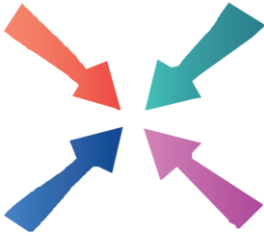


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From the Editor

If you are one of those people who read the 'small print' you may already have spotted a change to the left-hand column on this page. After 39 years (that is correct, we checked), Nigel Dawes has handed over responsibility for the advertising in Meeting Point to Bernard Amos. Huge thanks are due to Nigel for all his hard work over the years, always completed with good humour and charm. And a warm welcome to Bernard.

It is always good to receive news from Olveston School and this month we hear about a visit to the school from Bristol Swifts and about the school's plans to set up a 'Village University' – are you intrigued? Find out more inside the magazine. News from, and about, our younger readers also includes an account of a recent Brownie Pack Holiday and a review of Marlwood School's production of Oliver!

Marelin .

The cover is by Nick Fear

Meeting Point Founded in 1976 by the Anglican and Methodist churches in Olveston, near Bristol.

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St. Mary's Summer Street Fayre

Church Hill, Olveston

Saturday August 17th 2pm -5pm

- Raffle
- Stalls
- Games
- Pimm's
- Cream Teasand more!



Come and join the fun!

From the Registers of St. Mary's, Olveston.

15th June Marriage of Alexandra Deborah Louise Parsons and John Paul Finlay

3rd July Funeral of Stephen John Carey

Alveston Gardens Association



A Presentation on 'Lilies and Orchids from Turkey' will be given by Duncan Coombes.

Monday 5th August

7.30pm Alveston Jubilee Hall

All welcome – Visitors (£3)

Full programme on www.alveston.org

Phil Savage

Pat Thirkettle

Phil was born in Southmead Hospital and delivered by Dr Percy Phillips – the significance of which will come clear later. His GP father died young and his mother raised him alone. He attended Bristol Grammar School and then read medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, following in his father and uncle's footsteps. There he met his wife Wendy, a student nurse, and they married after Phil qualified. At that time all doctors were male and all nurses female, hence many similar pairings. Nowadays seventy per cent of doctors in training are female, they tend to marry men in other professions, are able to work part-time and this contributes to lack of continuity in care.

The couple briefly moved to Essex for Phil to finish his post qualification registration and then to Bristol University Medical School, where he taught anatomy to continue his training to become a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, (FRCS). Wendy, already a midwife, qualified as a Health Visitor. They lived in Clifton for two years and their son Julian was born. Phil's first surgical job was in the newly opened Casualty Department of the Bristol Royal Infirmary. On the actual opening night they were warned over the radio by the ambulance service of a major incident, so were preparing as they heard the sirens and then saw blue lights rushing towards them.....then the doors flew open with trolleys bearing Chinese takeaways to celebrate the opening! One of his next training jobs was at the old Bristol Maternity Hospital on The Downs; he so enjoyed this discipline that he decided to train as a Member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, (RCOG). Two years in Exeter followed before Phil came back to Southmead Hospital as a Consultant working on the Percy Phillips Ward - and thus the wheel turned full circle!

Their daughter Jenny was born in 1973 and Wendy was very happy to become a full-time mother. Before she did nursing, she was apprenticed as a trainee seamstress to Norman Hartnell, courtier to the gentry. As a result she was skilled at sewing, embroidery and quilting and always made all her children's clothes. She volunteered at the American Museum showing visitors the famous Quilting Collection, about which she was hugely knowledgeable. The family moved to Kington near Thornbury to be close enough to work for Phil but also a country environment. John Crossley, a colleague and well-known character in Tockington, introduced them to Thornbury Choral Society and thus they first met David and Sandy Shaw.

Phil was in student drama as a performer and sketch writer at college, in fact as a contemporary of Graham Chapman, and thus working with the Monty Python group who had come to London from Cambridge to do their clinical training. At Southmead he was involved in the Christmas shows and played cricket where he met Bob Slade. Linda Evans took over Parish Players in 2002 and Phil played his first part in Pirates of Penzance, followed by many others. Phil took early retirement in 2009 when Wendy became ill. They

resigned from Thornbury Choral Society and Phil joined the choir at St Mary's Church.



Before retirement Phil, by now a Fellow of the RCOG, taught and examined for them, which took him to Sudan, Malaya, India, Egypt and Singapore. Charity hikes for Hike and Hope (an ovarian cancer and prostate cancer charity) have taken him from the Dead Sea to Petra, and the Rift Valley in Kenya. Antarctica was specialist bird watching holiday.

As well as playing golf at Bristol Golf Club he joined Thornbury Rotary Club, was President in 2012 and is still Chairman of the Youth Support Committee. Sadly, Wendy's health deteriorated and she died last year, but not before they celebrated their Golden Wedding and a trip to Canada to visit Julian who is an ENT specialist in Quebec. Jenny is a teacher in Hertfordshire and Phil is looking forward to taking her and her family with him to Canada for three weeks shortly.

He is determined to keep busy now he is alone, and there is something on every day. Not mentioned already is his membership of the Bristol Medical Reading Society, a day a week at Slimbridge as a 'Guide in a Hide', and travel talks he gives to local societies. Finally, he joined the Parish Hall Committee as a Church rep. and is now Chairman of the Management Committee.

The Royal British Legion Women's Section, Olveston Branch

At our June meeting we were taken back 9,000 years by Phil Savage, who talked to us about the history of Petra and his walk through Jordan to this phenomenal city. UNESCO has described Petra as 'one of the most precious cultural properties of man's cultural heritage' and it certainly is impressive. What is equally impressive is the dedication and hard work put in by Phil and his colleagues to take on such an arduous task in order to support charities which raise money for cancer research.

This was followed in July by another evening of our own, much less energetic, fund raising via bingo games. This month we are hoping for fine weather when we have a barbecue planned.

Pilning Open Flower Show

Saturday 24th August. Doors open 2.15pm.



The show, held at St Peter's School, Bank Road, Pilning, BS35 4JG, is celebrating its 50th consecutive year and is open to anyone to enter or visit.

Much more than just flowers, there are classes for Vegetables, Fruit, Preserves, Baking, Homemade Drinks, Photography, Flower Arranging, Children's Classes (8 years and under and 14 years and under) and Adult Crafts. At 2:15pm doors open to the public to enjoy the displays, refreshments, raffle and auction of produce.

There is no charge for entering any of the 77 available classes and there are cash prizes, certificates and trophies to be won. Entries to be brought Friday 23rd August between 7-8pm, or Saturday before 10:45am. For more information, registering entries in advance, or for requesting a show programme electronically, please email: richard.edwards2015@btinternet.com Otherwise visit the Pilning Flower Show Facebook page or pick up a programme at local shops and businesses,

Admission for adults is £1, OAPs 50p and children free.
All proceeds to local charity Jigsaw, Thornbury.

Tea and Chat

If you find it difficult to get out and socialise, why not come to 'Tea and Chat' to make new friends and meet up with old ones? Transport is provided and it's all free.

Here is a picture of the July get together which was, in fact, an open-air lunch. Weren't we lucky with the weather?



The August 'Tea and Chat' is at Littledown, Haw Lane, Olveston on Friday 23rd August at 2.30pm

For further details or to request transport if necessary, please telephone Lynn 01454 612201 or Lesley 01454 613804.

Oveston and Tockington W.I.

Vicki Townsend

Two interesting and very different speakers have kept us engaged recently. The first of these was Sarah Harris, who gave us her talk entitled 'Marie Antoinette's Guide to Farming'. We were not sure what to expect as Sarah recounted her experiences as a fledgling farmer with little experience of lambing, hedging or general farm management. To say she learnt 'on the job' is an understatement. Her stories and presentation gave us a very entertaining evening and, like Marie Antoinette, after a number of years she gave up her farm and is running a very successful knitting shop in Clevedon. (That is Sarah, not Marie Antoinette!) The second speaker was Paul Evans, who treated us to monologues, anecdotes, recitations and poems, interspersed with reminiscences of times gone past that many of us could appreciate.

Our fund raising for the Made a Mark charity has been very busy. Jane Haworth held a coffee morning at her home in Haw Lane on 14th June, which was very successful, despite the wet weather. Two of our members, Rita Garlick and Julie Dawes, (combined age 170 years) bravely completed a zip wire in Wales. Their sponsored efforts have helped to swell our fund. Thanks to all who gave so generously to both endeavours.

The picture below shows Rita and Julie just setting off on their amazing trip on the zip wire.



News from the Methodist Church

Cream Teas

Cream teas will be served on Tockington Green and in the Chapel, on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August from 2.30 – 5.00pm. Proceeds will be for the Thornbury and District Stroke Support Group.

Coach Tour

A half day Scenic Tour of the Forest of Dean has been arranged for Thursday 5th September. We will travel over the Severn Bridge to Lydney, into the Forest of Dean and to Speech House for a cup of tea (not included). We then travel via Monmouth and the Wye Valley to Tintern for some leisure time there before returning home around 6pm.

Price £10 including the driver's gratuity. Coach departs Alveston at 1pm, Tockington at 1.05pm and Olveston at 1.15pm. For a booking form or further details please contact Trevor Watkins on 01454 416528

Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in the May draw, held on 4th July at the Friends' committee meeting, were:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	496	Mrs E Marsh, Tockington
£75	271	Mr G Williams, Olveston
£25	468	Mr G Clark, Olveston
£25	600	Mrs J Davis, Olveston
£25	393	Mr R Lloyd, Tockington
£20	200	Mr D Shaw, Olveston
£20	291	Mrs I Phillips, Olveston
£20	506	M Lewis, Olveston
£10	258	H W Pearce, Ingst
£10	179	Mrs J Davis, Olveston
£10	396	Mrs I Phillips, Olveston
£10	413	Mr R Lloyd, Tockington

Come along to the Church Fayre on the 17th August where our August Draw will take place and - if you haven't joined yet - you might consider joining us on the day. Remember, you can't win if you're not in!

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner
07889 727729

150 Club Winners July 2019:

£50 Bill Finch
£15 Dave Birtle
£5 Mike Rowen

Latest Bonus Ball Winners:

08/06/19 Tony Gardner
22/06/19 Mike Rowen
06/07/19 Greg Welsher

Home Fixtures August 2019 (1.30 Start)

03/08/19 1st XI v Old Bristolians
10/08/19 2nd XI v Backwell Flax Bourton
17/08/19 1st XI v Midsomer Norton
24/08/19 2nd XI v Whitchurch (1.00)
31/08/19 1st XI v Pakistani Express (1.00)

Electronic Scoreboard

At last Old Down Cricket Club has its new Electronic Scoreboard. Together with the new changing rooms that are being built, it's all change at the field.

A fundraising scheme was set up, the Vice Presidents and local businesses were approached, and the support has been fantastic. Well over 50% was raised by the Vice Presidents. The committee and Roger Riggs wish to pass on their sincere thanks to all for their donations. Special thanks to Matthew Riddle, John Peplow (Sec), and the two Captains, for all their help.

There is still time to donate and win a week's holiday in Portugal. The offer closes on Monday Aug 12th. Details from Tony Gardiner 07889 727729 or Roger Riggs 07836-595344.

A Portable Net is the next project, so more funds will be needed to support that. Should you wish to help your local club, donations can be made to: Nat West. Sort code 52-10-00 A/C 88720403 or give a cheque please to Andy or Tony.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.



News from Oveston CEVC Primary School

Bristol Swifts Visit

We would like to share with you some news about the swifts that nest in the original school building. As part of swift week, Year 5 had an inspiring talk from members of Bristol Swifts (www.bristolswifts.co.uk)

Here is what they said about the visit on their Blog:

'Our visit yesterday to Oveston Primary school was wonderful. I must admit I wasn't 100% sure what to expect, but I needn't have worried. We were blown away by the children's knowledge and enthusiasm. Full credit must go to Tom Carter their teacher. I wish I'd had a teacher like him when I was at school. It was hands-on practical teaching of the highest standard. Something the school children could actually see, feel and write about. Their poems were brilliant, it inspired me, and I was only there for a short while. One little schoolgirl had even built a swift box and painted it with beautiful silhouettes of swifts all over it. What more can I say?



We spent a very enjoyable hour outside in the playground listening to the children's poems and answering their questions. I must say their questions were some of the best I've ever been asked. Kids have a knack of asking just the right thing. The reason we were outside in the playground was because the swifts are nesting just under the eaves of the school which was the Old Library. It was built in 1836 and has open soffits. The swift nests couldn't have

been any more than 12 feet off the ground and there must have been 7 or 8, possibly more. As the children read out their poems the swifts came swooping in right over their heads. No more than a few feet of the ground, you could have almost touched them. Every time a swift came in a huge 'oooh' greeted its arrival. It was absolutely magical.

After I featured some of the children's poems on my Blog a couple of weeks ago a primary school in France has contacted me. They've done something similar and would like to set up communication with Olveston and share messages. Marvellous thing this internet.'

Creating a Village University

Calling out to members of the community. Do you have a skill to share?

We are making plans to provide our children with skills and opportunities beyond the requirements of the Primary National Curriculum and believe that the answer sits within our local community. We believe that only through trying a wide range of activities, will children find where their interests and talents lie. We have a vision of creating a 'Village University' bringing community and school together. The possibilities are endless but here are a few ideas: knitting, woodwork, engineering, photography, pottery, stained glass, gardening, weaving or quilting. You would be working with a small group of children, aged between 5 and 10 years old (overseen by a member of staff) every Friday afternoon. If you think that you would like to be part of this exciting new initiative, please send an email to olvestonschool@gmail.org.uk.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment and will be subject to appropriate vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure check.

Thank You

Pat Ward

Almost £1000 was donated at Virginia Ward's funeral on May 17th. This has been shared between Cancer Research UK, St Mary's Church and Olveston Methodist Church.

Concert in Alveston Methodist Church

Tuesday August 13th 7.30pm

Mariko Izumi (piano) and Michael Henderson (viola).

A recent review of this performance said:

'The pleasant atmosphere, which in our opinion is essential to such a duo, was immediately noticed thanks to a surprising musical complicity between the two performers. A perfect fusion of melodies and accompaniments.

Entry is free with a retiring collection.

For more information contact Chris Hill conductor@thornburyorchestra.org.uk

Birds of a Feather?

Trevor Cook

It was a warm day; warm enough for my daughter and I to drink tea in the Heritage (Papilio) Garden (many other coffee shops available in Thornbury!) and quiet enough to allow my grandson to explore the garden.



Enjoying the sunshine and conversation, I was distracted by the high-pitched 'zizzy-zee' call of long-tailed tits. And very quickly the family revealed itself in the adjacent trees; calling out to each other as they passed through.

Now, long-tailed tits are not an 'everyday' bird; they tend to roam along the hedgerows or woods staying in one place for just a few minutes and then moving on.

However, as I watched them feed, a pair of treecreepers flew through the garden underneath the flock. Now, locally, you may find treecreepers in the woods on Sheepcombe Brake and the woods on Tockington Hill, but perhaps not so frequently behind Thornbury High Street.



Recounting the story of the treecreepers, a fellow birder explained to me how birds like the treecreepers often fly along underneath the tits, enjoying the relative safety of up to ten pairs of eyes keeping watch above them.

The lesson is that, if you do find long-tailed tits passing by, cast your eyes downwards because you never know what might be flying along below them enjoying the security of the flock of tiny lookouts. Birds not of a feather can still flock together!

Aust Parish Council Matters

Kath Godden
austparishcouncil@googlemail.com

New Parish Councillor

The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome a new Councillor. Ian Jenkins was co-opted to the Council at the July meeting and will attend his first meeting in September. Ian lives in Aust, where he has been a resident for 22 years.

Resource and Waste Planning Strategy 2020 and beyond

The Parish Council regularly review and comment on South Gloucestershire Consultations. The 'Resource and Waste Planning Strategy 2020 and beyond' consultation is currently under review and is open until 27th September. If you would like further information on the strategy, South Gloucestershire Council is holding several roadshows during August. Further information can be found at: [Consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/Waste20/consultationHome](https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/Waste20/consultationHome)

Severn Bridge Half Marathon

The 2019 Severn Bridge Half Marathon is due to take place on 25th August 2019. There will be traffic diversions and road closures in place between 8.30am and 1pm on the day.

Next Meeting

As the Parish Council does not meet in August, the next meeting will take place on 10th September 2019.

Thornbury & District Flower Club

We are part of the National Association of Flower Clubs (NAFAS) and we meet monthly on the second Thursday of the month to enjoy flower arranging demonstrations, practice nights and workshops. Our meetings start at 7.30pm at the Thornbury Methodist Hall, £2 a meeting for members plus a yearly subscription of £30, visitors £5 a session. We also have an annual Open Summer Demonstration and an annual Open Christmas Demonstration in the Armstrong Hall. Come along and learn more about flowers and plants and how to make the most of a bunch of flowers. FFI 01454 202962

1st Olveston Brownie Pack Holiday to Brockweir

Ellie, Scarlett, Caitlyn and Amelia

Friday

My Dad took me to the Community Shop (at Brockweir) where we all played until it was time to walk to where we were staying. We then put out our things where we were sleeping. We were put into 'sixes' – Pear Drops, Toffees and Jelly Babies. Then the Jelly Babies served everybody, and we had jacket potato with cheese or tuna mayonnaise. Then for pudding we had fruit, a little chocolate brownie and I forgot the last thing. After pudding we washed up. After supper we made our treasure boxes whilst listening to Chitty Chitty Bang Bang songs because that is our theme.

Saturday

I woke up at about 6.00am and, when everybody was awake, we got into our Brownie uniforms. The Pear Drops made us breakfast and the Jelly Babies served everyone. We washed up and then got ready to go on a long walk to Tintern Abbey and I was really tired at the end. We had lunch and I was so



hungry that I ate it all! Then we went to the shop to buy some things.

After walking back to the hall, we put up some tents! After that we toasted marshmallows and sang songs (the

marshmallows were yummy). Then we went on a glow stick and CD trail and it was fun. When we got back, we put all of our glow sticks together and put them in a circle around our beds. Then we went to bed!!!

Sunday

Jelly Babies got a lie in this morning, Pear Drops sorted out the tables and Toffees cooked breakfast. After washing up, we walked to the Old Railway station – well, it was a kind of treasure hunt where we had to find different sculptures. When we got back to the hall we played in our tents, then we stayed outside for lunch – pizza and salad – it was really nice. After lunch, we finished making our windmills, mine is pink and green. I really enjoyed my Brownie Pack Holiday.

Cancer Research UK Quiz

The Thornbury and District Fundraising Committee of Cancer Research UK is holding a quiz at Marlwood School (Drama Hall), Vattinstone Lane, Alveston on Friday 6th September 2019, starting at 7.30pm prompt. Your quizmaster is Tony Flintoff, a member of the local fundraising committee

There will be a Table Buffet where volunteers will serve a platter of various buffet food at your table during the half-time break. There will also be a licensed bar and a raffle in aid of the charity.

The cost is £10 per person and a maximum number per team of 6 people. For tickets, or further information, please contact Tony Flintoff on 07707-159645 or any other Committee Member.

Our last quiz at Manorbrook Primary School was a sell-out well before the event, so please buy your tickets soon so that you don't miss out. We look forward to seeing you there.

The 5 R's: Refuse, Re-use, Recycle, Reduce, Replace

This is advance notice of an event being held on Saturday 28th September from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm in Olveston Church.

You are invited to come along to learn how to unravel the mysteries of what happens to your doorstep collections. Mr Mike Wildman from the SUEZ depot in Yate will be there. Bring along with you any item which puzzles you as to how it should be recycled. There will be a family quiz to complete, which will be available for collection from Olveston Church, School, and Stores from 9th September. There will also be a competition for the most novel model (no bigger than half a metre square) made from recyclable materials.

Look out for posters advertising this event. Refreshments will be available.

Friends of Marlwood School



Oliver!

In the first week of July, audiences at Marlwood school were treated to an outstanding performance of *Oliver!* Some extremely talented young people belted out classic favourites from Lionel Bart's show. There was a characteristically eccentric Fagin, a terrifyingly broody Bill Sykes, a brilliantly humorous Mr Bumble, a cheeky Artful

Dodger and an emotional Nancy - who struggled on with a hoarse voice, which added an even deeper level of poignancy to her performance. *Oliver* was perfectly cast with his sad, soulful eyes coupled with an incredibly clear voice. The leads were supported by a fabulous cast of urchins who danced and sang their hearts out.



Audience members were blown away by the talent of the students alongside the professionalism of the show. The stage stretched down the middle of the hall so that the cast had room to move around creatively and the audience felt engaged. Sound, lighting, props, all were excellent. Huge praise must go to Mr Ben Humphries who led the musicians and Mrs Becky Ferguson who produced the whole show. We should all be extremely proud of what our local school can produce.

Photo by Imogen Roberts

Thank You

In fact, 3,990 times thank you to everyone in the Marlwood community and beyond who voted and supported The Friends of Marlwood School's recent Tesco Bags of Help bid in the Thornbury Tesco store.

FOMS are over the moon to announce we claimed the top prize, bagging £3990 which will be used to buy the school a lot of brand-new gymnastics equipment. This funding will transform gymnastics PE lessons for pupils, and we are very grateful to everyone for getting behind this appeal. Thank you too to Tesco, for generously supporting our school community in this way. The new gymnastics equipment will be in school ready for the start of the new school year in September.

Tockington Harvest Fayre - Update

Garry Phillips

The 50th Anniversary Harvest Fayre will be held at Tockington Green on Saturday September 14th at 2 p.m. There will be the usual delicious cream teas and homemade cakes, dance displays from the Brownies and Rainbows, and a return of our local Zumba dance group. The Bristol Morris Men will also be dancing on the Green.

The theme for this year's children's fancy dress parade is '*Do you remember the 60's?*' and ideas include The Beatles, the moon landing, The Italian Job, Flower Power and so on.....The children's competitions are:

- 1) Animals made from fruit or vegetable
- 2) Most inventive re-use of a plastic bottle.

There will be an exhibition of photos and articles about Fayres and events held on the Green over the years and Mr. Eric Garrett, our Historical Society Archivist, will open the Fayre.

All the usual stalls will be there and if you are having a sort-out over the Summer, we would be grateful for any good quality donations of unwanted presents, bric-a-brac, or second-hand domestic items, books, toys and games.



Please leave any items in plastic bags outside the Wesley Room doors, anytime or contact:

Garry Phillips email: garryphillips194@btinternet.com tel:613241, or

Maggie Spooner tel:610053, or Jane Sawyer email: jane@prologue.co.uk

We do need help setting up, running and taking down, so any volunteers please meet at 6.30pm on the Friday evening to help collect the old white pews from Olveston (including a free tractor ride!), and/or at 9am on Saturday to set up the Fayre and then at 5pm to help pack it all away. Please contact the above if you can help. We hope to see as many of you as possible to celebrate this special Harvest Fayre.

Word Search Answers

P	F	F	S	Z	J	E	F	M	A
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A	X	A	T	N	U	H	V	S	F
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These are the 6 events that were hidden in last month's Word Search.

TEA AND CHAT
TREASURE HUNT
CHURCH FETE

OPEN GARDENS
MONDAY MOVIES
FOLK FESTIVAL

August at Thornbury Library

Staffed Times

Monday: 9.30am-5.30pm

Wednesday: 9.30am-5.30pm

Thursday: 9.30am-5.30pm

Friday: 9.30am-5.30pm

Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Open Access (unstaffed)

8.00am – 7.30pm everyday

Please note that a 15-minute lapse will occur between staff closing time and Open Access starting.

If you register your card for our new Open Access system, and attend an induction, you'll be able to access library facilities any day throughout the week. You can borrow and return books and use the computers. Please speak to a member of staff for more details.

Summer Reading Challenge 'Space Chase'

Come and join in with the summer reading challenge - a chance to gain rewards for reading throughout the summer. Space-themed drop-in activities include:

"Alien Invasion"	5 th August 10.30-12
"Space Explorers"	12 th August 10.30-12
"Space Junk"	19 th August 10.30-12

Plus "Space-Themed Lego Club" on 9th August 10.30-11.30

For more information on any of the above please contact us:

Telephone: 01454 868006 Email: thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk

Or visit our website to find out more: www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries

Carers Support Centre Bulletin

Summer is here and it is a great time to get out and about and enjoy all the amazing things to do in our local area. But if you are caring for someone with an illness or disability this can feel like a daunting task, whether with the person you care for or if you are grabbing some time out alone.

A bit of forward planning, as well as getting to know what help is available for you to access local attractions and services more easily can help a lot. Carers

Support Centre has plenty of advice and information on their website www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk to help you plan a day out, how to find carer and disabled friendly attractions, as well as what local discounts are available to you and / or the person you care for, and how to access them.

Finding accessible tourist attractions and leisure facilities

Many visitor attractions have made real efforts to make sure they are accessible to all, so if you have a particular place in mind it is always worth checking on their website or giving them a ring to find out what they have in place.

Transport

You can also find loads of helpful information and links on the Carers Support Centre website if you need help with transport, whether that is information about bus passes and discounted rail travel, access to community transport schemes, or advice about travelling with medical equipment.

Discounts and free entry

Lots of local attractions and businesses now offer discounts for carers, and most visitor attractions and leisure facilities should give free entry for carers if you are supporting the person you care for.

Whatever you end up doing this summer, have a great time!

If you or someone you know is a carer in need of help, contact CarersLine:

0117 965 2200

carersline@carerssupportcentre.org.uk

www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk

OLVESTON PARISH TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Although the summer is a quiet time for Olveston Parish Twinning Association, we have undertaken to run a stall at the St Mary's Summer Street Fayre on Saturday August 17th. Please come and find us if you visit the Fayre – as well as our stall, we will have information about OPTA, what we do, how you can join and so on. We look forward to seeing you there.

For a few years now, OPTA has run an Autumn event inspired by the Breton festival of Fest Noz (which means, simply, night festival) which is when people of all ages in local communities get together for fun, food, music and dancing.

We have tried to do different things each year: there has been French food-tasting, a local band, apple pressing and a magician. We have even tried to do some of the Breton dancing that our visitors from Bréhan have taught us, but without their guidance we are pretty useless! We are still at the planning stage for our 2019 event but put a note in your diaries: Friday 18th October 6.30pm – 9.30pm in Olveston Parish Hall. It will be fun!

Yours Faithfully

Michael Matthews

Vine House of Prayer

All of you reading this article will have celebrated many anniversaries, be they for birthdays, weddings and others, including the remembrance of loved ones no longer here. In recent months there have been quite a number of poignant, even painful, remembrances for the Nation, not least the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings in June.

Then we have Remembrance Sunday in November, when the courage and sacrifice of so many who died and suffered in wars and battles for the protection of the Nation is remembered. Often, in connection with the latter, one might hear the words, “Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends”.

On hearing those words, I wonder how many thoughts are turned to remembering the one who first spoke them; words of Jesus recorded for us in John chapter 15 verse 13. He spoke not just of his impending death but of the life laid down in service to the will of God the Father. Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll— I have come to do your will, O God.’ ”
[Hebrews 10:5–7]

He completed that will in life and in His death upon the cross. Prior to the latter he instituted a feast of remembrance celebrated in congregations across the denominations and in less formal gatherings in homes or wherever, and known as Communion, the Lord’s Supper and other designations. This is taken at different times and in different ways but, Jesus did say “do this in remembrance of me”.

It is not the only time that we should remember Him, of course, but it is an important act of remembrance. I wonder. How important is the life and death of Jesus to you today? How do you evidence your remembrance of him

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Note 1 Morning Services now at 10am except on August 18

Note 2 Patronal Festival will be followed by a Bring & Share lunch

Aug 4	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Steve Oram
	10am	Holy Communion	Revs S. Oram & A. Lloyd
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Paul Harrod
Aug 11	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Steve Oram
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Rev S. Oram & Trevor Cook
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Aug 18	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Steve Oram
	<u>11am</u>	Patronal Festival with Choir	Revs S. Oram & D. Bone
	6pm	Evensong	Trevor Cook
Aug 25	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Janet McBride
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev Ann Lloyd

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Rev David Moss, 01454 415190; email: mossds@gmail.com

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WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION: At 9.15am, except 4th Wed when it is at Olveston Methodist Church 9.15am

Morning Prayer: 8.30am daily ex. Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Aug 11	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev Ann Parker
Aug 25	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 11	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black
Aug 25	8am	Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Aug 11	9am	Morning Worship	Judith Heybyrne
Aug 25	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs Judith Heybyrne 01454 616725

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Aug 4	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mrs Ros Sledge
Aug 11	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr David Head
Aug 18	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev John Emmett
Aug 25	10am	Olv Ch	Service led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle & Mr Glyn Varney

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 14 August.
To book your lunch, please ring 416528.

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP: does not meet in August. Next lunch on Thursday 19th September.

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

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

Bible Study Group: Thursday 8 August at 10.30am at 6 Manor Park, Tockington.

Cream Teas: Tockington Church and on the Green on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August, 2.30 to 5pm.

CONTACT: Rev Simon Edwards Tel 01454 418176,

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THE VINE House of Prayer

Pilning Street, Awkley BS35 4HL

Designated as a 'House of Prayer for all Nations' in 2005 we continue to meet in a relaxed atmosphere seeking, with God's help, to find ways to influence the world in which we live through prayer and relevant actions. We meet, 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:

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THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Aug 4	6.30pm	Martin Taylor
Aug 11	6.30pm	Wully Perks
Aug 18	6.30pm	Alan Mann
Aug 25	6.30pm	Peter Cresswell

Each Thurs at 6.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

Contacts Jenny Parfitt jennyparfitt@ymail.com

Sue Tett stett56@hotmail.co.uk

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact Danny Bamfield 01454 419324.

e-mail danny@thebamfields.co.uk

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Monday-Friday Daily Mass at 10am

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

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: Brian Hawkins, hawkinsb863@gmail.com 01454 854867

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

Diary Dates for August 2019

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

1 st Thurs	Thornbury Farmers' Market Olveston Playgroup every Thursday Coffee Shop Thornbury Art Club summer exhibition until Sunday 4 August (2-5)	9-1.30 9.30-11.30 10-12 10-6	MH OS† TMH
2 nd Fri	Haven Memory Café Thornbury Carers' Support Group Tockington Archers: Have-a Go session by arrangement: email secretary@tockingtonarchers.co.uk	10.15-11.45 1-3pm 6-8pm	
3 rd Sat	Coffee Morning Litter Pick	10.30-12 1pm	MH PH
6 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Tea/Coffee & Biscuits 50p Monthly Raffle Macular & Low Vision Support Group British Legion Women's section at Tomorosa. Tockington Archers: 4-week beginners course starts. For details see: www.tockingtonarchers.co.uk/beginners email: secretary@tockingtonarchers.co.uk	10.30-12 10.30 2.30	DGCL TMH
7 th Wed	Holy Communion followed by tea & cake Table Tennis every Wednesday	2.30 7-8.30	DGCL PH
8 th Thur	Coffee Shop	10-12	OS†
9 th Fri			
10 th Sat			
11 th Sun	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12 10.30-12	MH AVH
13 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Aust Parish Council 'Two Soloists in Concert': piano & viola	10.30-12 7.30 7.30	DGCL EVH AMC
15 th Thur	Coffee Shop	10-12	OS†
16 th Fri			
17 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Parish Council Surgery St Mary's Church Summer Street Fayre	10.30-12 10.30-12 10.30-12 2pm	AVH MH MH

	Church Hill, Olveston		
19 th Mon			
20 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12	DGCL
21 st Wed	Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	8.00-10.30	
22 nd Thur	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30 10-12 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
23 rd Fri	Haven Memory Café	10.15-11.45	URC
24 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12	MH
26 th Mon			
27 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Olveston Parish Council	10.30-12 7.30	DGCL AP
28 th Wed			
29 th Thur	Olveston Playgroup Coffee Shop	9.30- 11.30 10-12	MH OS+
30 th Fri			
31 st Sat	Sponsored walk - see St Mary's page.		

Looking ahead to September

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

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