and I was so excited when we received a letter back. They included photos of their families and asked questions, which we answered in our next letters. After that, they sent us a video of themselves singing an English song, so we learned a French story off by heart, filmed it and sent it back (you can find it on the year 3 page of Olveston School's website!)

In May, my teacher asked if any of us would like to go to the Barn Dance organised by OPTA, because one of the children from Bréhan primary school came to Olveston on their twinning trip. A few of us from year 3 went and met Marius, it was cool to meet a French person!

My mum has now joined OPTA and I might even go on the next trip to Bréhan, I really hope so because I want to learn some more French and try some French food! OPTA would love even more families to sign up and maybe even join them on their next trip. You can find out more by emailing them on olvestonparishtwinning@gmail.com and, even better, come along to our school/OPTA event on the evening of Friday 2nd October. Watch this space!

Emily Seevaratnam, year 3 at Olveston School

Police Report

PCSO Kelly Dimery

There were the following reported crimes for June:-

Theft of number plates from outbuildings in Tockington.

Theft of a push bike from a front garden in Oldbury.

Burglary to a commercial premises in Severn Beach, offenders gained access via rear – nothing stolen.

Theft of power tools and a mountain bike from a shed in Pilning.

Attempt break into a garage, Pilning.

Theft of items from a motor vehicle, Pilning.

Burglary to a residential property where offenders stole a laptop in Almondsbury.

Summer is a great time to enjoy the sunshine and get out into the garden.

Unfortunately it's also a great time for burglars looking for opportunities to get into your home with 33% of our burglaries occurring through an open window or door!

1. Keep windows and doors locked - even when you're at home or in the garden
2. Don't leave handbags, keys etc. lying around – put them out of sight
3. Keep garages and garden sheds locked
4. Don't leave tools lying around the garden – burglars may use them to gain entry
5. Postcode your property

Remove the opportunity – keep it under lock and key!

Beat Surgery dates for Easter Compton Village Hall 09.15-10.00 and Olveston Stores, Olveston 10.00-10.30

Wednesday 26th August

Wednesday 16th September

Wednesday 28th October

Wednesday 25th November

Wednesday 16th December

For emergencies dial 999. To report an incident or crime dial 101

PCSO Kelly Dimery, 07889659691

Tockington Harvest Fayre

Saturday September 19th at 2 pm



Once again it's the annual Harvest Fayre on Tockington Green. Last year we had a brilliant time and we hope this year will be even better.

As always there will be Tockington cream teas and home made cakes.

In the Church we'll be displaying the results of the children's competitions plus a projector presentation of

old photos of activities held in our premises and on the Green over the years (since 1949) and some of you may be on them!

The live musical entertainment will include the fabulous 'The Femmes', the 1940s close harmony singing trio, who were the highlight of the 2014 Fayre. The Rev David Bone, who will also open the Fayre, will crown the Harvest Queen. There'll be lots of stalls including books and 'As New' items for you to browse through, a pets' corner, games and skill stalls for the young and old alike! The competitions for children will be to design a pennant that can be used for bunting and to make a model animal from junk. The theme of the children's fancy dress parade is 'Film Characters'!

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, second hand household items, books, toys and games. We are happy to collect donations from July onwards

We rely on this event as a major source of funds for the upkeep of our Methodist premises at Tockington and Olveston. They continue to be used extensively by many other local community organizations. However, the success of the Fayre depends on the physical work in preparing, running and clearing up and we are increasingly dependent on help from outside of the Church – *we need your help* – from 9am to lift out furniture onto the Green , and again at 5pm to clear everything away.

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 and make it the best one yet!

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

News from Thornbury Volunteer Centre

The Volunteer Centre kick-started their summer with a Pop-up shop at 23 St Mary Centre Thornbury, held to coincide with National Volunteer's Week 1-7 June. The aim of the shop was to raise the profile of the Volunteer Centre and volunteering locally whilst also raising funds for the Centre.

The shop sold donated goods, begged and borrowed from friends and neighbours and as the premises had kitchen facilities we also decided to run a small Vintage Tea Shop serving tea and cakes upstairs. We invited local craftspeople to take a table within the shop so that they could sell and promote their businesses in a shopping centre setting.

The week was a tremendous success on all fronts, the shop raised much needed funds and the stallholders all did well. We spoke to, and gave information to, over 25 potential new volunteers, many of whom have since visited the office and some of whom have already started volunteering. We then opened for the following three Saturday mornings before finally closing our doors and distributing the remaining items to local charities.

Our thanks go to everyone who donated their time and goods to the shop and to all of the people who visited the shop, bought goods, entered the raffle or offered to donate their time. We must also thank the team at the St Mary Centre for their help and support with the shop.

On Thursday 2 July Thornbury Volunteer Centre hosted its annual Volunteer Fair in Thornbury Shopping Centre which 17 local community and voluntary organisations attended. Their aim was to raise awareness of their organisations, fundraise and promote their volunteering opportunities. Cllr Guy Rawlinson attended with his consort, Andrea Bates and the children's choir "The Octaves" entertained throughout the morning. It was a very enjoyable event which has helped to raise awareness of volunteering locally and provide much needed funds for the organisations involved. Our thanks to the St Mary Centre for sponsoring this event once again.

Our 2015 AGM was held on Tuesday 7 July in the Vintage Tea shop section of our Pop-up shop at 23 St Mary Street. Volunteers from Thornbury Volunteer Centre were joined by guest speaker Allan Taylor, Chair of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Leyhill. After the official business was completed Allan gave a very interesting and informative talk on the work of the IMB and his role as Chair of the volunteering team. Our thanks to Allan for answering our numerous questions and as befitting our venue, delicious tea and cakes were served after.

If you are interested in volunteering and would like to find out more please contact the Volunteer Centre on mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk or telephone 01454 413392 or visit us weekday mornings between 10.30am-12 noon at Thornbury Town Hall. Alternatively visit our website at www.volunteer-thornbury.co.uk

Litter Pick.

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

Rod Williams Tel. 612850.

Boer War Victory Celebration

June 5th 1900

This year we are reading much about World Wars 1 and 2 and remembering those who lost their lives in those conflicts. This edition of Meeting Point, for example, highlights a project to help us access online information about local people who died in World War One.

Local historian, Eric Garret, has sent Meeting Point an article he has uncovered showing how local people celebrated a Boer War victory 115 years ago. Extracts from the 1900 article reveal a very different tone to much of what we read today but it is, of course, a document of its time.



“A patriotic demonstration took place at Tockington on Tuesday evening, June 5th, on the news being received of Lord Robert’s triumphal entry into Pretoria.....

On Wednesday evening the procession was again formed and the round of visits continued. On return to Tockington, the Tockington Military Band, with the consent of the Committee of the Friendly Society, for whose Anniversary they were playing, headed the procession, by this time largely augmented, paraded the village. Subsequently a short out-door meeting was held on the Green, when patriotic speeches were made by Messrs. G. Pullin, G. Dowsell, W.S. Green. G. Bolwell and others. Patriotic songs were heartily sung.

Later in the evening Mr. Kruger’s image was burnt on the Green and another enthusiastic meeting held. On opening the collecting boxes, it was found that the handsome sum of £6-1s-8 ½d (£6-16p) had been realised, which was handed over to Mr. Hugh Harford, the Treasurer of the Widows and Orphan’s Fund.”

Thornbury Library

Summer reading challenge 2015

It's all happening at your local library this summer! Record Breakers, Summer Reading Challenge 2015 is now on in all South Gloucestershire Libraries and runs until 12 September. It's free to join in the fun. Children can discover amazing world records as they read their way through their choice of six books to collect their Record Breakers medal and certificate. Visit any South Gloucestershire Library this summer for children to take part in Record Breakers, Summer Reading Challenge 2015.

Libraries are also holding free activities throughout the holiday to help children complete the challenge including the chance to be part of an attempt to set a Guinness Worlds Record title on Saturday 11 July. Visit your local library or log on to www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries to find out more.

Free summer children's activities

Adult supervision is advised and no child under 8 years should be left unattended. Most activities are drop-in, without booking, and are suitable for 4-11 years olds. The one exception is Fantastical Feats! A street dance workshop where booking is essential, there are only 15 places. (8-11yrs only)

- Wednesday 29 July 10-12 Record Breaking Puppet Making & performance
- Wednesday 5 August 10:30-12 Animal Magic – animal themed games, quizzes and craft
- Wednesday 19 August 10:30-12 Record Breakers – fascinating facts and fun activities
- Saturday 22 August 10:30-12 Fantastical Feats! street dance workshop for 8-11yrs only. Booking essential, online at <http://www.southglosevents.eventbrite.co.uk> or by enquiring at Thornbury Library

Discover festival 2015 – programme launch in August

Now in its fourth year, the Discover Festival is an exciting and diverse programme of events, organised by South Gloucestershire Council, local residents, community groups and businesses. The full programme for this year's festival, which runs from 10 September to 30 October, will be available in August online at www.southglos.gov.uk/discover and in print from libraries.

Top up your oil tank before winter

Local charity 'West of England Rural Network' is advising householders to top up their domestic oil tanks before expected price rises in autumn and winter. The charity runs a community oil buying scheme which aims to save local people money on their oil bills by placing a collective order once a month. Scheme co-ordinator Jill Baker says "oil prices tend to rise in autumn and winter as demand increases. By placing a single large order we can negotiate with suppliers and everyone pays less."

The West of England Rural Network are able to offer free memberships to their Community Oil Buying Scheme (normally £20/year) to anyone over 70 living in the West of England who uses domestic heating oil. This is thanks to a second grant awarded by Quartet Community Foundation from their 'Surviving Winter' fund. The scheme is open to all residents of Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Bristol. Local community buildings such as village halls, schools and churches can also benefit from the scheme, as well as businesses such as farms, shops and offices.

The scheme works by using the buying power of a large order to negotiate with all the suppliers who serve our area. The negotiated price is typically 4.5p less than the average price quoted and most members save around £120 per year. If you are interested in joining the community oil buying scheme, call Jill Baker on 01275 333701 or visit www.wern.org.uk/oil.

Fun Dog Show and Family Fair - Reminder!

Sunday 16th August 2015 10am

Avon Riding Centre, Kings Weston Road, Henbury, Bristol BS10 7QT
(opposite Blaise Castle Café car park). Parking available at the Riding Centre.

Adults 50p including programme, children free.

Please come and support us. Email: fossgogshow@hotmail.co.uk.
www.fosgs.com on Facebook 'Friends of Southglos Strays' or Julia Deane (eve) 07768 285009

Movies at St Mary's: August Trevor Anderson



Six movies this month at St Mary's Olveston, including a second *ExtraSpecial*. 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 3rd Aug at 7.30pm: Another British comedy drama starring Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Bill Nighy and Dev Patel. Second best? Come and have a look. (2015) *Cert PG*

MONDAY MOVIES EXTRA (*Quality 'non-mainstream' films*)

Mon 17th Aug at 7.30pm: An *ExtraSpecial*: Vittorio De Sica's remarkable 1947 drama of survival in Italy's devastating post-war depression earned a special Oscar for its power. (1948) *Cert U*



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

Mon 3rd Aug: 20 years after his father disappeared without trace, Sam Flynn is sucked into a computerised universe to be reunited with him. (2012) *Cert PG*

Mon 10th Aug: Think you know the Sleeping Beauty story? Think again! Angelina Jolie stars in this Disney spin on an old tale. (2014) *Cert PG*

Mon 17th Aug: A young robotics genius turns crime-fighter in Disney's fun-packed animated action comedy. (2014) *Cert PG*

Mon 24th Aug: Disney scores a definite hit with this Hawaii-set tale of a girl who adopts an unusual pet who is actually a notorious extra-terrestrial fugitive from the law. (2002) *Cert U*

Doors open 30 minutes before start. Refreshments available. 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.

CAR PARKING

Regulars will know that it can sometimes be difficult to find a parking space close to the church. Should this be the case, we recommend you turn right into Elberton Road (just past the church) and park in the lay-by on the left.

30th Anniversary Flower Festival

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group

To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of The Severnside Support Group of St Peter's Hospice and by kind permission of Thornbury Methodist Church we will be holding a Flower Festival at the Church between the 11th and 13th of September.

If you would like to sponsor a decoration in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event or help in any way towards this event, please contact Anne on 416895 or Kath on 417543. Thank you.

Your support of St Peter's is much appreciated.

Full details of the event will follow nearer the time.

Fun with Numbers

From a local mathematician

Choose any three digit number whose first digit is greater than its last 615

Reverse it and take one away from the other -516

Include a 0 at the start if necessary - as in this example 099

Reverse your answer and add together +990
1089

What answer do you get? What happens if you choose a different starting number? Can you explain why?

Alveston Gardens Association

7th September 7.30pm in the Jubilee Hall, Alveston
Mike Smith will be taking us on a trip 'Out and About'

Please come and join us. Visitors (£2) will be very welcome
Full programme on www.alveston.org

YOURS FAITHFULLY

Paul Ashford

The last time I wrote an article for the Meeting Point was in November 2014, when I made reference to the plight of the Formula 1 driver Jules Bianchi who, sadly, to this day, remains in a coma. In May of this year, his father went public saying that the status of his son was 'stagnant', but that he still hoped for a miracle. It is evidence of the truism that 'where there's life there's hope'. Only a few days ago, I found myself writing those very same words to a friend who was agonising over the misfortune of a mutual friend of ours who, like Jules Bianchi, was also fighting for his life after being struck down by a severe stroke over the previous weekend. What made that situation all the more poignant was that the victim was ten years younger than me with a young family, to which he has been visibly devoted throughout our friendship. The sad reality is that we have since lost that friend and are left to reflect on what might have been had he lived. In this case the miracle never came, but it doesn't stop me believing in the possibility of a miraculous intervention as a Christian, since human life itself is a miracle, as anyone close to a new born baby will tell you.

However, today is a poignant day for other reasons, since I am writing on 7th July 2015 – the day when we have remembered the 52 souls that were lost in the London bombings ten years ago. As relatives have been recounting, it took quite a while for the confusion to subside and the reality to strike home. There were many desperate hospital searches in the hope that loved ones would be found amongst the injured rather than the dead. However, for 52 families it was not to be. They have variously had to come to terms with their loss, often in ways that they would not have conceived of before the event. It was interesting to note that the sister of one of the victims commented that she not only felt sorrow for her own loss but also for the perpetrators – seeing them as much victims of a flawed ideology as the innocent people had been victims of their bombs.

This has an immediate resonance with the testimony of those church-goers in Charleston, South Carolina who were somehow able to express compassion for the young man who had gunned down 'nine of their own' in cold blood. What was even more remarkable was that this evidence of absolute dignity, respect and love could be expressed so soon after the event when the loss would have been so raw. Reflecting on these things, I have realised that these responses are every bit as miraculous as the miracles that we pray for in other circumstances. What we are witnessing is a miracle of the heart. How good it would be to see hearts being miraculously transformed throughout our world. Something else to pray for, I think.

The Oasis Church, Old Down

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Aug 2	8am	Holy Communion	Rev. Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev. P Rowe & Rev. A Lloyd
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev Roly Bain
Aug 9	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mr Denis Jones
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Aug 16	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev.P.Rowe & JMcBride
	6pm	Evensong	Mr Trevor Cook
Aug 23	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Rev Roly Bain
	6pm	Evensong (BCP)with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
Aug 30	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Outdoor Service-Cromwell Court	Rev Roly Bain
	6pm	Holy Communion(BCP) with Choir	Rev D Bone & Rev P 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

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

Morning Prayer 8.30am daily except Wednesday

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Aug 9	5.30	Evening Prayer	Mr Denis Jones
Aug 23	5.30	Evening Service	Rev. Ann Parker

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

e-mail annatdibley@btinternet.com

Church Wardens: Jon Burnett 633835 & Jenn Dickens 632035

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Aug 2	9am	Matins	Mrs Tracey Black
Aug 16	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Pole

Contact: **Rev. David Pole** 01454 414810; _email davepole@me.com

www.alveston.org/sthelens-church-alveston

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Aug 9	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Dave Pole
Aug 23	9am	Matins	Sandra Edgerton

Contact: Rev. David Pole 01454 414810; e-mail davepole@me.com

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OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Aug 2	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Pete Brazier
Aug 9	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Chris Sledge
Aug 16	10.30	Th. Meth Ch.	Section Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Pete Brazier
Aug 23	10am	Olv.Ch..	Morning Worship led by Mr D. Jones
Aug 30	10am	Opp.Village Shop	Open Air Service

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 12th August. To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP no meeting in August

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

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

HOUSE GROUP Tues 11th June at 10.30am at 7 The Green Olveston.

Computer Clinic Olveston Methodist Hall

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

Ring 07833 354672 or 07957 433091 for further information.

Cream Teas Bank Holiday Monday 31st August 2.30-5.00pm on Tockington Green and in the chapel

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 2	6.30pm	Michael Bryant
Aug 9	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Aug 16	6.30pm	Alan Mann
Aug 23	6.30pm	Ken Payne
Aug 30	6.30pm	Bob Hart

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

For more details contact Ann Roberts 632564

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

Mon-Fri Daily Mass at 10am

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: Roger Howell at **rogerhowell2@talktalk.net** 01454 294367

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

Diary Dates for August 2015

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

1 st Sat	Coffee Morning Litter Pick	10.30-12.00 1pm	MH PH
2 nd Sun	Bingo every Sun at Sports & Social club	7pm	
3 rd Mon	Children's Movie Club Computer Clinic every week Monday Movie	10.00 2-4pm 7.30pm	S+M MH S+M
4 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00	WR DGCL
5 th Wed	Computer Clinic every week Holy Communion at Daldry Gardens RBL Women - Ploughman's Lunch	10.00-12.00 2.30pm	MH DGCL
6 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Open Mic. At White Hart	9.00-1.30 10.00-12.00 8.30pm	OS+
7 th Fri	Thornbury Carers' Support group Computer Clinic every week	1-3pm 7-9pm	Chy MH
8 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	AVH MH
9 th Sun			
10 th Mon	Children's Movie Club Mobile Library Orchard Rise (also 24th) Mobile Library Daldry Gardens Mobile Library Old P.O.- L-O-S	10.00 11.10-11.25 11.30-11.50 12.00-12.15	S+M
11 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
12 th Wed			
13 th Thu	Coffee Shop	10.00-12.00	OS+
14 th Fri			
15 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
16 th Sun	Fun Dog Show at Henbury (see July M.Pt)	10am	
17 th Mon	Children's Movie Club Monday Movie Extra Special	10.00 7.30pm	S+M S+M
18 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00	WR DGCL
19 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	2pm 8.30pm	AH

20 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop	9.00-1.30 10.00-12.00	OS+
21 st Fri			
22 nd Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
23 rd Sun			
24 th Mon	Children's Movie Club Severn Vale Flower Club	10.00am 1.30pm	StM AH
25 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
26 th Wed			
27 th Thu	Coffee Shop	10.00-12.00	OS+
28 th Fri			
29 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
30 th Sun	Car Boot Sale at Marlwood School	1.30-3pm	
31 st Mon	Cream Teas Tockington Green	2.30-5pm	
Looking ahead to September			
19th	Tockington Harvest Fayre	2pm	

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.CTK Christ the King DGCL – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; EVH – Elberton Village Hall; LVH Littleton Village Hall MH – Olveston Methodist Hall;OMC Oliv Meth Ch OS – Olveston School; OSt – Olveston Stores; OV – Olveston Vicarage; PH – Olveston Parish Hall; StM St Mary's Church, Oliv.; StMA Almondsbury Church SMH St Mary,s Ch. Hall Thornbury;TCh Tockington Chapel TBCh - Thornbury Baptist Church; TMH – Thorn. Methodist Hall; ; WR – Wesley Rooms.

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