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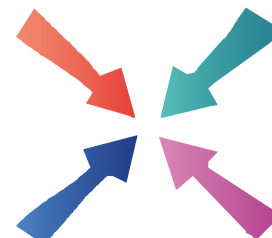
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From the Editor

This August magazine brings welcome news of upcoming events in the Meeting Point area and beyond. We also hear about local groups which are starting to meet again, including the St. Mary's Coffee Shop – now relocated to the Church from Olveston Stores.

The Tower Restoration Project has reached an exciting stage; I think it is wonderful that we have the opportunity to view one of the newly carved pinnacles close up, before it is lifted high onto the tower.

There are two articles this month that delve into the lesser-known history of our area. One describes a proposed bridge across the River Severn from Aust; a project which was very 'live' back in the mid-1800s. The other describes a 9-hole golf course which operated in Old Down from the late 1800s until around the time of the Second World War. Both make for very interesting reading.

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This month's cover 'Hollyhocks at Port Farm' is by the late John Crossley

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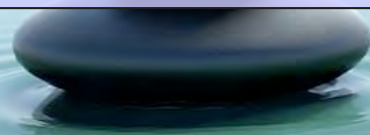
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Speed Reduction Scheme Gathers Pace

Whether on foot, cycle, horseback, or in a car, no doubt you will have seen the flashing speed monitoring devices and maybe have read articles here in Meeting Point about the local SpeedWatch initiative.

The devices have been in use for several months now, and we are pleased to say that the feedback has been incredibly positive. There is plenty of evidence to demonstrate the valuable impact they are having on speed reduction. Council action on speeding is once again gathering pace. Last month the Parish Council backed the purchase of a second fully owned Speed Sensor and is mounting a renewed push for volunteers to become involved.

Previously the council only had access to a half share in a speed monitoring device, or Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) sensor as they are more formally known. Earlier this year however, and thanks to the generosity of a local businessman, the council was able to purchase its own VAS device.

One of the main aspects of speed management is the ability to move sensors and to ensure that all access roads can be monitored in rotation. There is a tendency for motorists to ignore them if they remain in one place for too long. A roadside VAS sensor usually stays in place for around three weeks and is then moved to a different location. Using just one sensor would take nearly ten months to fully cover all our roads in both directions.



Councillors Martin Gibson, Tony Turnbull and Miles Grocott installing the new VAS sensor.

VAS sensors are just part of the story however and manual monitoring using handheld radar devices, supplied by the Avon & Somerset Police, are also in use by volunteers from within the community under the SpeedWatch scheme. Together they form a highly effective traffic management and deterrent presence.

Olveston Parish Council is committed to improving the management of traffic in our area. With the addition of the second sensor there is now the ability to double our monitoring capability, provide more data,

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enhance reporting and ongoing management, and of course improve safety.

It is all too easy to become unaware of our speed when driving and the impact it can have on other road users, but since the introduction of VAS sensors in the Parish there has been a significant decline in speeding.

Councillor Miles Grocott, who is now leading the scheme on behalf of the council, says "Speed Sensors are helping to make our roads a safe place. Their deployment in the Parish has, so far, reduced speeding by an average of 16%. We would like to thank all those who have already taken part in manual monitoring, but we do need more people to get involved and help make our roads safer places for all."

If you would like to find out more about the scheme and if you are interested in helping, please contact miles.grocott@gmail.com



Back to Reality for the Arts?

There's no better way for the Armstrong Arts Group to re-launch the Thornbury Arts scene than with a spot of Jazz! The AAG has the perfect antidote to Lockdown Blues – a sparkling evening of jazz classics from the Jenner Jazz Quartet, with Gareth Williams (flute and saxes), Sam Foster (keyboard), Jim Pimpernell (double bass) and Jim Sanders (drums).



The jazz evening will take place (maintaining Covid rules) at the United Reform Church on September 11th at 7.30pm. The cost is £12, to include a drink. Tickets are available on 01454 850933.

The AAG is not currently raising funds for the Armstrong Hall but aiming to keep some musical and theatrical events happening in the town. Any monies raised will be used to further this aim.

An October event is in the pipeline and to follow, on 27th November, we can all look forward to Michael Lunts' much awaited 'Christmas Crackers' musical evening. Keep the date, details to come.....

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Connecting Dod to Ulverston: Bridging the River Severn

Nick Fear

For many people, thinking of the Severn Bridge conjures an image of the original one opened in 1966, although this is now perhaps combined with the newer crossing opened thirty years later. Both are magnificent structures and engineering marvels, but at one time there was the prospect of a bridge in the area looking very different to both of the present designs.

In the summer of 1845 newspapers advertised an intention by the Bristol and Liverpool Junction Railway Company to build a bridge, named The Aust Bridge, across the River Severn connecting Aust to Beachley. A provisional committee of planners sought to raise capital by a share release and applications were invited from interested investors. To cover the estimated construction costs, which in 'today's money' would be nearly £249 million, individual shares, costing the equivalent of £6217, were offered. The bridge was designed for railway traffic but would also accommodate ordinary carriages and pedestrians. It would not merely join Bristol to Liverpool, but link to networks covering the rest of the country and even have an ability to reach Ireland.

The advertisement told of the inconsistent ferry service in the area caused by the weather and peculiar tidal issues. It mentioned that the famous civil engineer Thomas Telford had been consulted about a crossing in 1825 and had formed a, 'most decided opinion in favour of it'. Present day engineers were, 'confident of the thorough practicability of the undertaking'. The Admiralty, who oversaw such projects nationally, concluded that 'the value of the project cannot be overestimated'. The esteemed engineer Sir John Rennie, experienced in designing and completing several notable bridge and railway projects, would lead the Severn scheme.

In the spring of 1826, a meticulous survey led to the production of a very comprehensive report by civil engineer Thomas Fulljames, which was scrutinised by James Walker for the Admiralty. In essence the plan was for a series of support towers with carriageways suspended between them. The total length of the structure covered a distance of 5422 feet, just over a mile. Although the drawing showed three main towers, flexibility had been built into the calculations, offering two plans for different numbers of towers and openings. At either end abutments to the land were detailed. At Beachley this consisted of an arched structure with one tower. At Aust, due to the height of the cliffs, this was much larger and followed the design of the main towers. The abutments were pinned to the land, the support towers were grounded on



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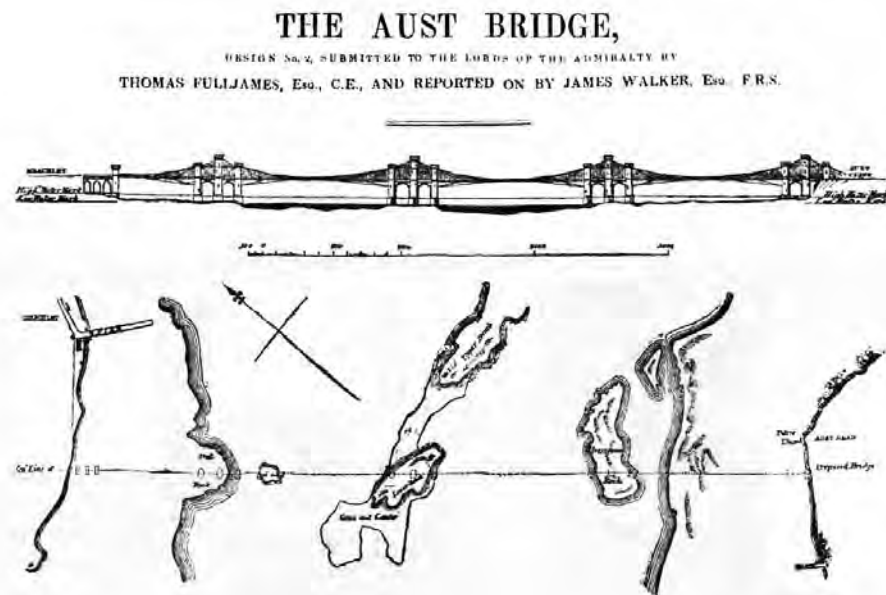
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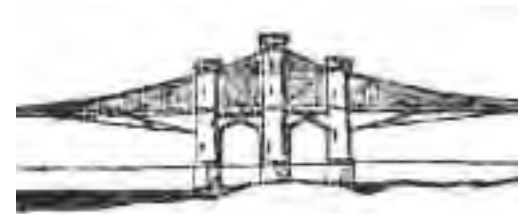
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several principal rocks in the area, Ulverston, Lower Bench and Dod. These



were made of hard limestone rock and found to be capable of supporting the structures. The whole bed of the river was made of solid rock.

The counsel of local people who knew and regularly used the waterway had been taken. The central opening, in the area of the rocky outcrops of Lower Bench and Goose and Gander, would accommodate even the largest vessels which plied their trade on the Severn. Concerns about access to existing piers and into the River Wye on the Beachley side had been answered. The unusual currents, tidal ebbs and flow with such a difference in water height was accounted for and seen as an advantage. Construction work at low tide would be easily managed and lead to lower overall costing. The report estimated that a population of eleven million would benefit from the bridge, 'both in personal intercourse and the exchange of their goods'. A helpful drawing of the bridge was included, portraying a venture which, 'was of national interest'.



The Lords of The Admiralty responded that the account was a, 'comprehensive report' and gave their assent to the principle of the proposed

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bridge. 'We may fairly add that both of Mr Fulljame's designs, and magnificent structures, unite elegance with solidarity and bold as they are, convey to the mind an impression of safety'. The scheme was debated by a select committee of the House of Commons which reached agreement on the need for a passage over the Severn. In particular it mentioned the benefits for The Royal Mail generally, and the prospect of improved connections to Ireland. All seemed set for positive progress, but information on this is scant, almost invisible, and time went by.

In 1846 the country was at the peak of a period some historians call 'railway mania'. There were at least 272 railway projects underway which had been approved by Acts of Parliament. There was a growing dominance by the Great Western Railway in our area; its 1845 plan to bridge the Severn much nearer to Gloucester had been abandoned after this had been turned down by The Admiralty. Other railway companies in the region were in competition with each other, the Bristol and Liverpool Junction being just one. Links to the crossing were found to be problematic and not as easy as had been predicted. There were different railway track gauges with corresponding issues for rolling stock. Even if there was a will to connect to the Aust Bridge project, in some cases this was just not practical. The original scheme costing was found to be optimistic and new estimates were not encouraging. The South Wales Railway Company began to grow to the north of The Severn, serving the profitable coal trade and village communities alike. Other railway plans were more attractive and produced ready annual profits. The take up of shares for the Aust Bridge seems not to have been as high as had been hoped for. Investments were lost and promises of rich returns broken. Once again time slid by.

As the plan for the first Aust Bridge was slowly consigned into history, the G.W.R. did cross the Severn in 1886, with the opening of the famous railway tunnel. This had taken a considerable amount of time, 13 years, to complete. But would the Aust Bridge have taken less? We will never know. It took a further 120 years for the first bridge across the Severn to connect the shores via Ulverston and Dod, and this took five years to complete.

Had Aust Bridge ever been completed one wonders if it would have lasted to the present day, with safety, design and technological innovations undreamt of by the original planners. Of its time, it would have been a breathtaking, soaring sight and would undoubtedly have been visited for its own sake.



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Our July WI meeting was in a member's garden and after the holidays we intend to start our regular evening meetings in the Parish Hall, with the first date being Tuesday 13th September @ 7.30pm. We have wonderful entertainment planned for it! If you would like to join us for any of our meetings you will be most welcome. We are a village group, but our organisation has a national reach. If you are interested, please contact Angela Green on 615222 for more details.

Royal British Legion Women's Section, Olveston Branch

We are planning to resume our meetings at Daldry Gardens in September. Meanwhile, on August 3rd, we have afternoon tea arranged for our members in our chairman's delightful garden at Tomorosa. This is the centenary year of the Royal British Legion, and we are looking forward to resuming our fundraising activities in support of British Armed Services and their families.

Severn Vale Flower Club

Severn Vale Flower Club is about to return. However, we have changed our venue and in future will be meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall, Eastland Close (off Eastland Road), which is situated past Thornbury Health Centre. The Hall has its own car park and there is a bus stop nearby.

From September we will usually be meeting on the third Monday of the month (unless otherwise stated), rather than the third Wednesday. We are looking forward to welcoming all our members and friends back. If you are not already a member and are interested in flower arranging, you are invited to come along and join us.

Our first meeting is on Monday 13th September at 2.15pm, when our flower arranging demonstrator will be Jenny York. Hope to see you then.....

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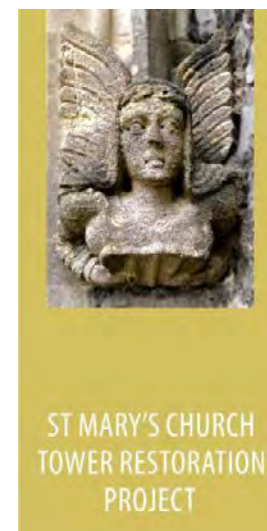
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St Mary's Church Tower Restoration Project

Peter Floyd

Things are happening at last!

The photo, below, shows the first pinnacle which has been carved and delivered to the church, where it can be seen just inside the main door on the right. Mark Hancock, the sculptor, hopes to finish it in the church, demonstrating to local school children and those who are interested, how stone carving is done. Once the scaffolding is up and the existing pinnacles are brought down, he will re-erect one beside the new pinnacle for comparison. The old pinnacles will be for sale to anyone who would like to have them.



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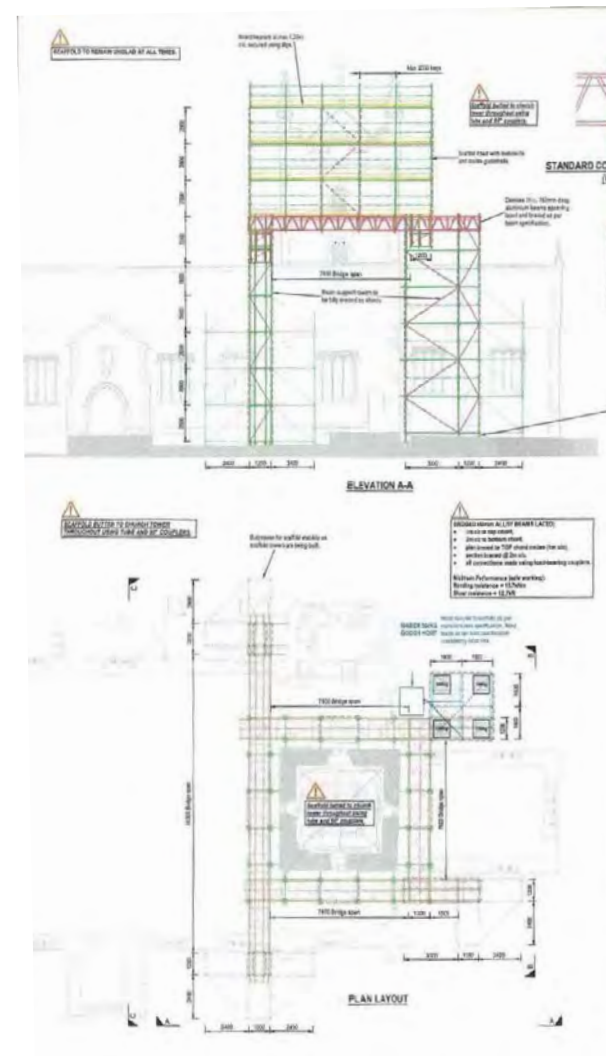
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This diagram shows how
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design is and why it will
cost about a quarter of
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The plan, designed by a
specialist scaffolding
engineer, shows 4
towers rising from
ground level outside the
church, supporting 4
bridges surrounding the
church tower and
spanning across the
church rooves, which
would not be strong
enough to take this
superimposed weight.
The elevation drawing
shows the scaffolding
going right up to the top
of the tower in 9 stages.

The northwest scaffold
tower will land inside the
present shed, which will
have to be reroofed. The
southwest tower lands
between the south and
southeast doors to the
church. The southeast
tower has been extended
away from the south
aisle and specially
braced to avoid a
complex of tombs and

the northeast tower is four times the size as the others to support the 500kg hoist, which is needed to take the heavy stone blocks up to the level of the tower parapet. The hoist will come down by the vice turret door, which will not be needed since neither clock nor bells will be in action during the restoration contract, partly because of the noise and partly because the tower moves when the bells are swung.

You have read a great deal about this complex and expensive project and may reasonably have thought that nothing was happening. It is often said of

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building projects that nothing is happening until the scaffolding goes up. Well, it should be up by now and we hope you will at last be able to see some real action.

Appeal Update

David Prothero, Treasurer, St Mary's Church, Olveston

The total amount raised for the Tower Restoration Project now stands at £219,500, which means that we need just another £3,500 to cover all eventualities. A massive 'thank you' to all in the local community (and beyond) who have donated so generously in response to the Appeal. If you would still like to help, donations can be made in one of the following ways:

By bank transfer to the St Mary's Church bank account, the details of which are: Sort Code: 40-52-40, Account Number: 00029936, using the reference "Tower Project".

By cheque made payable to "St Mary's PCC Olveston", and sent to David Prothero, Treasurer, St Mary's Church Olveston, Rose Cottage, Buckover, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, GL12 8DX.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please e-mail me at dlprothero@talk21.com. Once again very many thanks to all who have supported this project.

More about the Littleton Cider Orchard

Martin Gibson

I enjoyed reading Jim Turton's article in July's Meeting Point, which told the story of the Littleton Cider Club as it approaches its 10th Anniversary. Back in the 1990s I was very much involved in turning the field behind the White Hart pub into an orchard, and so I am offering a bit of extra historical background and hope to clarify a couple of details about the very early days of this project.

From 1989 to 1993 I was the owner of Long Ashton Cider Ltd., and I was also an allotment holder in Olveston. I had over 400 cider apple rootstocks growing there and, with help from an expert from the Long Ashton Research Station, grafted on some 18 different cider apple varieties, including Kingston Black, Dabinett, Yarlington Mill and Brown Snout. These varieties were chosen by the world's leading expert in cider varieties, Mr Ray Williams, also from the Long Ashton Research Station. The intention was that these specific varieties would, when blended, produce a very drinkable cider, even though cider apple trees were particularly biennial in those days.



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The field at the rear of the White Hart was untended when, in 1991, I agreed with Ian Williams, the then owner of Smiles Brewery and the pub, that I could have it for a peppercorn rent and convert it into an orchard. I asked Harding Bros. to harrow it and, in 1992, I planted all the rootstocks taken from my Olveston allotment. The trees grew well, although there was a drainage issue affecting a score of trees on the north-western boundary. The first fruit was collected around 1996 and taken to Roger Wilkins' Cider Farm in Somerset for pressing. The cider went to Smiles Brewery's estate, including the White Hart.

In 1998 the White Hart underwent extensive building works, involving the removal of rocks and concrete which were taken to the bottom of the orchard. On the way there, however, much of the debris ended up in the orchard and when grass cutting time came around my machinery was broken by all the rubble. Sadly, neither I nor Smiles had any spare money at that time, so the orchard was abandoned. Shortly after this Smiles sold The White Hart. Later, in the 2000s, a group of parishioners, led by Bob Slade and Neil Harvey, took over the orchard, tended it and bought the machinery Jim Turton refers to in his article, which led to the formation of The Littleton Cider Club.

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The Old Golf Course at Hazel

Peter and Tessa Floyd

Although many of us walk across the top of The Down above Lower Hazel, most have no idea that this was once a 9-hole golf course, which has always appeared to occupy the two areas of downland above and below Hazel Lane, but surprisingly perhaps, it actually extended down into the now arable Sheepcombe valley.

The history of the Golf Course is obscure. Thornbury Roots website describes it as Alveston Golf Course (though that doesn't sound right) and reports a golf match in 1894 between Thornbury and Henbury, including both ladies and gentlemen. A land sale plan of 1888 shows the land was part owned by the Ward and Crossman families and this change of ownership may have enabled the creation of the golf course, including the upper part of the Sheepcombe valley, then planted with parkland trees and grassland like the hillside above.

By 1928 a plan (possibly another land sale and shown on the Thornbury Roots website) showed it as a golf course, with the hillside part of the course below Hazel Lane owned by the Crossman estate, which was sold to Percy Rogers who lived at Rudgeway. The rest of the surrounding land appears to have been owned by the Ward family, whose descendants still own it today. On that plan, the club house was shown below the lane between Lower Hazel and Sheepcombe Farm (the site of Green 1 on this plan) suggesting that perhaps the original golf course might have been laid out differently.

It was a basic course but had a greenkeeper called Albert Down. Local historian Eric Garrett remembers, as a boy, biking over to hunt for lost golf balls with his friend Trevor Watkins, and understood that it closed during the Second World War for lack of them. He also believes that a former member maintained the Hole 7 green for putting practice into the 1950s. Richard Tovey confirms that his father bought the wooden club house as a sports pavilion for Tockington Manor School when it opened in 1946.

At the end of the Second World War the course was threatened with development, or the possibility of quarrying, so the surrounding householders clubbed together to buy the parts above and below Hazel Lane, as the 'Hazel Landowners'. Shares in the golf course land were attached to the houses rather than to their owners, ensuring the land remained together and that it would continue to be looked after. Today there are footpaths across the Down which are shown on the 'Olveston Parish Walks' leaflets.

Like much historical research, this is all very confusing, but we hope it may be of sufficient interest to others who might wish to investigate further.

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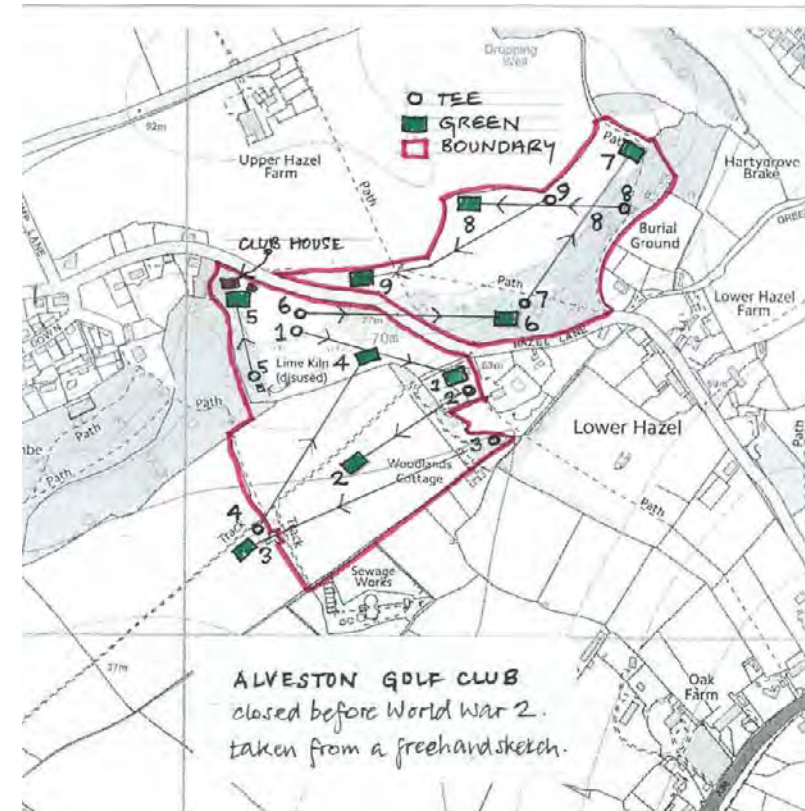
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The sketch plan shows the golf course layout above and below Hazel Lane and includes the top of the Sheepcombe Valley. We assume that all the land was relatively open then, with few trees, although the 1888 plan shows parkland trees, some of which might still have been there, adding interest when the course was laid out. Natural hazards were incorporated into the design of this small, but quite tricky, nine-hole course.



The Club House and associated buildings were at the top, adjacent to Hazel Lane. Hole 1 where the first clubhouse had been sited, is where a house is now. Hole 2 was a short drive down the valley towards Sheepcombe Farm. Tucked back into the easterly corner of what is now the lane down to a house in the valley bottom, was the tee for Hole 3, with a long drive down to the green on the far side of the cart pond, which formed a nasty, last minute water hazard. From a tee by the cart pond, Hole 4, was a long drive over rising ground to an invisible green. The tee for hole 5 looks as though it was adjacent to, or even off the top of, the disused limekiln at the bottom of

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Sheepcombe Brake, which would have been exciting, with the barrier of the long quarry wall to the right and an equally long, nerve wracking steep drop to the left, up towards the club house. Hole 6 teed off below the Club House with a long drive diagonally across Hazel Lane to the probably invisible green on the far side and requiring a watcher to warn motors and walkers. Hole 7 would have been invisible from the tee, over the hilltop, with the last hole 8, even worse! Hole 9 was a nice long flat drive back to the Clubhouse – but round the corner of the hedge, making even the last green invisible.

Somebody must recall early experiences or have records of this interesting and characterful - but lost - local golf club. If you have, do please let us know.

Dancing for Charity

Sharon Phillips School of Dancing has raised £4395 for the Children's Hospice South West.



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We always support a charity with our show, and this year we chose Children's Hospice South West, which does amazing work with families of children with life limiting conditions. Through the show, a raffle of hampers, zoom lessons and donations, we have raised £4335. I am so thankful to everyone who donated as it has been hard for charities to maintain their funding during the pandemic. It is great to be able to give such an amazing amount to a wonderful charity.

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Improvements to Tennis and Netball Courts at Marlwood School

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This photograph shows Mr Del Planter (Head Teacher, left) and Mr Matthew Richards (PE teacher, right) testing out the recently improved tennis and netball facilities at Marlwood School.

Our focus now moves to Stage 2, which is under development in collaboration with the school, FOMS and several local sporting bodies. One upcoming and exciting fundraising event we have planned for the next stage is that we have two Marlwood dads running the London Marathon in

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Marilyn Crump, Volunteer Coordinator explains:

"A volunteer needs to be someone a carer can trust and who wants to build a relationship with the cared-for person. We take time to find out about and train volunteers so that we can match them carefully to a family. This means that carers can take a regular break in complete confidence that the person they care for will be happy and safe."

The charity provides their volunteers with induction, training, on-going support and travel expenses. All face-to-face activity is risk-assessed in line with Covid-19 guidelines and reviewed on a regular basis.

For more information, please contact Marilyn Crump, Volunteer Coordinator:
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To find out about the range of services that Carers Support Centre provides, visit their website: www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk



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Thornbury Area Youth Music Trust

Thornbury Area Youth Music Trust is urgently seeking new Trustees to join its board. The charity provides high-quality music tuition and activities for children aged 4-18 through a successful music centre that sees more than 100 children coming together to have fun making music each week. The centre gives these young people the chance to play in small and large ensembles, with regular performances throughout the year.



The charity was set up by parents after the local authority closed the music centre that was run at Marlwood School, Alveston. In 2018 the centre moved to Manorbroom School, Thornbury, and was meeting there every term-time Saturday morning until Covid hit. Since then the children have been receiving online tuition and coming together virtually to play ensemble pieces.

"TAYM is run by parents, trustees and volunteers," said Nadya Webster, a parent and a trustee. "With the decline in musical opportunities in primary and secondary schools, it's really important to us that all the young people of our area have access to music on their doorstep at affordable prices without having to travel further afield."



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Several of the trustees have children that are now moving on to other things and so the charity is looking for new trustees to join the board. "Trustees do not need any music background and they do not need to be a parent of a child in the centre," says Kieran Donaghey, also a parent and trustee. "We are looking for anyone who can bring new ideas, help with the governance of the music centre and who believes it is important for young people to have access to music education."

A Head of Centre, Administrator and a Treasurer manage the centre along with our team of dedicated music tutors. Trustee board meetings take place around 8-10 times per year and are currently held on-line. The role of Trustee is a voluntary one, with trustees taking on a variety of shared responsibilities, dependent on their experience and preference.

The Trust is also currently recruiting for a Treasurer who is required to manage the TAYM bank accounts in accordance with the agreed activities of the trust. This is a paid, part-time position.



For more information about TAYM, please see www.thornbury-music.org. You can also search for Thornbury Area Youth Music on YouTube and see some of the children's online performances.

If you are interested in either the Treasurer or Trustee roles, please contact trustee.taym@gmail.com.

News from St. Mary's

Debbie Harries



Coffee Shop

We are delighted that our Coffee Shop will be starting again in the new venue of St Mary's Church Olveston! We would like to thank Olveston Stores very much for letting us use their premises over the last few years, however the shop is expanding, with so many more products, which is wonderful!

Therefore, we are looking forward to welcoming you into church every Thursday from August 5th, between 10am - 12pm during the school holidays and 9am - 12pm during term time. Coffee, tea and delicious cakes will be served!



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Church Fete

We will be having our Fete on Saturday September 4th! This will be held on Church Hill between 2-5pm. It will be great to have a big village event again! So please put the date in your diary!

August Anagrams

This month's puzzle challenges you to work out these 10 anagrams of insects and other bugs which you can find in your garden. Some are viewed as pests; others are always very welcome.

See how many you can work out.....answers over the page!

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Roger Howell
Thornbury Quaker Meeting

People sometimes ask me what Quakers believe. This is a difficult question to answer as probably no two Quakers will give the same answer. Really Quakerism is more a way of life than a system of set beliefs, but I suppose most Quakers will agree to a fundamental belief that there is God in everyone and that it is our duty to seek out that quality in others.

The Quaker way of life is based on what are known as testimonies, the best known of which is the testimony of Peace, which includes not only the rejection of war as a means of settling disputes, but also all forms of violence. The other testimonies include Justice, Equality, Truth and Simplicity. These are all based on the teaching and way of life of Jesus of Nazareth. Recently a testimony of Concern for the Environment has been added to the list.

During the silent meetings for worship held by Quakers, someone may briefly speak about something that has moved them deeply, which usually has some relation to one or other of the testimonies, and in the silence that follows one can ponder the meaning to oneself, and what one can do about it.

Because Quakers do not insist on a set of beliefs yet have a deep respect for the beliefs of others, it makes it easy for members of other denominations to attend Quaker Meetings. Christians, Jews, Moslems, Hindus and others have all attended Quaker Meetings and been made to feel welcome. A few years ago, a former teacher at the Quaker School at Brummana in Lebanon, on returning to the school, was greeted by a group of her old pupils with the words – we are all Muslim Quakers now!

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Aug 8	9.30am 6pm	Matins BCP Holy Communion CW	Rev David Moss Rev Ann Lloyd
Aug 15	9.30am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion BCP	P Harrod & J McBride Rev David Moss
Aug 22	9.30am 6pm	Holy Communion CW Evensong	Rev Ann Lloyd Paul Harrod
Aug 29	9.30am 6pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer CW	Rev David Bone Paul Harrod

Also, every Wednesday at 10am, Holy Communion.

Online services will continue at www.stmarysolveston.org.uk.

Also visit *Revs Rural* on YouTube, every week.

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

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Aug 8	10am	Morning Prayer	Trevor Cook
Aug 22	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Trevor Cook 01454 618442

Church Wardens: Jenn Dickens 632312 & Clive Roberts 632238

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Aug 8	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black
Aug 22	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone

Contact: Tracey Black 417660 & Tim Pyper 416422 /07802 419451

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Aug 8	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Judith Heybyrne
Aug 22	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contacts: Judith Heybyrne 616725 and John Gunnery 413225

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Aug 1	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mrs Brenda Isherwood
Aug 8	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Colin Blenkinsopp
Aug 15	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Jonathan Edwards
Aug 22	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Ms Christine Jones
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Looking Ahead to September

Saturday September 4th St. Mary's Olveston Church Fete

Saturday September 11th Jenner Jazz Quartet, United Reform Church

Saturday September 18th Bristol Sinfonietta, St. Mary's Church, Olveston



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