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From the Editor

Ten years ago, in August 2007, the editor announced that Meeting Point was now connected to the internet. Today I can't imagine editing the magazine without access to emails and the web. (Although I know that previous editors have done just that and with excellent results.) For example, in this edition, one of our contributors was able to send in his item, on time, all the way from deepest France. This piece, about growing vegetables in Lot-et-Garonne, fits very well with our lovely cover picture of the Olveston Allotments.

I'd like to use this space to say a big 'Thank You' to Jan Winter who has been giving us her challenging Maths Puzzles for the last two years. She is taking a break for now but has let us know who won the prize for the July puzzle and, most important for some people, given us the solution. We will be ringing the changes by having some word-based puzzles for a while - so get out your dictionaries!

Marelin

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News from St. Mary's

Trevor Cook



Outreach

Congratulations all round and many thanks to all those who contributed and worked with us on the Outreach project for 2017. Not only was the target of £16,000 reached, it was surpassed. This was a two-part project and £5000 has been passed to the Crisis Centre Ministries, 'Spring of Hope' appeal

which will facilitate a Night Shelter in Bristol providing temporary accommodation and counselling for vulnerable women.

(See: <https://www.crisis-centre.org.uk/project/spring-hope>)



The remaining £11,000 has been sent to Zambia and work has begun in drilling a bore-hole adjacent to the Sachibundu Mission Health Centre. After drilling is completed a solar-powered water pump and collection tank will be installed to collect the water. Up until now water has been drawn from a nearby stream so the provision of clean water will be a significant improvement for the medical staff and patients attending the Health Centre.

The picture shows the drilling rig in place and the work in progress. Water is said to be close to surface and it will not be long until the source is revealed and the pump installed. That pump will be dedicated to the memory of the late Revd. Roly Bain.

Quiz Night

The next Quiz Night is on 9th September starting at 7.30pm in the church. Always a popular night out, so we recommend that you book early via an email to Debbie Harries at oboe-debbie@live.co.uk

New Vicar

Following the re-advertising of the post as 'permanent' two candidates have presented themselves. Interviews will have been held during July and so we hope for news of an appointment during August.

News from Pilning Station

‘All the Stations’

On Saturday 24th June, popular video bloggers Geoff Marshall & Vicki Pipe stopped off to film an episode of their hit YouTube series All The Stations. To see their special feature on Pilning and an ITV report from the same day, go to www.pilningstation.uk and follow the links. Maybe you'll be able to spot a familiar face or two!

Big Win For Pilning Train Users!

At 10.41 on August 20th, for the first time in well over a generation, a Sunday Cardiff to Brighton service will call at Pilning Station. This special stop negotiated by Pilning Station Group gives local residents the rare opportunity to travel direct to places such as Bath, Salisbury, Southampton and beyond. Why not help us celebrate this unique occasion and come to Bath? With elegant architecture and public spaces, it's the ideal place to spend a summer Sunday afternoon.

GWR have kindly agreed to our request for this special stop and the greater the number of passengers using this service in particular, the stronger the case for any future additional trains. This is a pick up only and there is no return train to Pilning, but a return ticket to Pilning should be purchased and will permit travel back to Severn Beach instead, via Bristol Temple Meads.

From Pilning to	Adult Return	Child Return
Bristol Temple Meads	£6.30	£3.15
Bath Spa	£8.40	£4.20

Sunday 20 th August only		
Pilning	10.41*	<i>*picks up only does not set down.</i>
Bristol Temple Meads	10.59	
Bath Spa	11.26	

Bath Spa	16.19 16.30 17.26 18.07 18.31	<i>Change at Temple Meads for trains to Severn Beach departing at 16.53, 17.53 & 18.53</i>
Bristol Temple Meads	16.36 16.42 17.43 18.26 18.44	

See www.pilningstation.uk for confirmation of times and more information about fares, discounts and other places to visit from Pilning Station.

The Case for Pilning Station

Whilst Yate provides regular services to Gloucester and Temple Meads, Pilning on the South Wales mainline to London, is just 20 minutes from Newport and 35 from Cardiff. Both Patchway and Filton are a short hop away and direct trains currently reach Temple Meads in just 20 minutes, with Weston-super-Mare only thirty minutes beyond. Electric trains will soon be running through Pilning and the benefits to local communities and businesses of having cross regional services call here are immeasurable. Pilning's location near the River Severn in rural South Gloucestershire, beyond the sprawl of Bristol's Northern fringe, means no traffic jams at major intersections or town centre queues on your journey to the station. Whilst Bristol Parkway, Yate and Patchway have frequent services, they are not necessarily convenient for everyone to get to. Pilning's unique position gives residents of broader Severnside a potential new option for using rail. With more frequent services and the reinstatement of the recently closed westbound platform, the station could make a valuable contribution to reducing congestion in the area.



Pilning Station Group

We liaise with South Gloucestershire County Council, Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council, The West of England Combined Authority, Network Rail, GWR, FoSBR (Friends of Suburban Bristol Railways), SevernNet and other agencies, to represent the passengers and local residents who express interest in using the train more frequently if regular and convenient services were introduced, station facilities enhanced, and Platform 2 reopened. If you would like a free Pilning Station Guide, which includes details of services, places to visit and a brief history of the railways around Pilning and Severn Beach, email savepilningstation@gmail.com.

'Youth Speaks' Winner



Youth Speaks is a competition run by Rotary that encourages speaking and presentation skills in young people.

Here is George Peacock's account of his success in the local area final – which includes primary schools from the Severnside and Thornbury area. George is in Year 6 at Olveston School.

'On Monday 3rd July I went to the Youth Speaks area final at Tockington Village Hall to speak about Barcelona. When I got there I met 8 contestants and 3 judges and then we did our speeches. The only thing left was to eat and wait. I won! I was presented with £50 and a big trophy'.

Congratulations to George on his win. Well done!

Thank You

Elizabeth Screen and family would like to thank everyone who joined them to celebrate her 90th birthday over the four days from 8th June 2017 - 11th June 2017.

Your kind words, lovely cards and your generosity were truly moving. Donations received have been passed to the chosen charities – Marie Curie and St Peter's Hospice - a fantastic £250 each. Thank you so much.

Litter Pick

Please meet at the Parish Hall car park at 1pm on Saturday 5th August.

Vegetable Matter

Chris Bolton

This month I am lucky enough to be in deepest France as I write and I have been visiting my friend Colin, who has a wonderful vegetable plot. Quizzing him about this, it is obvious that there are big differences between veggie growing in Olveston and Lot-et-Garonne.

Starting out, Colin realised that the biggest issue would be water, and he dug a huge pond, along with an impressive underground network of drains feeding it with rainwater. He pumps water from this into a series of tanks which he uses in various ways - to fill watering cans, to mix with sheep manure, to soak comfrey for compost etc. (Vast quantities of comfrey are being grown everywhere you look: it is vital to the quality of his otherwise clay-based soil.)



Colin's pond, mid-July



Comfrey



Evaporation militates against raised beds with wooden sides. Instead, the beds (like the ones on the left) are mounds, with grass cuttings on top of sheep's wool in between the beds to prevent weeds.



Note the plastic bottles which feed water directly into the tomato roots, avoiding the rotting which tends to affect the stems if he puts too much water directly onto them.

Of course, Colin's tomatoes are far ahead of mine, but he can also grow all sorts of things we couldn't hope to cultivate outdoors, like sweet potatoes - and the lovely white aubergines shown in the fourth picture, which I gather are even more delicious than the more familiar purple ones. Lucky him!

Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church Outing

We will be having a further outing on Wednesday 6th September to the Chew Valley Lakes, Wells and Cheddar.

The cost of the trip will be £12.00 including the driver's gratuity.

Leaving Tockington we will travel across Bristol to the Chew Valley Lake's Visitor Centre for coffee and time to admire the scenery. Onwards then to Wells, in time for lunch and a chance to visit the magnificent Cathedral. We then proceed down the Cheddar Gorge with a stop to browse or get some cheese. Then back to Tockington and we aim to be home by 5.30pm

For further information please contact Jack Vokes on 01454 413862.

To book your seats contact Trevor Watkins on 01454 416528

The Coach departs:-

Olveston Junction of Stoney Stile and Greenhill Road at 9.00am

Olveston The bottom of Haw Lane at 9.05am

Tockington The Green at 9.10am

From the Registers of St. Mary's Olveston

June 12th Funeral Service followed by Burial of Dorothy Stoppard.

June 17th Marriage of Andrew Dunkley and Fiona Taylor.

June 23rd Funeral Service followed by Burial of John Michael Herman Hahn.

June 30th Funeral Service followed by Burial of Susan Jennifer Bryan.

July 9th Baptism of Georgie Fern Lewis son of Guy Lewis and Katie Brown.

July Puzzle Prize Winner (and the solution)

Jan Winter

The winner of the £10 book token prize is Charlotte Oates, aged 9, a year 4 pupil at Olveston School. Her answer was excellent, identifying all 86 possible solutions and showing each one in a diagram. Many solutions form a pattern in the grid, but some don't. You can find them all by listing all the combinations of four numbers between 1 and 16 that add up to 34. Well done Charlotte!

This will be the last mathematics puzzle for a while – thanks to everyone who has enjoyed trying them over the last two years.

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners July 2017:

£50 John Fox
£15 Paddy Gardner
£5 Bill Finch

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

10/06/17 Paddy Gardner
24/06/17 Helen Barnett
01/07/17 Alex Grosvenor
08/07/17 James Green

Fixtures at The Park Aug/Sep 2017 (1.30pm Start)

05/08/17 2nd XI v Winterbourne
12/08/17 1st XI v Whitchurch
19/08/17 2nd XI v Saltford Fairway
26/08/17 1st XI v Bishopston (1.00pm)
02/09/17 2nd XI v Chipping Sodbury (1.00pm)

Up the Down!!

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Blakedown Site at Elberton

By the time this issue of Meeting Point is published, there will have been a site inspection by South Gloucestershire planning committee. The committee is likely to consider the application at its next meeting after that – probably in August. The officers have recommended that permission be given for the 4 houses proposed. The parish council regrets the loss of an employment site, but accepts the principle of the proposed development, although it has concerns about the materials proposed and safeguarding the site for the future. These points will be made to the site inspection panel and also at the committee hearing. If you want to look up the planning file, go to <http://developments.southglos.gov.uk> and search for PT16/6161 and open the documents tab.

Avonmouth Severnside Enterprise Area Ecology Mitigation and Flood Defences

This is a joint project between South Gloucestershire Council, Bristol City Council and the Environment Agency to improve flood defences between Avonmouth and Aust, and to introduce some wetland habitat to replace some of what has been or will be lost through development. It covers 17km of coastline and is designed to protect over 2,500 homes and a number of businesses. It is estimated that the impending development will create 12,000 jobs over the next 10 -12 years. It will affect Aust parish because the height of the sea wall between Aust and Severn Beach will be raised by up to 2m to protect against a 1 in 200 year event.

There is a current consultation on the plans running to 8 August. You can look at the plans at <http://www.insouthglos.co.uk/enterprise/avonmouth/flood-ecology/>.

Meetings

There will be no meeting of the council in August – the next meeting will be on 12th September.

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the July draw, held on 6th July 2017 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	253	Mr & Mrs R Williams, Olveston
£75	227	Mrs P Halfyard, Droitwich
£25	211	Mrs C Black, Thornbury
£25	536	Dr M Wright, Olveston
£25	325	Mrs M James, Olveston
£20	164	Mrs P Atkinson, Stoke Lodge
£20	422	Dr D Cochrane, Olveston
£20	436	Mr G Clark, Olveston
£10	470	Mrs J Dawes, Olveston
£10	439	Mr D Skinner, Tockington
£10	586	Mrs P Kerrison, Olveston
£10	193	Mr D J Talbot, Olveston
£10	559	Mrs C Healey, Olveston

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

The Parish Players- future productions

Richard Newley

After the success of Peter Pan, the Parish Players are pleased to announce that their February half term Production Feb 14th-17th 2018 will be 'The Wizard of Oz' and that a contract has also been secured for 'The Sound of Music' in 2019.

There will be a read through and singalong of 'The Wizard of Oz' for anyone who is interested in joining the Company on Monday October 2nd at 7.30 and on Thursday October 5th in the Olveston Parish Hall. Auditions will be held on Thursday, October 12th at 7.30 in the Parish Hall for the main parts only.



- *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*
- *Ding Dong! the Witch is Dead*
- *If I Only had a Heart*
- *We're off to see the Wizard (Follow the Yellow Brick Road)*

Commencing on Monday October 16th, subsequent rehearsals will be in the Parish Hall on Mondays and Thursdays from 6.30pm until 8pm for the children (Munchkins) and from 8 pm for the Adults and Dorothy.

A rehearsal schedule will follow after the auditions; the children involved may not be needed for every rehearsal.

The Parish Players look forward to following the yellow brick road to find the magical emerald city of Oz and discovering something very special at the foot of that rainbow. They would like to take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you to all their supporters in the village and surrounding area and will aim to entertain you once again with the iconic music and characters of Frank Baum's Wizard of Oz.

Tockington Harvest Fayre 2017

Garry Phillips

This year's Harvest Fayre will be on Saturday September 16th at 2 p.m. on Tockington Green and details of the event are as follows :-

Children's Fancy Dress Parade – Seaside Theme!

Other competitions - Garden on a Plate; Junk Model Animal.

Details of displays and other entertainment will be in the September edition of Meeting Point. There will be lots of stalls including cakes, fresh vegetables and fruit, books and 'As New' items for you to browse through, pets' corner, games, and skill stalls for the young and old alike!

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 August onwards.

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

We rely on this event as a major source of funds for the upkeep of our Methodist premises at Tockington and Olveston. They continue to be used extensively by many other local community organizations. However, the success of the Fayre also 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. Please contact the above if you can help.

We'll do our best with the weather so you can enjoy an afternoon at Tockington's Harvest Fayre and we hope to see even more of you this year.

Alveston Gardens Association



Mike Smith will take us

'Out and About with AGA 2016'

A trip down 'Memory Lane' to some of the venues visited in 2016.

Monday 7th August 2017

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

Fest Noz

Marelin Orr-Ewing

About three years ago, Olveston Parish Twinning Association (OPTA) was looking for ideas for its next autumn social event. As well as needing to raise money for OPTA, we had another important agenda which was to get more families with younger children interested in the Twinning and, hopefully, joining us on the next visit to Bréhan. As we scratched our heads, one of the committee, who has lived in France, suggested we hold a Fest Noz – a traditional Breton party for all ages - in the Olveston School Hall and invite families from the school to join us. We thought this was a great idea and learned a lot from that first attempt in 2015. We put on a much better effort in 2016 and hope that the 2017 Fest Noz will be the best so far.

But, what exactly is a Fest Noz? It translates simply as a night (or evening) party with music, dancing, food and drink. The *fest noz* comes from a rural tradition of celebration and dancing that, in many accounts, derives from the trampling of the earth to form a solid base for a house or a farm building – this accounts for the foot-stamping intensity of *fest noz* dances. On our visits to Bréhan we have had wonderful evenings where – alongside more modern dancing - we are led in traditional dances by local men and women. In most the dancers move round following simple steps in circles to a regular rhythm, although one that always gets us laughing is where a leader takes a line (think of the 'conga') round and round the room, outdoors and through the line itself until we all end up in a very happy tangle.



According to Brittany Tourism, for decades now the revival of the *fest noz* tradition has been in full force. Whereas in the past *fest noz* were smaller and held by and for local families and villages, now they are extended to a wider public where they are helping the revival of traditional dances, music and instruments. The best point of comparison is an Irish or Scottish ceilidh, and the traditional music combines a capella singing and hypnotic dance music played on instruments like the bombarde (a wind instrument that's an ancestor of the oboe), the Celtic harp and Breton bagpipes. However, while retaining many of these ancient trappings, the *fest noz* has also changed with the times, embracing musical styles like jazz and punk, as well as African percussion instruments.

Most Breton villages have a Fest Noz at least once a year organized by the school or a sports club for example. It is a way to express their culture and identity, and to share common values with friends. Whether a large or a small gathering, what characterizes a Fest Noz is that it is multi-generational and it generates a warm atmosphere and a good mood with food, drink and dancing.

If you like the sound of all this, the 2017 Fest Noz is being run in partnership with Olveston School on Friday 6th October. As well as music, apple pressing and dancing, there will be a two course supper served on long trestle tables to generate the convivial atmosphere of a traditional French 'fête'. Full details will be in September's Meeting Point. Make a note in your diary because it will be fun!

Making Space for Wildlife



Catherine Offer (catherine.offer@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

At the Annual Parish Assembly in May a plan was presented outlining the aims of the Parish Council regarding biodiversity. A group has now been formed with a small committee and volunteer parishioners to start detailed planning.

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

The group will be working closely with South Glos.Council, A Forgotten Landscape and other groups promoting and enhancing native animal and plant life in a range of habitats throughout the Parish. The aim is to encourage wildlife in every way possible and prevent further loss of species and habitats. Surveys of species and numbers will be carried out and information will be shared with local and national records. A detailed action plan will then be put together. This exciting project requires lots of energy, enthusiasm and committed volunteers. There are opportunities for everyone to get involved, learn something new and contribute to an improved world for our wildlife and ourselves. Please get in touch and lend your support, no previous experience necessary!



**MAKING SPACE
FOR WILDLIFE**

**LOGO
COMPETITION**

Prizes to be won!

**Deadline
September 30th 2017**

We would like you to design a logo for our biodiversity project called "Making Space For Wildlife"

Open to the following age groups 3-6yrs, 7-11yrs and 12-16yrs. Children/Students must live or go to school in Olveston Parish or attend one of the clubs or groups in the Parish (Brownies / Beavers / Football / Tennis etc)

Please submit your entry form, along with your design on a maximum size of A5 landscape (see template with entry form), remember to keep it simple but don't be afraid to use **colour**.

It must be your work and not a copy of something that already exists. You can send as many entries in as you like, please send via post or via email, details are on the entry form.

<https://www.olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Woodpeckers

Trevor Cook

As I walked past Olveston Church last Sunday morning a green woodpecker flew up in front of me; and judging by the number of reports that I have received from other people it seems that the Woodpecker population is thriving in the area.



This is borne out by the number of times that I hear the high-pitched laughing cry of the green woodpecker. Although bird song is hard to describe in words once you recognise the unique call of a green woodpecker you will always know it's around.

Don't just look for it in the trees though; the Green Woodpecker loves to eat ants and can just as easily be seen on the

ground or on your lawn.

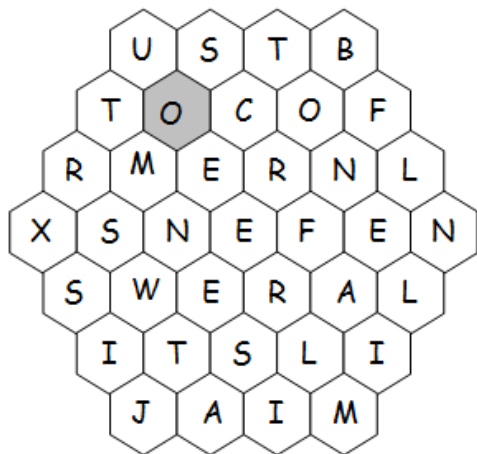


Its cousin the great spotted woodpecker is more modest in its call, being limited to a loud staccato 'chep' sound. It lives in the trees but will gladly visit feeding stations. And also of course, as we saw on 'Springwatch' recently, will visit a nest box full of baby blue tits with bad intentions.

We do have a third type of woodpecker but it's very rarely seen as it's small (about the size of a sparrow), lives in the tree canopy and is quite rare. This is the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (as in a smaller bird not less spots!). The last report I saw was a sighting at the RSPB Nagshead reserve in the Forest of Dean.

Finally, you can always tell you have seen a woodpecker by their undulating flight that is typical for the species.

Buzzword



Look at this honeycomb of letters. The shaded O and the six letters surrounding it spell COSTUME, which matches one of the clues below.

In the same way, find a 7-letter word for each of the remaining clues. Keep track of the central letter for each answer you find.

1. Special set of clothes (costume, central letter = O)
2. Soft cotton cloth
3. Opposite of eastern
4. Alike
5. Wheeled form of transport with footboard
6. Observer
7. Ugly, terrifying creature

Now find the BUZZWORD for this puzzle by unscrambling all 7 of the central letters to spell the answer to this clue: **A Greeting**

Olveston School – A Review of the Year

Year 6 Pupils



As the academic year draws to a close, we can hardly believe how quickly it has gone!

Some amazing topics have been covered across all the year groups: Animals, Under the Sea, the Aztecs, the Victorians and Trade & Tyranny were some of the school's favourites.

Our sports teams have been incredibly successful; thanks to our running club, Olveston School are the county league champions! Other successes include the netball and football clubs, which have won plenty of matches this year and the Aquathon at Clifton College.

Terms 1 & 2 feel like a lifetime ago but highlights included the amazing KS1 Nativity and the KS2 Christmas production in St Mary's Church. Our links with the church continued into the Easter term, when each class visited St Mary's to enjoy a hands-on Easter experience.

Some of the school trips we have enjoyed this year were Cadbury World and the Bristol Docks, and of course we in Year 6 LOVED our school camp in the Brecon Beacons – despite the heat!

Drama is one of our school's biggest strengths and this year was no different! The Star of Beth 'n' Liam's Kebab Van was a real highlight and Year 6 has put on the Wizard of Oz this summer which was brilliant!

Terms 5 and 6 have been the busiest of all. FOOS put on a great summer fete and the Olveston Proms were a hit! The theme this year was 'Africa' and loads of children from all classes performed beautiful songs and dances, as well as showing off their musical talents. The whole school also recorded a CD of songs which has been very popular. Finally, sports day gave us the opportunity to showcase all of our school values. Everyone participated and had a wonderful time in the sunshine.

So that brings us to the end of this year! Have a great summer holiday everyone and we'll see you in September! Good luck to all of the Year 6s moving on to their secondary schools.

A Forgotten Landscape - August Update

School's out! Time for fun. We're running lots of fun free events again this year. There's a short list below but visit our website www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk for more.

Birthday Bash!

Wednesday 2 Aug, 12-4, Lawrence Weston Community Farm, Saltmarsh Drive, Bristol BS11 0NL

30 years young, time for a party! We'll be joining in the free Family Fun Afternoon with music, food, nature activities and Bike Swap. Not to be missed!



Fossil Forays! with Ed Drewitt Saturday 5 August and Sunday 13 August, 10-11:30, Aust

Come to Aust and be a fossil detective with local expert Ed Drewitt. The fossil-rich rocks contain the ancient remains of sea-going animals that lived in our region 200 million years ago. Wear suitable outdoor shoes (and boots if it has been wet), clothing and sun cream. Bring a trowel if you have one, old newspapers to wrap your fossils and bags to carry them. See our website for how to book your free place.



Extended Roving Art Group Tuesday 8 August, 11-4, Severn Beach Village Hall

Recall the past and learn how to create planters and large sculptures out of willow withies.

Refreshments provided. Bring a packed lunch or buy it from the nearby cafe. If you cannot manage the whole session you can come for part of it. Just contact Deborah on 07796 172 033 to arrange.



Bush Craft Workshop with Steve England
Saturday 12 August, 10-1, Lawrence Weston
Community Farm, Saltmarsh Drive, Bristol BS11
ONL

Learn how to survive in the wild! We'll be discovering how to use plants, what we can eat to survive and how to light a fire. Steve England, multi-award winning conservation educator who specialises in wildlife and woodcraft skills, will lead this exciting workshop. This session is for 7-18 year olds; all participants must be accompanied by an adult. This event is FREE but booking is essential; see our website.



Practical habitat work day

Saturday 26 August, 11-3:30, Saltmarsh Drive Open Space, Bristol

Think of it as a green gym. Led by our friends Avon Wildlife Trust, come out for a practical day using hand tools to improve Saltmarsh Drive open space. This day's focus will be on cutting grass. For more information and to book your place, email rosie.maple@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk or text 07458 091 432.



Thornbury Volunteer Centre

From Monday 24th July until Monday 28th August, Thornbury Volunteer Centre will only be open on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 10.30am-12 noon. If you wish to contact the office outside these hours please leave a message on the answerphone on 01454 413392 or email mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk or visit our website at www.volunteer-thornbury.co.uk Normal opening hours will resume on Tuesday 29th August.

The Vale of Berkeley Railway urgently needs volunteers to convert a handwritten museum catalogue into digital form. Volunteers will be provided with paper copies of pages and will transcribe entries onto a simple computer form. Volunteers will do the transcription from home at their own pace; the number of catalogue pages transcribed is up to the volunteer.

For further information please contact Thornbury Volunteer Centre on 01454 413392 or mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk

Village People?

Pat Thirkettle, who writes the interesting 'village people' profiles each month, is taking a well-deserved break over the summer. She will be back, however, in the September edition with a profile of Martin Gibson who is one of the newly-elected Olveston Parish Councillors. Thank you for all your hard work, Pat, and have a good summer.

Yours Faithfully

Revd Philip Rowe St Mary's Church, Olveston

I recently enjoyed a great performance of Twelfth Night at the Globe Theatre in London. During the play perhaps the central character, Viola, finds herself in a bit of a pickle. She is living as a man and is falling in love with her master. At the same time the woman who her master loves and is asking her to woo is in love with her. I could feel her desperation as she exclaims:

O time, thou must untangle this, not I
It is too hard a knot for me t'untie.

I suppose the modern equivalent to this hope is that it will 'pan out all right in the end'. Well in this play it does: Viola's male twin arrives and the two couples happily pair up. However leaving mere time and chance to sort out the complications we might fall into does seem somewhat optimistic. Sometimes we need help from outside. This assistance can come from human resources. But where do we turn when this runs out?

The Sunday after I saw the play was Pentecost when we remember God the Holy Spirit falling upon the first disciples with three manifestations. There was a great wind representing the invisible but real power of God which changes things on earth. Then 'what seemed like tongues of fire' represented in part the guidance of God – a torch to guide us. Lastly the ability to communicate with people who spoke other languages represents the ability to make fresh relationships and thus achieve new things. The power of God coming from outside was the impetus for the life changing growth of the Church.

Unlike Viola there is no need for us just to hope that things somehow sort themselves out. God's Holy Spirit is still available for us today.

With my prayers and best wishes.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Aug 6	8am	Holy Communion	Rev. Ann Lloyd
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Mrs Janet McBride
Aug 13	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev Helen Webb
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mr Trevor Cook
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
Aug 20	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Ann Lloyd
	6pm	Evensong	Mr Paul Harrod
Aug 27	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev David Bone
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Mrs Janet McBride
	6pm	Evensong(BCP) with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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

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

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Chancel

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

Morning Prayer 8.30am daily ex. Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Aug 13	10am	Morning Prayer	Mr Paul Harrod
Aug 27	10am	Holy Communion	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 6	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black
Aug 20	9am	Holy Communion	Rev Andrew Daunton Fear

Contact **Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660**

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Aug 13	9am	Matins	TBA
Aug 27	9am	Holy Communion	TBA

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Aug 6	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle (Holy Habits Service)
Aug 13	10am 6.00	Olv. Ch. Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Debs Brazier Unfolding Service led by Rev Pete & Mrs Debs Brazier
Aug 20	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
Aug 27	10am	Olv Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Valerie Williams

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 9th August
To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP Will not meet in August. Next Lunch
Thursday 21st September To book please ring 613241

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

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

HOUSE GROUP 'Holy Habits' Study Group at 10.30 Tuesday 8th August at 6
Manor Close Tockington

THE OLVESTON COMPUTER CLINIC Olveston Methodist Hall

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

Ring 07833 354672 or 01957 433091 for further information.

CREAM TEAS Will be served on Bank Holiday Monday 28th August 2.30-5.00pm
in Tockington Chapel and on the 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 6	6.30pm	Neil Mobbs
Aug 13	6.30pm	Wully Perks
Aug 20	6.30pm	Alan Mann
Aug 27	6.30pm	Richard Luxton

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

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

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact Ann Roberts 632564.

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

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Monday-Friday Daily Mass at 10am

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

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

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

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

Diary Dates for August 2017

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

1 st Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Tea/Coffee & biscuits. 50p Monthly Raffle R.B.L. (Women) Sally-Flower Arranging	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH DGCL
2 nd Wed	Computer Clinic every week Table Tennis	10.00-12.00 7.00-8.30pm	MH PH
3 rd Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30pm 9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
4 th Fri	Haven Memory Café Thornbury Carers Support Group Computer Clinic every week	10.15-11.45 1.00-3.00pm 7.00-9.00pm	URC Chy MH
5 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
6 th Sun			
7 th Mon	Computer Clinic every week	2.00-4.00pm	MH
8 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45	DGCL TMH
9 th Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	PH
10 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
11 th Fri			
12 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	EVH MH
13 th Sun			
14 th Mon			
15 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
16 th Wed	Beat Surgery Table Tennis Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	10.30-11.15 7.00-8.30pm 8.30pm	OS+ MH
17 th Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30pm 10.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
18 th Fri	Haven Memory Café	10.15 11.45	URC
19 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
20 th Sun			
21 st Mon			
22 nd Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45	DGCL TMH

	Olveston Parish Council	7.30pm	AP
23 rd Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	PH
24 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	10.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	
25 th Fri			
26 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
27 th Sun	Aust Quiz Night at Boar's Head	7.30pm	
28 th Mon	Cream Teas on Tockington Green/Chapel	2.30-5pm	
29 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
30 th Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	PH
31 st Thu	Coffee Shop	10.00-12.00	OS+

Looking ahead to September

2 nd Sept	Aust Village Fete		
9 th Sept	Quiz	7.30pm	S+M
16 th Sept	Tockington Harvest Fayre		

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

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