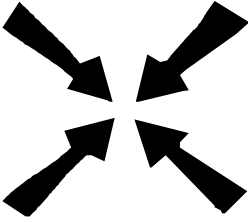


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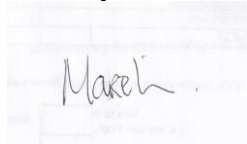
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From the Deputy Editor

June, the start of summer, and we are starting to get details of some really interesting outdoor events that are being held locally. In this edition there are details of, among other things, two Fetes, Open Gardens, a 'Summer Fun Day', a 'Big Lunch', and the opportunity to try out a number of sports with local clubs. We are very lucky to live in an area where so much is happening alongside the regular indoor events such as concerts, plays and quizzes that carry on being offered throughout the year.

The cover for this month's Meeting Point was designed by Mollie Culverhouse, Year 6, Olveston School. The children had entered a competition to design a stamp to mark the anniversary on the 20th June of the first one penny stamp issued by Queen Victoria. Mollie's winning entry shows the Church and School working together to organise the summer fete and the judges thought it was definitely a 'first class entry'.



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**Meeting Point magazine and Meeting Point Directory are online at the
Community Website: www.olvestonandaust.com**

A Busy Month at St Mary's!

Roly Bain

Animal Vegetable Model

Olveston Fete is on June 20th from 2pm - 4.30pm, and again the Church and School are combining sites and forces. This year there is a competition for the best animal made out of fruit and veg, and the entries will be displayed in church - entries must be submitted by 3pm on the day. You're allowed cocktail sticks and eyes, but all the rest must be fruit and veg. It can be carved or sliced or anything really! It will be judged by Brian Arkell, Chairman of OPAGA, the Allotments Association, and the prizes are being sponsored by them. There will be a school photo exhibition and face painting as well as other activities in the church, and the rest of the Fete will be in the Vicarage front garden and the school playground. Usual stalls, enchanting performances, sideshows, live band, licensed bar and food galore. Do come and join us - and do buy a ticket for the Grand Draw!

Special Services

The month is sandwiched by two special services. On May 31st we're having a joint service of all our congregations at 11am, and all are invited to come and have lunch at Grey Gables afterwards - no other services that day, but it's a chance for all the regulars to meet each other. And on June 28th, the Bishop is coming at 10am for a Community Service to which representatives of all the community groups and organisations will be invited, but of course anyone can come. It's a chance to celebrate this wonderful community we live in and to give thanks for the many people who contribute so much to it.

Open Gardens & Quiz

On June 6th & 7th, we're having Open Gardens in Olveston and Tockington. Look out for the leaflets with more details, but tickets will be just £5. Enquiries to Debbie Harries on 613273. Our next Quiz is on June 27th at 7.30pm, and chicken pasta bake is on the menu. Tickets are still only £5 from Roly on 616593 or roly@rolybain.co.uk, but we often sell out (max 90 people) so order them as soon as possible. Teams are a maximum of 6 people, and of course there's a licensed bar to help wash down the food and invigorate the brain cells!

Severnside Songs of Praise

All the churches of Severnside are gathering together for our annual Songs of Praise on June 7th at 6pm at Alveston Methodist Church. This time The Revd Roger Ducker will be leading it - he now lives in Pilning but before retiring he was very high up in the Methodist Church. If the Methodists had bishops, that's what he'd have been!

The Beach Ball

At time of going to press we had sold almost 220 tickets for the Beach Ball, our Annual Ball held at Tockington Manor. This year it's on a Friday night, July 10th, and, if you're lucky, tickets at £60 are available from Julia Johnstone on 07966 302762. It's in aid of the Tower Fund, with a donation to Headway, the Brain Injury Association.

Affordable Housing Needs survey for Olveston Parish

All homes in Olveston will shortly be asked to complete a housing needs survey which will be delivered to you. The confidential survey will be undertaken by South Gloucestershire Council and Olveston Parish Council. It will establish if there is a need for affordable housing in the parish and will also help to identify housing demand in the private market. Affordable housing is provided for people who are unable to resolve their housing needs in the open market because their incomes are insufficient to meet market prices or rents.

If you have any queries about the survey contact:
HousingEnabling@southglos.gov.uk or call South Gloucestershire Council
Housing Enabling Team on 01454 865599

Family Sports Experience

Saturday June 13th and Sunday June 14th

This special event is being run by local teams and is a joint venture with Olveston Parish Council and Olveston Vision Steering Group to promote local teams and how they can be joined. It has arisen from Olveston Parish Vision as an action to promote better communication and facilities in the Parish for all ages

On Saturday 13th you can try netball and tennis on the courts alongside the Parish Hall. Archery will be available at Tockington Manor School.

On Sunday 14th cricket, football and bowls taster sessions will be available at the Old Down Sports and Social Club on Old Down.

There will be posters displayed nearer the date and leaflets will be posted through your door, which will contain more detail about times and so on.

Just turn up on the day - All are welcome

Olveston Parish Matters

Richard Rogers (olvestonpc@gmail.com)

This year's Parish Assembly was very well attended on the 5th May, and the Parish Council would like to thank everyone who came. The Assembly took the opportunity to thank June Lyons for her 30 years on the Parish Council, 23 of which were as Chairman and Irene Reid for her 28 years on the Council. Local residents standing in the Parish Council elections were introduced to the Assembly, and of these Geoff Anderson, Adrian Baxter, John Hughes, Sue Hunter, Alyson Kennea, Richard Panes, Pat Savage, Tony Williams & Tom Witherbed, were subsequently elected.

The Parish Assembly presented an opportunity to launch the Parish Vision report, which is to be delivered to every household in the Parish, and the 'Parish Working Group – The Way Forward' which will start work on improving Communications, the Housing Needs Survey, supporting local shops & amenities, the Cemetery and methods of managing this work. The Assembly also heard about the Olveston Parish Allotment and Gardeners Association, and the work that the local Sports and Social Clubs are doing to raise awareness and publicised the 'Sports Weekend' June 13/14th during which there will be opportunities to participate, as well as a number of social and evening events. At the start of the meeting, parishioners were given an account of the work undertaken on their behalf by the Council, and a financial report from the Parish Clerk.

Parking and speeding through the villages of the parish are constant issues, and people are looking for a variety of solutions. Unfortunately some drivers are parking their vehicles on the pavements particularly down Haw Lane and along the Street and addition to being illegal is actually very dangerous as it prevents safe passage for people pushing prams, buggies or in wheel chairs. Please remember that there always needs to be adequate space for emergency and large vehicles to pass, and if necessary you need to park further from your destination.

All Parish Council meetings are public events, advertised through the Meeting Point and the www.olveston.com website and can be witnessed by any one (although due to the capacity of the venue normally used, please contact the Parish Clerk in advance). If you wish to raise issues at these meetings please notify the Parish Clerk so that they can be added to the Agenda.

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Parish Councillors

There was no election on May 7th for the Parish Council as there were no more candidates than spaces. Six candidates were proposed for the seven places. Mike Hawkins, Ron Gwyther, Andrew Learmonth, Steve Meredith and John Pullin continue as Councillors. They are joined by Catherine Collinson from Littleton-upon-Severn. Philip Jenkins resigned. He will be missed.

This left one vacancy to be filled at the May meeting of the council. David Spratt from Aust, who had been co-opted to the Council last year, was again co-opted.

Footpath issues

The chairman met with the South Gloucestershire footpaths officer to see about some improvements in local footpaths, particularly in the corner of Vineyards Brake – which has been damaged by horses – and the stile in Church Lane, Elberton.

There has also been discussion about the path (which is not designated as a public footpath) to Elberton Church from the Elberton/Olveston path. 40 local residents have submitted evidence of use of the path as a public right of way, and these will be passed by the parish council to the officer at South Gloucestershire Council for processing.

Aust Defibrillator

The telephone box has been acquired, the defibrillator has been delivered, and a working party is getting everything ready.

SPECIAL EVENT at CAFÉ ALMONDSBURY

In aid of St Peter's Hospice Monday 6th July 2015 from 9.0am-11.30am
in St Mary's Church, Almondsbury

Enjoy Coffee or Tea and Cake and a Bring and Buy sale of Homemade Cakes (donations appreciated!) All welcome.

Please help us to support our much loved local Hospice!

Details from Jenny Garrigan 01454 613313



Twinning Visit a Great Success

At midday on Friday 1st May a small group from our twin village of Brehan, in Brittany, arrived in Olveston for their weekend 'Twinning Visit'. We all met up at the White Hart, Olveston, where we had bubbles and nibbles and everybody had a chance to catch up with old friends and get to know some new ones.

Our visitors spent the afternoon with their hosts, probably also trying to get a bit of rest because they had been travelling all night and not got much sleep on the overnight ferry crossing.

In the evening we got together in small groups in various houses in the village for informal suppers which were very enjoyable.

On Saturday we went over the Bridge to visit The Big Pit and this proved to be a very good place to visit – being underground (mostly) - on such a filthy wet day. The weather improved somewhat by the time we arrived in Tintern for some lunch and a bit of a stroll around this very picturesque area.

In the evening we introduced them to a typical village event, a Barn Dance in the Parish Hall and young Marius, aged 6, from Brehan, was able to meet some pupils from Olveston School who have been exchanging letters and emails with pupils at the primary school in Brehan which he attends. Since traditional Breton dances are always a feature of the parties they hold for us when we go over there, this was quite familiar territory for the French who joined in with enthusiasm.

Our friends departed after breakfast on Sunday morning. Despite the weather being decidedly gloomy over the weekend we all had a great time!



Marius, on the right, with his Mum, teacher Pip Seymour and pupils from her class.

Movies at St Mary's: June Trevor Anderson



We have something *ExtraSpecial* for you this month at St Mary's Olveston! Read on to find out more...

As many of you know, we show films for 'children of all ages' every Monday morning of the school holidays and for 'grown-ups of all ages' every first and third Monday evening of each month.

We hold two 'blanket' licences and these permit us to show many hundreds of films. These include recent releases, ever-popular classics, non-mainstream curiosities and many foreign films. We are never short of films to choose from and so we are happy to accept that there are some we are unable to show. But occasionally, along comes a film which is so special, so memorable, that we believe we ought to show it and that it's worth purchasing a single-title licence just for this film. This month's Monday Movie Extra is such a film.

So here's our programme for June:

MONDAY MOVIES (*Recent releases and ever-popular classics*)

Mon 1st June at 7.30pm: During the Miners' strike two contrasting communities come together to form a triumphant partnership. Based on the extraordinary and uplifting true story and recently released on DVD. (2014, Cert 15)

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

Mon 15th June at 7.30pm: Our first ever *ExtraSpecial*: Shot entirely within Saudi Arabia, it is a compelling, heart-warming tale of a spunky young girl who enters a Qur'an recitation competition in order to buy the bicycle she is desperate to own. The plot is deceptively simple but the socio-political insights are devastating. In Arabic with English subtitles. (2012, Cert PG)



CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB (*Every Monday morning in the hols*)

No school holidays in June ('boo!') so no CMC.

Licensed bar and refreshments at all the evening shows. Admission is free although a **donation** at the end towards expenses is always appreciated.

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

CAR PARKING

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

150 Club Winners May 2015:

£50 Dave Buckley
£15 Steve Clarke
£ 5 Mike Rowen

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

18th April Paul Middleton
25th April Bhavin Radia
2nd May Tony Williams
9th May Reg Purchase

Fixtures at The Park June 2015 (1.30 Start):

6th June 2nd XI v Bristol Pakistanis
13th June 2nd XI v Hambrook
20th June 1st XI v Pak Bristolians
27th June 1st XI v Cleeve

Up the Down!! Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Elberton Church Fete

Saturday 13th June 2pm at Elberton Court .

Please come and join us for afternoon tea, and browse around the stalls. And - weather permitting - a stroll around the gardens. There will be an admission fee for this.

Many thanks for your support in helping the upkeep of our church.

From the Registers of St Mary's Olveston

9th April Funeral service, followed by burial in the Churchyard, of Romany Jane Watt

19th April Baptism of Reuben Theodore Swire, son of Thomas Swire & Verity Saunders

26th April Baptism of James Dominic Hunt, son of Kevin & Francesca Hunt

9th May Wedding of Lynn Anne Grove and Nathan Douglas Henderson

11th May Funeral service, followed by burial in the Churchyard, of Michael Jones

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the May draw, held on 7th May 2015 at the Friends' Committee Meeting, were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	532	Mr M Stevenson, Awkley
£75	332	Mr & Mrs R Garlick, Olveston
£25	553	Mrs B Kingston, Almondsbury
£25	267	Mr & Mrs I Hughes, Olveston
£25	363	Mrs J Hahn, Olveston
£20	431	Mrs A Harley, Alveston
£20	283	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£20	157	Mr J H Chick, Olveston
£10	369	Mrs E Screen, Rudgeway
£10	445	Mrs J M Skinner, Olveston
£10	253	Mr & Mrs R Williams, Olveston
£10	494	Mr J L Henniker-Heaton, Winterbourne
£10	259	Mrs P R Kerrison, Olveston
£10	237	Mrs E Hargreaves, Alveston

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

Tennis Club Auction Report

OTTC held an auction of promises at the Parish Hall on 18 April. Chris Dawes revealed a hidden talent as a very amusing auctioneer who managed to extract £2500 from the assembled throng which will go towards a new clubhouse.

Naturally, club members had donated most of the promises but local businesses had also generously supported the event. The list of 45 promises on offer ranged widely and included the design of a business website (fiercely fought-over), several dinner-parties in their home or yours, train tickets, powerboat trips in the docks (booze cruise) and on the Severn, a glider flight, hypnotherapy to stop that bad habit, VIP rugby tickets, the services of skilled tradesmen, language lessons and bizarrely, a choice of young or old butlers in the buff, to help that dinner party go with a swing (which raised a surprising £120 between them). Hot pasties were enjoyed by all in the interval.

Janet Ford

Profile by Pat Thirkettle

Janet left school at sixteen to take A levels at Technical college with the ambition of joining the army. Following a successful interview, she was offered a commission, measured for her uniform and given a starting date. Sadly five weeks before starting, her army career foundered for medical reasons. Janet had been working weekends and holidays for BHS and they offered her a place on their management training scheme - which she accepted, as a 'stop gap'. She worked for them for the next 9 years, moving all over the country from Glasgow to Salisbury, finally living in a lovely flat in the Mall, Clifton and leaving BHS in 1974.

She took a one year Diploma in Human Resources at what was then Bristol Polytechnic, before finding the perfect job as Regional Careers Advisor within the Distributive Industry Training Board. Based in Newport, her 'patch' was the West of England from Land's End to Barrow in Furness roughly to the west of the M6. She loved the travelling and training careers teachers and careers officers. Incidentally she must have met, but does not remember meeting, David Bone at Bristol Polytechnic when both were working in careers advice, little knowing how their paths would eventually cross.

Two years later she was promoted to be Regional Trainer, based in the Exeter office and covering the South West. In 1982 everyone was made redundant when the Training Boards closed. Janet and many former colleagues formed a company called The Link Organisation which delivered YTS programmes (Youth Training Scheme) programmes that were in fashion at the time. It was a UK wide group, and Janet was Regional Manager in Bristol. By now she had met her future husband Howard and they had bought a cottage in Aust. In 1996 she formed her own business Fullertons Recruitment Agency, (her first married name), working from home. It was UK wide, employed three people and for two years was very successful until the market changed, so Janet diversified and started Fullertons Introductions, an upmarket dating agency, which was also very successful. In 2001 Howard died very suddenly; Janet met and married Roger, in 2003. They both decided to retire in early 2004. Janet had owned a narrowboat for many years, but together they started caravanning and are now on their third caravan. The last four years they have taken it to the Costa Blanca and live in it throughout the winter, staying in a huge camp site with wonderful facilities, including a luxury spa and friends of many nationalities.

Janet was brought up in a church going family, and wherever she lived she went to the local church, so when she came to Aust she went to St John's. Sadly she found it the stuffiest, most non-communicative closed shop where no one spoke to her, so she went back to Christchurch, Clifton for many years.

However in the early 1990s she got to know Mike Taylor, and gradually became more involved in St John's by being on the PCC, until she became Church Warden in 2001, a post she filled until this year. She and Howard went to the first meeting called for the Restoration in 1994 and they both became heavily involved in the change and development that took place. Rev Ann Parker became vicar at this time, she was a breath of fresh air and the church became a focal point of the village (together with new landlords at The Boars Head) and Aust became a special community over the following years. Eventually Ann retired and David Bone took over as Focal Minister. There was a spate of thefts of lead from the roof, requiring expensive replacements dictated by English Heritage. It became obvious that lead would continue to be stolen and eventually, after much delay, English Heritage agreed the replacements could be Terne Coated Steel. Janet gives enormous credit to David and Jennifer Bone for their tenacity in dealing with English Heritage and their hard work in raising the money for the completion of the re-roofing in 2014.

By the time this is printed, Janet and Roger will have moved to the Wirral in order to be nearer relatives. Rev Ann Parker is once again Vicar at St John's and Janet is happy that she leaves the church in good hands and in a vastly better state physically, spiritually and socially than when she arrived. Aust owes her a lot for her enthusiasm and hard work over many years, and we wish them both a happy second retirement in Cheshire.

Litter Pick.

There will be a litter pick on Saturday 6 June. Please meet at the Parish Hall car park at 1pm.

Rod Williams, 612850

THANK YOU FROM OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

We would like to thank everyone who helped with, supported and gave donations at our Cream Teas on Bank Holiday Monday. This raised an amazing £1000.20 for Christian Aid's Nepal Earthquake Appeal. Our grateful thanks to everyone for helping us to achieve this excellent result.

The **Parade** starts at Castle School at 10.30am and will be led by **The Band & Bugles of The Rifles** (Bristol's own Infantry Regiment). Behind them will be a varied mix of **Vehicles** (with some surprises!), **Walking groups** representing the kaleidoscope of organisations that make up our Community, and **Music** to suit all tastes provided by many other Bands and Groups.



The **Carnival Field** will open at 12.00 noon until 5.30pm with three **Performance Stages** running continuous programmes of varied entertainment; a **Field Gun** competition run by the Armed Services; **over 100 Stalls** run by businesses, volunteer groups, charities, clubs and individuals; **Food** to suit all tastes; the **Fun Fair**; **Classic car** display; **The Lawmen** (Western re-enactment group); **Star Wars Garrison** characters roaming the Field;and more. You won't be surprised to hear there will be an American theme to the Day, so please come suitably dressed!

To join the Parade or take a Stall on the Field, please complete and submit the appropriate entry form on-line on our **Carnival website** at www.mythornbury.co.uk/thornbury/thornbury-carnival as soon as possible.

New for 2015! The Carnival has developed a '**Fringe!**', to broaden the appeal of the Carnival and to accommodate other activities that we lack the time and space to include on the Saturday. We have created a week-long series of 'Fringe events' that will take place from Sat 27 June through to Carnival Day itself. There will be a **SkateFest** at the Skate Park; 10 half-day **Craft Workshops** on a variety of skills held in the St Mary Centre; **Sports activities, demos and taster sessions** at the Leisure Centre; a range of **Pub Games and Competitions** at The Swan, Knot of Rope, The Black Horse and The Anchor at Morton; **Music and Dance** (Country & Western at the Knot, and a Blues /R&B/Rock Night at another location to be confirmed); - the list is still growing at the time of going to print! A full **Schedule of Fringe activities** and our new '**Fringe logo**' is posted on the Carnival website and the schedule will be updated as new events arise.

We see this as a way of offering you, the members, a varied range of Community-based activities and an opportunity to sample and enjoy something different, all under the umbrella of the Thornbury Carnival. Take a look at what's on offer and we hope to see you on more than one occasion during Carnival Week!

Wildlife at home

Angela Daymond

I've written a lot about wildlife but, I've got to be honest, it's frustratingly hard to find. Most of our mammals are annoyingly nocturnal and very timid. You might be lucky and catch sight of the odd glowing pair of eyes in the headlights or you might trudge for miles across unforgiving countryside, for a tantalising glimpse of something's backside as it runs away. The only time we'll see some native animals, is on the television.

But birds, well, they are just everywhere. Look to the sky and it's usually not empty for long. From blue tits to buzzards, seagulls or crows – you don't even have to leave your own garden and you don't need special clothes. Look and you'll see something, listen and you'll hear something. Learn a few bird calls like the "tea-cher teacher" of a great tit, or the thrush who sings each line twice, and then you'll know what's around without even seeing it.

Nothing cheers a winter day like a robin bobbing around the bushes. We know spring is here when the chiffchaffs arrive with their incessant call, then we count the swallows to know if summer has arrived. The V shaped formations of geese tell us autumn has come around again. Each season is noted by the birds around us.

So, if you don't feel like disguising yourself as a tree to see some wildlife, just pop the kettle on and look out of the window....

Yours Faithfully

Mike Matthews

By the time you read this many days of apparent importance will have gone and passed into our history. Easter has gone, Election Day has gone, May Bank Holidays have gone, Pentecost is past; and so I ask, what has really changed for me and you as individuals, or indeed as a community? Although we are not always ready to admit that change has taken place it is an inevitable fact that without change life could not go on. Time does indeed march on!

We are blessed to live in a country where the provision of health care, clean water, sufficient food and, generally speaking, clean air, amongst other factors, have enabled the 'experts' to extend their prediction of the average and expected life span of men and women considerably. Sadly, for many the average prediction has not applied and they have had to face the death of a loved one earlier than they would have hoped. Even those who may have surpassed the prediction will nevertheless leave behind an aching void upon

their death. In Psalm 90 verse 12 Moses asks of God, on behalf of the people, that He might teach them to number their days aright, that they might gain a heart of wisdom. I do not believe he was asking that God might let each person know how many years they might expect to live, but rather that they might be taught to value each day that is given, live it to the full, and live it in the right way. To do so actually requires wisdom from God. In his letter in the New Testament, James contrasts two kinds of wisdom. The one that comes from man's wrong motives and is divisive and destructive and that from God which promotes a good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom and ultimately produces a peaceful environment wherein people do and enjoy what is right. May we be willing to be teachable and responsive to the wisdom of God that has come to us in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Vine House of Prayer
Pilning Street, Awkley

Tucker's Big Tie Event

Friday June 5th 6-8pm at Olveston School

Olveston School teacher, Mr Tucker, will be attempting to beat the Guinness World Record for the most ties worn at once – the record currently stands at 246.

Come along and watch the attempt, bid for a celebrity signed tie and enjoy a barbeque.

Tockington Manor School Summer Fun Day

On 20th June, a family fun day will be held at Tockington Manor School from 12 to 4pm, following a children's triathlon in the morning. There will be a bouncy castle, face painting, hog roast, Pimms tent, craft stalls, vintage tea tent, pony rides, archery, music and much, much more.... No entry fee, just come and enjoy yourselves!

Tea at Three

St Peters Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to Tea at Three to be held on Friday 19th June in the garden of the Wheatsheaf Public House in Thornbury (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs R Camp). Teas available between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. Raffle and stalls. If a wet day the event will be held in the skittle alley.

Please come along and support St Peters, your local Hospice.

A Summer Serenade

Cossham Hall on Saturday 20th June starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 each (to include interval finger food)

Singer Vikki Champion, accompanied by Oliver Williams on piano, will perform a range of items including Songs from the Shows, Opera, Operetta, Cabaret and Art Songs. Each half will be enriched by a piano solo from Oliver.

This concert is part of the fund raising project in aid of the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1). Tickets are on sale now at Thornbury Town Hall or by phone on 01454 412272.

'Allo Allo' comes to Thornbury

Octopus proudly presents this hilarious comedy in Christ the King Church Hall from Wednesday 10th to Saturday 13th June 2015.

Come and follow the adventures of René Artois, the hapless café owner in war torn France, as he and his wife, Edith, struggle to keep for themselves a priceless portrait stolen by the Nazis and kept in a sausage in their cellar.....

Tickets priced at £7.00 concessions £6.00 will be available from R A Bennetts, on The Plain, or from Karen Gill on 413783 or you can order them on the web site www.octopus-thornbury.co.uk

Barn Dance was Huge Fun!

The Barn Dance held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 2nd May was a great success. The band for the evening was the Ceilidh Chasers whose Caller managed, somehow, to get us all through some quite complicated dances without mishap and the excellent buffet was provided by The White Hart, Olveston.

Olveston Parish Twinning Association ran this for the village, for all to enjoy – including visitors from Brehan who were here for the weekend – and it was a sellout. The hall was full of dancers throughout the evening and, if there was one complaint, it was that we really needed more room at times!

THORNBURY LIBRARY

Memory Service Drop-In Weds 3rd June 2-4pm

Are you worried about your memory, or the memory of a relative or friend? Drop in for a chat with staff from the Memory Service (Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust) who will be at Thornbury Library on Weds 3rd June from 2-4pm. This is a free service and there is no need to book. Further dates to follow in July and September – please enquire at Thornbury Library.

Murder Mystery Evening Wednesday 17th June. Doors open 7pm for 7.15pm start

Back by popular demand, The Red Herrings will perform a Murder Mystery in the library. A fun evening to bring out your inner detective. Suitable for age 16+. Tickets, which are non-refundable, are priced £3 and must be bought in advance either online at www.eventbrite.co.uk (search postcode BS35 2AA) or by enquiring at Thornbury Library. Hearing loop available on request - please ask on the night.

Family Rhymetime Saturday 27th June 11-11.30am

Join us for a special RhymeTime for families which include a child aged 0-4 years. FREE, and no booking required, just turn up! Breastfeeding welcome and nappy changing facilities available (please take used nappies away with you).

Summer Reading Challenge 2015 11th July to 12th September

South Gloucestershire's Libraries are seeking volunteers to help children do the Summer Reading Challenge 2015. Volunteers will work as part of a friendly team and carry out a variety of tasks which include talking to children about the books they've been reading, helping children choose new books and assisting with holiday activities. The closing date for applications is 14 June. Volunteers must be aged 14 or over.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme is Record Breakers. Once again children are challenged to read six books to collect their very own medal and certificate. For more information on how to get involved ask a member of staff at any South Gloucestershire library, phone 01454 868451 or email emma.fisher@southglos.gov.uk

Tockington Together

It is lovely to see everyone at the locals' evenings at the Swan, on the first Friday of every month. Come along to meet your neighbours and friends from the village from 5pm. Share ideas for how we can get-together as a village.

A date for your diary is Sunday 7th June for the Big Lunch. Bring along a plate of food to share and something to drink. Gazebos, chairs and blankets may be useful too. Set up from 12 pm on Tockington Green.

For further information about local events join the Tockington Together Facebook page or check out the Tockington Tardis!

Olveston Sports & Social Club

We are offering readers of Meeting Point a 20% discount on any future Party Bookings received by August 31st. Just mention reading this article in the June issue when you ring up to book

Our quizzes are being held the 1st Saturday of every month and they start at 8.15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend whether or not you are a member, we will be glad to see you.

All our prices have been restructured, so please pop in and see what we are offering.

Barbara Lansdown (booking secretary) 01454 415036.

News from Olveston Pre-School

Your local Pre-School for over 50 years.

There is always something happening at Olveston Pre-school and June is no exception. We wanted to let everyone know about two upcoming events, as well as provide some information about our new Breakfast Club.

We are located adjacent to the Parish Hall in Tockington. Please contact Helen Moorefield on 01454 612074 should you need more information. We look forward to seeing you there.

Daily Breakfast Club

We are pleased to advise Meeting Point readers that Olveston Pre-School now offers a Breakfast Club. This is a new initiative aimed at helping parents

and carers balance the demands of work and family life. Our Breakfast Club runs daily from 8am to 9am - breakfast is provided of course!

Open Morning

Wednesday 17 June, 9:30am to 11am

We would like to invite prospective pupils, their parents and carers to come and play with us on Wednesday 17 June. Staff will be on hand for guided tours of the Pre-School so that visitors can see our facilities for themselves. Staff will also be able to answer any questions you may have. Refreshments will be served, so why not come for a play, a cuppa and a chat at a time that suits you?

Bacon Butty Morning

Saturday 20 June, 10am to 11am.

We will be throwing open our doors on Saturday 20 June for all current pupils to come along with their mums and dads, carers, aunts and uncles, grannies and grandpas for some fun, activities and a delicious bacon butty. If you're not sure what goes on at Pre-school, this is the day to come along and see for yourself.

COTSWOLD SCENIC COACH TOUR

Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church are organising a "Cotswold Scenic Coach Tour" on Wednesday 17th June.

We will travel to Broadway, a lovely Cotswold village, with time for a visit and coffee. Then onwards through glorious scenery to Stratford on Avon, with time to look around and have lunch. We then travel to Bourton on the Water, with time to look around and have Tea.

We aim to return home around 6.30pm.

Pick up points are Olveston (40 Greenhill Road) at 8.50am, Olveston (bottom of Haw Lane) 9.00am and Tockington Green at 9.10am.

The cost of £16.50 covers the Coach and gratuities only. Coffee and Meals are not included.

To book your seat or seek further information, please ring Trevor Watkins on 01454 416528 by the 5th June.

Thornbury Orchestra

Thornbury Orchestra presents a lively programme of English music in St Mary's church, Berkeley on Saturday June 6th at 7.30. Treat yourself to a visit to Berkeley's beautiful church, to hear a full orchestra playing an exciting programme which includes Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March no. 4 and movements from Holst's The Planets, and features a talented local young woman as trombone soloist. The concert is free, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Bell Tower Appeal. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thornbury Science Festival 2015

In July 2011 Thornbury's first Science Festival provided a week of events to enable members of the public to interact with science activities and scientists. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and as a result the second such festival will take place from Thursday, July 9th to Saturday, July 18th this year. A detailed programme of all the events will be available four weeks before the festival begins. Tickets, mostly priced at £5 - £7 per head can be obtained at a box office in the town in the weeks leading up to it. Telephone and email bookings for tickets will also be possible.

The festival will feature twelve events open to the public, beginning with two performances of Michael Frayn's acclaimed play "Copenhagen" and ending with a Science and Technology Exhibition and (weather permitting) an astronomical observing session. Along the way there will be opportunities to try your hand at making your own perfume, to find out about the Rosetta comet mission and about Tyntesfield's medicine cabinet. There will be a Science Question Time evening, with an opportunity to pose a question to the panel as well as talks on cancer research, and the Bristol Dinosaur Project. For full details see www.mythornbury.co.uk/sciencefestival.

Police Report

PCSO Kelly Dimery

There were 4 reported crimes for May:-

Burglary Field Lane, Littleton, offenders have gained access to a container and stolen carts and harnesses.

Theft of a chainsaw from a shed in Kington.

Theft of two pedal cycles, one from Vicarage Lane and one from Elberton.

Criminal damage to a vehicle in Tockington.

The next Beat Surgery date will be Wednesday 17th June 2015 between 09:15 – 10:00 in Easter Compton Village Hall, Easter Compton and then 10:30 – 11:00 Olveston Stores, Olveston.

The next Safer Stronger Community Group (SSCG) Meeting will be held on Thursday 30th July 2015 at Olveston Parish Hall, Upper Tockington Road, 7:30pm.

Anyone locally who may have any information regarding fly grazing please report via 101 or flygrazingsouthglos@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Wiltshire Police have reported a potential scam to our Rural Crime team. The farming community has been receiving calls from somebody claiming to be a Police Officer from the Wiltshire Rural Crime Ream, asking for details of vehicles and whether or not they were data tagged. It is believed that this is an attempt to identify items to steal. Although no calls have yet been reported in this area please be aware of this scam - always verify a caller's identity and only use 101 to call them back.

PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery, 07889659691

Be Warned!

South Gloucester Trading Standards would like to remind local residents to be suspicious when they receive phone calls or emails about investment opportunities that look too good to be true. Following the changes to pensions introduced recently, scammers are targeting victims in a number of ways but the advice remains the same – treat cold calls or unsolicited emails with suspicion and never give out personal information to somebody who has contacted you out of the blue.

Following disasters such as the devastating earthquakes in Nepal, criminals are using emails to appeal to people's genuine good nature. The links that are provided are to fake charities or copycat websites in the hope of tricking people into providing credit or debit card details. The advice in these circumstances, should you wish to donate, is to go directly to reputable charitable organizations, such as the Disaster Emergency Committee. Do not respond to unsolicited emails.

Please report any calls or emails that you believe to be suspicious to www.actionfraud.police.uk or telephone 0300123 2040

Thornbury: A Market Town

A Museum-led Summer Walk, Thursday 18 June, 6.30pm

Thornbury as a market town is the subject of the June Summer Walk organised by Thornbury and District Museum.



You may be familiar with the town's modern Farmers' and Saturday Markets and quarterly Food Fairs, but did you know that Thornbury's markets can be traced much further back in history?

In the 1086 Domesday Book, there was a Thornbury market valued at 20 shillings, which indicated a thriving community, and, in the 1200s, the townsfolk were able to enjoy an annual three-day fair as well.

This walk will explore the history of Thornbury as a market town from medieval times to the present day, looking at the evidence which remains of the old markets and trades and how they grew, flourished and eventually died away as times changed over the centuries.

We start from the Museum in Chapel Street at 6.30pm and the walk will take about one and a half to two hours. Please do not bring dogs, except for guide dogs.

Tickets cost £3 for adults (free to accompanied school-age children) and should be booked in advance from the Museum.

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

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

Check our website for further information: www.thornburymuseum.org.uk

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Jun 7	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Severnside Songs of Praise at Alveston Methodist Church	Rev. Philip Rowe Rev. A Lloyd & Rev. P Rowe
Jun 14	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship with Choir Breakfast Club Holy Communion	Rev David Bone Rev. David. Bone Breakfast Club Team Rev Philip Rowe
Jun 21	8am 10am 3.45 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Back to Front Evensong	Rev Roly Bain Rev. P. Rowe & J. McBride Mr Denis Jones
Jun 28	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Community Service with Choir Evensong (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain Rev R. Bain & Bishop Mike Rev Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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

Rev Roly Bain for Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals 01454 616593.

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

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

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

Morning Prayer 8.30am daily except Wednesday

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Jun 14	5.30	Holy Communion.	Rev. Ann Parker
Jun 28	5.30	Evening Service	Rev. Ann Parker

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

e-mail annatdibley@btinternet.com

Church Warden: Terry McLeavy 633680

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Jun 7	4pm	Pilgrimage Service	Rev David pole
Jun14	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Pole

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

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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Jun 14	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Dave Pole
Jun 28	9am	Matins	Sandra Edgerton

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

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OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Jun 7	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
Jun 14	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Miss Christine Stones
Jun 21	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Gordon James
Jun 28	10am	Olv.Ch..	Morning Worship led by Mr Peter Jones

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 10th June To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15pm in the Swan on Thurs 18th June. To book please ring 613241 or 612112

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

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

HOUSE GROUP Tues 9th June at 10.30am at 7 The Green Olveston.

Wed 10th June at 10.30 at 6 Manor Close Tockington .

Computer Clinic Olveston Methodist Hall

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

Ring 07833 354672 or 07957 433091 for further information.

COTSWOLD SCENIC COACH TRIP Wed 17th June Ring 01454 416528 for details

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

Jun 7	6.30pm	Vic Soffee
Jun 14	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Jun 21	6.30pm	Chris Mobbs (OMS)
Jun 28	6.30pm	Neil Mobbs

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & PraiseTime

For further information please contact **Ceri Morgan-Davies** 413043

Paul Ashford, 07774 110 814 or email: **Paul@CalebGroup.net**

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact Ann Roberts 632564

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Mon-Fri Daily Mass at 10am

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

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

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

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

Diary Dates for June 2015

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

1 st Mon	Mobile Library Orchard Rise (&15 th & 29 th) Mobile Library Daldry Gardens Mobile Library Old P.O., L-O-S Computer Clinic every week Monday Movie	11.10-11.25 11.30-11.50 12.00-12.15 2-4pm 7.30pm	MH StM
2 nd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning RBL Women Mike Robinson on The Gambia	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
3 rd Wed	Computer Clinic every week Holy Communion at Daldry Gardens	10.00-12.00 2.30pm	MH DGCL
4 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market (also 18th) Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Open Mic. At White Hart	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 8.30pm	OST MH
5 th Fri	Thornbury Carer's Support group Computer Clinic every week Big Tie Event -World Record Attempt! TMTG 'Life is a Cabaret' & Sat 6th	1-3pm 7-9pm 7.30pm	Chy MH OS AH
6 th Sat	Coffee Morning (every week) Open Gardens Weekend(Sat & Sun)	10.30-12.00 From 10am	MH
7 th Sun	Bingo every Sun at Sports & Social Club	7pm	
9 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café W.I. Aust Parish Council	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR DGCL TMH PH EVH
10 th Wed	R.B.L Men Meeting in White Hart	7.30pm	
11 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Thornbury & District Flower Club Demo.	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 7.30pm	OST MH TMH
13 th Sat	Coffee Morning Try Tennis, Netball or Archery at Tockington	10.30-12.00	AVH
14 th Sun	Try Cricket, Football or Bowls at Old Down		
15 th Mon	Monday Movie Extra Special	7.30pm	StM
16 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning RBL Women Bingo	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
17 th Wed	PreSchool Open Morning	9.30-11.00	PH

	Bosum Buddies at Swan Thornbury Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	7.30pm 8.30pm	
18 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OST MH
20 th Sat	Bacon Butty morning at PreSchool Olveston Fete Fun Day at Tockington Manor Thornbury Food Fair	10.00-11.0 2pm 10am-2pm	PH
22 nd Mon			
23 rd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Memory Café Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Olveston. Parish Council meeting	9.30-11.30 10.15-11.45 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR TMH DGCL AP
24 th Wed			
25 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00–12.00 1.45-3.15	OST MH
27 th Sat	Car Boot sale at Marlwood School	1.30-3pm	
30 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00	WR DGCL
Looking ahead to July			
10th	Beach Ball at Tockington Manor	6.30pm	

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

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