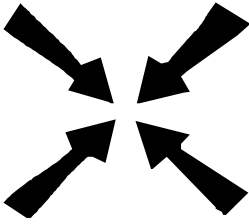


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## **From the Editor**

If you've looked at Meeting Point on-line, you may have noticed that for some time now many of the pictures have been in colour. I am pleased to say that from August the paper copy will be appearing in full colour, enabling us to move into the fifth decade of our existence confident that we are keeping up with the technology.

So start thinking of colourful contributions that you could make to brighten our readers' lives!

This edition should appeal to readers of all ages: we have an article from a nine year old, and an article about two ninety year olds, as well as our usual full range of topics. I hope you enjoy it.

The picture on this month's cover shows the poster for this year's Olveston Village Fête, created by the winner of a competition for pupils of Olveston School. The Village Fête will be on Saturday 25 June from 2pm to 4.30pm.

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# Saffia Bullock

*Profile by Pat Thirkettle*

Saffia is a very local lass: she lives with her own family in Sheepcombe House, where she grew up. She went to Almondsbury School, Marlwood, and to University, became a lawyer and was working in London when she met her husband Matthew.

Matthew is a water engineer and his profession has had a profound effect on the Bullock family's lives. In 2001 he worked for two years in Aswan, Egypt and Saffia went with him, and had her first taste of living and cooking in a foreign country. They were there on 9/11; Matthew's company advised them to leave and his boss did leave. But they decided to stay, as there appeared to be no hostility from the locals. It was a trifle lonely, so Saffia started writing a journal to keep her grounded.

In 2003 they were married in St Mary's Church and then went immediately to Kyrgyzstan for two years where Matthew's job was to put clean water in remote villages. Saffia, pregnant with their first son Tom, had the scary experience of Soviet-style antenatal care. Kyrgyzstan was independent by then, but with the same President, and little had changed from Soviet days, including the language which created a strong barrier. She came home to give birth in Southmead but returned with Tom when he was fifteen weeks old. Another learning curve then presented itself after he was weaned – how to feed a baby with only local food from the market. In the summer there was plenty of fresh fruit, (a bucket of strawberries for £2), but not so easy in winter. However there were compensations. It is a beautiful country, the mountains come near the city, and it would be warm in summer but very cold in winter.

In 2005 the President was overthrown in the Tulip Revolution. There was an initial night of chaos with looting, fires, and no police. Some of the expats left in buses over the mountains to Kazakhstan, but in true Bullock style Matthew and Saffia stayed, not least because Tom was car-sick and it seemed easier. The next day things calmed down, and they never really felt in danger as the violence was directed at the state. Their second son Ben was born later that year and after that Saffia stayed at home, and Matthew continued working abroad in places like Vietnam and Bangladesh. All this time Saffia had been writing to keep sane, and she self-published her book 'Revolution Baby: Motherhood and Anarchy in Kyrgyzstan'. It was launched at the Royal West of England Academy in Bristol, and the wife of the Kyrgyzstan ambassador attended. Apparently the book was discussed in their parliament as it was deemed a bit critical of the state!



The story then turns to Bangladesh. Their daughter Jamilla was born in 2008 and when she was a year old Saffia took the three children to visit Matthew there. They stayed in Dhaka, and it produced in Saffia a life-changing experience. There is an enormous gulf between rich and poor in that country, and Saffia became very aware of the total poverty of those living on the streets. Through a contact she was able to visit one of the 'hanging' slums, so called because rickety houses are built on stilts above the raw sewage below. She saw a young girl with what looked like a newborn baby but was in fact a malnourished six-month-old with no prospect of better food or medical care. She thought of her three children at home and knew she must do something.

When she came home she talked to her friends and they got together a charity called Arban to raise money for a clinic. It was not simple, as permission has to be granted for donations, but over five years they provided funds to build a clinic in that slum, with a doctor, medicine and a food support programme. They have had a request for further help which the UK team is considering.

Matthew and Saffia now oversee the day-to-day running of her parents' business, Bristol Childcare, which comprises three nurseries. Recent legislation makes ever more complications: for example the increase in the Government provision of thirty from fifteen hours of free child-care for working parents does not cover the cost to the nurseries of providing that care.

When living in Kyrgyzstan Saffia wrote an article for the parenting magazine 'JUNO' about having babies overseas, and at a point when she was looking for a new challenge the editor approached her saying the magazine was in danger of closing. So Saffia took it on, and has increased its circulation, making it available in WH Smith and also in digital format. The bottom line of all Saffia's experiences to date is her realisation of how blessed we are in this country, and I agree that we would all do well to remember this when we make our 'first world' complaints.

## **Aust Parish Council Matters**

....*Tim Pyper* ([austparishcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:austparishcouncil@googlemail.com))

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The annual meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in Elberton Village Hall. About 45 residents came in addition to your parish councillors. Representatives of South Gloucestershire Council and BT also attended. The following discussions took place.

### **Broadband provision**

Ms Nita Patel of South Gloucestershire Council explained the history of broadband provision in South Gloucestershire and why the service in Elberton and Littleton was still poor, and what the future held. She said that the Council had some further funds to improve service in the remaining areas of the

county, and was in the process of deciding whether to use these as an extension of the existing contract with BT, or to tender a new contract.

There were many questions and a lively discussion. It was clear that many residents remain deeply dissatisfied with the service they receive, and the lack of information about if and when an upgrade would happen.

### **Aust Parish Council Report**

The chairman, Councillor Hawkins, gave his annual report. He said that it had been a typical council year. He was pleased that there had been no flooding in Aust, and that the threat of wind turbines on the parish boundary had gone. Aust now had a defibrillator, thanks to the work of its residents. The council was pleased to continue its support for the three parish churches to maintain their churchyards.

He thanked the members of the council for their work.

### **Ward Councillor Riddle's Report**

Councillor Riddle talked about the progress of South Gloucestershire Council's work. The council was continuing to make savings, having taken £45m out of their budget of £190m without any substantial diminution in the level of public service. They had to make further savings of £34m over the next 5 years and he thought that residents would begin to see some alterations. There were current consultations on library services, council accommodation and one stop shops.

South Gloucestershire performance on recycling had fallen and changes were being introduced to the bin collection service to encourage an improvement. Council tax could not be held again this year and would be increased by 1.99%, plus an additional 2% as permitted by the government to contribute to the cost of adult social care. The council was doing its best to support beneficiaries to live in their own homes.

Councillor Riddle said that he had dealt during the year with a proposal to house up to 1500 refugees at Whale Wharf. He confessed to frustration himself over the broadband provision.

He thanked the audience and the parish council for keeping him in touch with local opinion.

## **Olveston Parish Council Matters**

*Richard Rogers (clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

A big thank you to all residents who attended the **Annual Parish Assembly** on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. Copies of presentations will shortly be on the Parish Council website ([www.olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)) with suitable links from the Community ([www.olveston.com](http://www.olveston.com)) website. The community website is a wonderful resource with links not only to the local District & Parish Councils, but to many of the clubs and societies that flourish in the Parish. It is updated

on a very regular basis, and is worth visiting regularly to find out what is going on in the Parish.

June sees the **celebration of the Queen's Official Birthday**, and the Parish Council would like to thank the organisers of the Orchard Rise Street Party and any other people planning parties for that day. The Parish Council is planning to celebrate the Queen's Birthday by giving all children at Olveston CEVC Primary School and the Olveston Pre-School a commemorative medal.

The Parish Council has learnt of the recent death of **Arthur Webb**, and would like to extend their condolences to his family. Arthur was a Parish Councillor for a number of years, a staunch promoter of Old Down within the Council, and continued even after his retirement to take a great interest in parish matters. Old Down is currently not represented on the Parish Council, and we would welcome the opportunity to talk to anyone interested in rectifying this.

A new **Bench** has now been installed adjacent to St Mary's Church, and the Parish Council is currently formalising contracts with local companies to complete the renovation of the historical road signs around the Parish, which will include the sign currently missing from Hardy Lane.

## Olveston Parish Walks

**Six walk leaflets** are being produced with help from the 'A Forgotten Landscape' project. Each leaflet will feature a circular walk of about 2 miles along public footpaths in Olveston Parish and will include a map illustrating the route, details of the walk, a sketch and a cover photograph. Most of the walks have been developed from those in the '*Footpath Walks around Olveston*' booklet published way back in 1989 and funded by Meeting Point. Available soon, free of charge, you will find them on display in local pubs and shops. There will be more information on the walks in the July Meeting Point.



## June Trott: A Thank-you

Bernard Trott and family are most grateful to everyone for their cards and messages of sympathy on the death of June, who will be sadly missed.

# Movies at St Mary's: June Trevor Anderson



Greetings to all readers from the Movie Club Team at **St Mary's Olveston**! Our June programme features two terrific films, one of them a recent Award winner and one of them an all-time classic from 1942. As always, doors open 30 minutes before the films start, allowing you to indulge in a glass of wine or soft drink whilst waiting in your seat. *(In how many cinemas are you invited to do that?).*

We show films for the 'grown-ups' on the first and third Monday evenings of each month and for 'children of all ages' every Monday morning during school holidays. Everyone is welcome to all the films (you don't need to be a Movie Club member) and there is no need to book. Admission is free, although a **donation** at the end towards expenses is always welcomed and appreciated.

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

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm:** Maggie Smith steals the show in this mostly true story of the scatty old lady who parked her battered van on Alan Bennett's drive and became an unyielding fixture in the writer's life. But there's plenty more to feast on and ponder too. The all-star cast also includes Jim Broadbent, James Corden and Dominic Cooper. *(2015, Cert 12)*

## **MONDAY MOVIES EXTRA** *('Non-mainstream' films and historic classics)*

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm:** The most iconic War romance in cinema history and deservedly so. It is a perfect blend of a tight script, stylish cinematography and memorable performances from Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. The dialogue, characters and Rick's 'Café Americain' setting are the stuff of legend. Decades after it was made, all the cinematic elements that make this an unbeatable classic are just as seductive and entertaining as they always were. Rightly considered one of the most popular films of all time. *(1942, Cert U)*

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

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

Refreshments available at all the shows, plus licensed bar in the evenings and popcorn, soft drinks and biscuits in the mornings.

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 of our Spring Programme by email. It costs nothing to join – just email me at [trevoranderson@btinternet.com](mailto:trevoranderson@btinternet.com).

## Litter Pick

The next litter pick will be on **Saturday 4 June. Please meet at the Olveston Parish Hall car park at 1pm.**



# Did you see Alice and Jean?



This lovely picture of Alice Neale and Jean Panes is from a recent Points West programme on BBC1. Alice and Jean, Olveston residents who are lifelong friends, attended a special service at Thornbury to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday. They were just two of the 90 over-90s who were invited as part of the 450-strong congregation, and they were interviewed in Jean's home afterwards. Meeting Point is grateful to Mike Lewis of Daldry Gardens for the picture.

## Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the May draw, held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	379	Mr N H Dawes, Olveston
£75	369	Mrs E Screen, RudgeWAY
£25	413	Mr R J Lloyd, Tockington
£25	597	Mr P Haworth, Olveston
£25	582	Mr B Amos, Olveston
£20	231	Mr & Mrs A Gardner, Olveston
£20	360	Mr & Mrs T Roper, Fernhill
£20	177	Mrs D Hedges, Pilning
£10	563	Mr B Brown, Olveston
£10	153	Mr A Heming, Alveston
£10	321	Mr A M Bennett, Alveston
£10	570	Mr R J Lloyd, Tockington
£10	391	Mrs S Shaw, Olveston
£10	211	Mrs C Black, Thornbury

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



# Oveston CEVC Primary School News

## Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

We are very proud to be judged as outstanding in our recent SIAMs Inspection (March 2016). In her report, the inspector highlighted:

- A shared commitment to enabling each person to flourish as a unique individual, loved and worthy in the eyes of God, drives the work of the school.
- A consistent reflective approach to children's spirituality and spiritual development results in an engaging and challenging school curriculum.
- High quality teaching of religious education (RE) in all classes means that children's knowledge and understanding of religious teachings, faith and belief are impressive.

The full report is available on our website: [www.olvestonschool@gmail.org.uk](http://www.olvestonschool@gmail.org.uk)

## Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Lunch

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 12.15-1.15pm, School Field**

We would like to invite all members of the Oveston Community to join us for our celebration picnic lunch to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Please bring your own picnic and rug or chairs to sit on.

Following lunch, why not stay for our 'Enterprise Market', the final event of our inter-house 'Enterprise' competition? There will be a host of home-made items to tempt you and all proceeds will be given to the charities chosen by the Houses.

## News from our Rights Respecting Champions

In collective worship, we all wished Mrs Plowman (Year 2 teacher) 'Good Luck' for the London Marathon on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April. We were over the moon to present Mrs Plowman with a cheque for £ 1411.32 to give to her chosen charity 'Feed the Minds'. This huge amount was raised through a sponsored bounce, and cake sale. Thank you to everyone who supported us.



## School Spaces

Are you looking for a school place for your child for September 2016? At Olveston School we currently have spaces in our Reception September 2016 intake and our current year 2 and year 3 classes. Please contact the school office (01454 613299; olvestonschool@gmail.org.uk) if you would like further information or to make an appointment to look round.

## Buying Books

*Jan's June Puzzle, by Jan Winter*

A teacher bought 72 identically-priced books. She looked at the invoice but unfortunately the first and last numbers were illegible. It said the books cost '£\_67.9\_'. Can you work out how much each book cost?

### Last month's solution

The next triangle in the series will have 27 triangles in it (including the triangle itself). Since the first triangle in the series (i.e. one without any lines drawn from its corners) would just consist of 1 triangle, we get the sequence 1, 8, 27. These are cube numbers: 1 cubed =  $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$ , 2 cubed =  $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$  and 3 cubed =  $3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$ . So the number of triangles will get pretty big quite quickly!

## Old Down Cricket Club

*Tony Gardner 07889 727729*

### 50 Club Winners May 2016:

£50	Bill Finch
£15	Tracy Taylor
£5	Diane Grosvenor

### Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

09/04/16	Reg Purchase
30/04/16	Barbara Binns
07/05/16	Barry Reeves

### Home Fixtures in June (1.30 Start):

04/06/16	1st XI v Old Bristolians Westbury
11/06/16	2nd XI v Blagdon
18/06/16	1st XI v Dyrham & Hinton
25/06/16	2nd XI v Downend

Everyone welcome to attend.

### Diary Date:

Race-night at OSSC on Friday 1st July 7.30, please come along & join this important fund-raiser!!

**Up the Down!!**

# My First Twinning Trip *Emily Seevaratnam (9)*



On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 40 people from the Olveston Parish Twinning Association or OPTA went on a twinning trip for 3 days spending 2 nights at Bréhan and 1 night on a Ferry, and I went with them.

I had to leave school early to get on the coach which left at 3.30, and I was very excited. On the coach I sat with my friends Anna, Emily and George Shrimpton, Dan, James and Francesca Harrod, Olivia and Lily. We all sat up the back and played on our devices, listened to music and chatted all of the way to Portsmouth. When we got there we got on the ferry which was massive. I went onto the deck with mum and dad until we sailed out of Portsmouth and then we went and had something to eat and went to bed. Our cabin was alright. I slept on a top bunk which was quite comfy actually, and the ferry had a sort of alarm clock that woke us up in time to get breakfast.

We arrived at Bréhan and met our host family Caroline, Joel, Aurélien and Cyprien. Aurélien is 10 and Cyprien is 8. We only saw them for a while because they had to go to play in a basketball match in the afternoon. The grown-ups had drinks and snacks and stood around talking while we all went and played football in a massive sports hall that they have in the village that anyone can use. We went back to Caroline's house and dropped our stuff off, and had lunch there. After lunch Caroline phoned her friend who was hosting the Harrods and we all went to a park in another town for the afternoon.

That night we all met up in the local hall and had dinner together. All the children played football in the hall next door; France vs England.

On Sunday, we went by coach to St. Anne d'Auray which has a giant church which was visited by The Pope. Then we met our hosts for a picnic lunch in a village hall nearby. Then we went to a little port called St Goustan for a look around and all of the children had an ice cream. After that, we went to the famous standing stones in Carnac. The stones stand in long lines that go on for miles, and each stone is bigger than the next one, it's really cool!

In the evening they planted a tree in the middle of Bréhan which OPTA had given the French town to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the twinning. Then we had a big party with lots of food and the French people taught us some local French dances. One of them was done in a ring holding each-other's little fingers. We kids escaped to the sports hall next door and played lots of games – and all the boys played football AGAIN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



On Monday, we visited the village school. I met Julia who I had written to when I was in year 3. We showed the children our school uniform. They are really lucky because they don't have to wear a uniform. We spent an hour there and then had to go to get on the bus. We met the bus back at the village hall and said goodbye to our families.

It was a LONG journey just to the ferry port. We stopped and did some shopping. We got on the ferry and I went to bed. After 8 hours on the ferry we got on the bus and drove back to Olveston. We got home at 1 AM!!!!

I really would go again because it gets everyone involved and children love it, and it was a fab experience!!! Hopefully we have inspired you to come next time.

(Pictures by Kevin Dann: thanks, Kevin)

## Monica Porter: A Thank-you

The family of Monica Porter would like to express their sincere thanks to all who attended her memorial service on 6th May. Also, particular thanks to Roly for his wonderful words, Julie (plus Tilly!), Denis and to all Olveston Church staff behind the scenes. Over £250 was raised for the RNLI which Mum would have been thrilled about.

*Becky Elderton (the youngest of her four children!)*

# Soap, Cider and Sewers

**A Museum-led Summer Walk,  
Monday 27 June, 6.30pm**

In this walk, we will be exploring soap, cider and sewers, as well as other aspects of Thornbury's industrial history. Join us and find out about gas and gunpowder, tallow and tanning, cisterns and saltpetre, along with other old trades and industries.



This two-hour walk will start from the Museum and will be covering a wide area of the town, taking in the High Street, The Plain, Pullins Green and venturing into part of Streamside Walk, eventually returning to the High Street via Park Road and Castle Street.

**Tickets cost £3 and should be obtained in advance from the Museum (contact details below).**

## Putchers and Putts

And a reminder about **the latest museum exhibition** (May – August 2016), with its splendid photographs and objects showcasing traditional fishing in the River Severn.

**Free entry.**

**Thornbury & District Museum,  
Chapel St, Thornbury.**



Opening times: Tues. to Fri. 1-4pm and Sat. 10am-4pm.

Tel.857774

[www.thornburymuseum.org.uk](http://www.thornburymuseum.org.uk)

email: [enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk)



### **Join us for an afternoon in a Woodland Garden for Family Fun!!**

At the home of Tessa and Peter Floyd in Old Down from 2pm on June 18th their 6 acre valley with garden, woods and paddocks will be open with a treasure hunt over the woodland trail, games on the lawn with prizes for the winners, a plant stall, delicious teas and ice cream. Children of all ages very welcome. Easy parking in the field.

This is in aid of the Olveston Church Building Trust Building Fund for repairs to the tower (more information available on the day).

We will appreciate donations at the end of the afternoon.

Enquiries: John Gunnery 413225 Tony Bryan 616400.

## **News from St Mary's**

*Roly Bain*

### **The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Service**

On June 10th at 11am, we shall be broadcasting live the National Service of Thanksgiving from St Paul's Cathedral, celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. We can join in the hymns and prayers as we have done before, so we shall treat it as a proper service. Afterwards we shall share a cake and some fizz to celebrate the event in the appropriate manner!

### **Dodington Silver Band**

The Royal British Legion are hosting a concert in the church by the Dodington Silver Band on June 4th at 7.30pm. Tickets at £6 are available from Rose Brown 612094 or June Robbins 617491, but tickets will also be available on the door. It's all in aid of the Poppy Appeal. There will be a licensed bar, but the profits from that will go to the church.

### **Sevenside Songs of Praise**

The churches of Sevenside are joining together for a Songs of Praise to honour the Queen on Sunday, June 5th at 6pm, in Almondsbury Vicarage Garden. Musical accompaniment is from Thornbury Town Band, and Steve Webb will be presenting the evening.

## **Olveston Fete - Church & School Together**

Once again the Fete is a joint enterprise between the school and the church, and being held in the school grounds, the vicarage garden and the church. This year we're having an Olympic theme, so the school playing field will also be in use. There is the usual selection of stalls and sideshows, but some new ones as well. For instance, children's cartoons will be shown in the church while you eat your cream teas! There will be plenty of food and drink on offer, as well as children's displays. It's from 2.00pm till 4.30pm. We are very grateful to all those who have donated prizes for the Grand Draw - please buy a ticket (especially if you can't come!)

## **The Peacock Ball**

Our annual ball at Tockington Manor is on Friday, July 9th, beginning at the earlier time of 6.15pm to ensure that we get lots of time for dancing to Manhattan Nights, our ever popular band. We have a limit of 250 people - ring Julia Johnstone on 07966 302762 to see if there are any tickets left (they're £60 each)! It's all in aid of the Tower Fund (we've been saving for that for a while) and our charity this year is St Peter's Hospice.

## **From the Registers of St Mary's Olveston**

1<sup>st</sup> May 2016: Baptism of Jack George, son of Daniel and Sara Jeavons.

14<sup>th</sup> April 2016: Funeral Service followed by burial in the Churchyard of Elizabeth Janet Hargreaves.

19<sup>th</sup> April 2016: Funeral Service followed by burial at the Memorial Woodlands of Pamela June Trott.

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016: Funeral Service followed by cremation of Ian Hugh Boreham.

28<sup>th</sup> April 2016: Funeral Service followed by cremation of Helen May Hopkins.

29<sup>th</sup> April 2016: Funeral Service followed by burial in the Churchyard of Marcus Ivan Bean.

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016: Funeral Service followed burial in the Churchyard of Helen Bailey.

6<sup>th</sup> May 2016: Celebration at St Mary's of the Life of Monica Porter.





**Sunday July 3rd 2016**

**at Washingpool Hill, Tockington, Bristol BS32 4NY**

**PROCEEDS TO Great Western Air Ambulance,  
St. Peter's Hospice & Macmillan Cancer Support**

*Four rings set in beautiful parkland.*

***Please join us for a family fun day out  
- lots of horses, dogs and action!***

***Gates open 9.30am Events commence at 10 am***

***Entry £2 per car***

***Horse Show, Gymkhana, Dressage Ring***

***Dog show from 12 noon***

***Refreshments, Raffle***

*Stall space available. Enquiries to 01454 412235*

## **Thornbury Orchestra Concert**

The orchestra was formed in 2002 and has grown from a chamber orchestra to a full symphony orchestra. The next concert will be in **Castle School, Thornbury on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30**, including works by Shostakovich, Mendelssohn and Dvorak. More details on the website [www.thornburyorchestra.org.uk](http://www.thornburyorchestra.org.uk).

The success of the orchestra means it has outgrown many venues in and around Thornbury. This has led to the formation of Thornbury Chamber Players who performed their debut concert in St Mary's at the end of April. If you would like to join TCP or have the group perform in your area please contact [gyu@thornburyorchestra.org.uk](mailto:gyu@thornburyorchestra.org.uk).

# Keeping children safe on the road

*Amanda Luke (Head Teacher) and the  
Olveston Primary School Travel Plan Group  
John Hughes, Olveston Parish Council*

You will have seen the new road markings and 20mph speed limit around Olveston School, extending up past The White Hart. These are the latest in a series of improvements organised by the School, the Parish Council, South Gloucestershire Council and the Police, to address traffic safety:

- Single yellow lines outside The Old Post Office and The White Hart aim to stop parking at 8.30–9.30am or 3.00–4.00pm (Mon–Fri), so enabling children crossing here to see and be seen.
- Markings around the Elberton Road/Aust Road junction aim to keep this area clear, so that traffic does not jam or reduce visibility here.
- Repainted zig-zag markings aim to prevent parking around the School gate all day.

We hope that you (local residents, and parents of school children) will support these endeavours, and so keep our community safe – especially its youngest members.

So, please resist the temptation to park in these places, even if 'only for a minute', because that minute might make all the difference to a child's safety.

We leave the last words to a local expert: Isobel, aged 9, who has been crossing Olveston's roads to get to the School for 5 years now. This is what she says.

"I used to not be able to see if cars were coming when I tried to cross the road between the pub and the Old Post Office. That was because there were lots of cars parked, so many that drivers up and down the road could not see me and I could not see them. I could get squashed. Now the Council have put down single yellow lines and double yellow lines. That means cars cannot park in some places, so I can be seen.

"The lines also stop traffic jams by School, because if cars park near the junction, the road gets too narrow and other cars get stuck and then even more cars get stuck when they are going in the other direction.

"You can help by not parking on the lines. Sometimes people park in dangerous places. It scares me and I don't like it when people park strangely. Please park safely."

# Computer Clinic

*Adrian Baxter*

We were recently sitting down in a session on a Friday night and we realised that we are in our 3rd year of operation. I'm not sure where that time has gone but I would like to offer a big vote of thanks to volunteers Glyn Varney, Brian Brown, and Gary Phillips for sticking with it as long as they all have, and to the Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church, and to Olveston Parish Council for supporting us. We are looking for some new volunteers to cover the Monday PM and Wednesday AM 2hr slots. Would anyone who is willing to give it a go please contact me, Adrian Baxter, on 01454 617108?

Brian kindly describes our June theme:

## **June Theme - Windows 10, a problem?**

*Brian Brown*

Recently, at Olveston Computer Clinic, we've had to sort out a number of problems associated with Windows 10. Typical complaints have been:

- "My computer has been very slow since it loaded Windows 10".
- "My computer downloaded Windows 10 and I want the old Windows back".
- "My computer keeps nagging me to install Windows 10 but I'm very happy with what I've got".

At the clinic, we can oversee your updates and, additionally, remove the Games and other unwanted Windows 10 add-ons, which can slow down your computer. Subsequently, we can defragment your hard drive to help speed up performance. Windows 10 will automatically defragment your disk for you, but Microsoft set it to run through the night. Windows 10 can be updated in the same way, but not many people know that.

If you've had enough of Windows 10 and want your old Windows back, it's possible we can do that too. If you've still to upgrade, we can stop Microsoft nagging you about upgrading and cancel it altogether.

As well as the above, we still provide the facilities of an Internet Café where you can buy cheap railway and airline tickets, register your car with South Glos. Council and Skype your Australian relatives – if you have no Australian relatives, you can Skype one of ours!

Come along and chat to us about your computer woes, and celebrate your computer successes with us also. Remember: there is never a stupid question apart from the one that isn't asked.

# Dancing School Charity Success

Sharon Phillips School of Dancing's 29th-31st March dancing show at The Olympus Theatre, Stoke Gifford was a huge success and raised £4000 for CICRA. The charity CICRA supports children and young adults with Crohn's or colitis disease.

Sharon from the School said 'We are very proud of all the 200 children aged two and a half to 18 that took part, performing tap, modern and ballet dancing. Our dancing school is based in Alveston and Patchway and children attend lessons from all the surrounding areas. We teach children from 18months old to adults'.

Anyone who is interested in classes can contact Sharon on 07989652780, or on Facebook. CICRA are on Facebook or their website is [www.cicra.org](http://www.cicra.org).



## 'Confusions'

by Alan Ayckbourn - Octopus Drama Group

A mother unable to escape from baby talk, an unsuccessful seduction attempt, a fate-fraught restaurant dinner and a disastrous garden party; all of these scenarios will be addressed in this year's summer offering from Octopus Drama Group. 'Confusions' is a set of five short one act plays by renowned playwright Alan Ayckbourn who is a master in the shaping of a plot and the expression of a character through the written word. The plays range from gentle comedy to out and out farce and have an underlying theme, which is the human dilemma of loneliness, the basic need for companionship and the need to be accepted.

Regular audience members will recognize many familiar faces in the cast but we are also delighted to welcome several new members to our society, who, we are sure, will bring renewed vitality, acting ability and youth to our already well-established and talented group.

Confusions will run for 4 performances from **Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> at Christ the King Church Hall (Porch House) at 7.30pm**

Tickets, £7 and £6 for concessions, will be available at R A Bennett Estate Agents on The Plain or by phoning Karen Gill on 01454 413783

# Yes – it's Carnival time again!

**Thornbury Carnival**, complete with its attractive **Fringe** is upon us.

The **Carnival Fringe**, this year organised by the Friends of Thornbury Carnival, runs from **Saturday 25 June until Friday 1 July 2016** and culminates in the magnificent **Carnival Day on Saturday 2 July** – 'ABBA's Angels' to headline this year!

This year the Fringe starts before it begins! The Journeyman Theatre Productions is offering a trilogy of 1-Act plays at the Chantry on 23 and 24 June. The Fringe week proper then starts with a full programme of entertainment on Saturday 25 June in the St Mary Centre and Alan Cole, the Centre Manager has booked the 'Frampton Footwarmers' to get the day off to a lively start. This will be followed by musical sets from local entertainers Thornbury Musical Theatre Group and the Inspire Arts Trust, together with choral presentations from Get Singing and Thornbury Gospel Choir in conjunction with a visiting Gospel Choir from London!

For those that like their music a little on the 'heavier' side we have live bands on the Sat and Mon nights at Hawkes House, with a Ukulele Jam on Thurs at Coffee1.

During Fringe week there will be stalls demonstrating a range of Country crafts such as Basket Weaving, Potting, Wood-turning and carving, photography and even a mobile Blacksmith. There are also guided walks for lovers of the great outdoors.

A new addition this year is a series of 'Open Doors' events, where some of our notable businesses and institutions are offering the chance for the public to visit and better appreciate what goes on behind their normally closed doors. These include Essilor (optical lenses), Old Down Manor (historical tours), Bramley & Gage Gin Distillery, the Leisure Centre, the Golf Centre and St Mary's Church (Bell tower). Check in the Programme whether booking is necessary.

Another highlight of the week will be some family 'Fun & Games' on the Mundy Field on Wed 29 June. Mojo Active will be supplying their climbing tower and a mobile assault course and the latter will be used to test the mettle of teams from local clubs, pubs and businesses to compete for a Challenge Trophy. There is also to be a competition for the youngsters in the form of 'Zorb' football. Haven't heard of it? – it's the new craze in wacky soccer (check the internet!). Food and refreshments will also be available, plus music from local favourites Mo, Mac & Me - see you there!

Details of all events to be held during the Fringe week can be found on our website at [www.mythornbury.co.uk/carnivalfringe](http://www.mythornbury.co.uk/carnivalfringe).

# AFL Update



Here's the latest from A Forgotten Landscape, the local Landscape Partnership project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

**Animate it: Secrets under the Severn with Angela Frankham**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 10am-4pm, Lawrence Weston Community Farm, Saltmarsh Drive, Bristol, BS11 0NJ**

Come discover what lies beneath the turbulent surface of the River Severn – all the fish, crabs and critters that answer to Sabrina, the River's resident goddess. Create your own characters, sets and stories and produce your own animated film! Sign up on the day for one of the 2-hour workshops. Start times: 10am, 12pm, & 2pm. Ages 5+

Watch the amazing results from the last animation workshop on YouTube [www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQ4yO7YZ4Nw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQ4yO7YZ4Nw).

**Geocaching workshop – part of the Festival of Nature**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 10am-5pm, Bristol Harbourside**

Ever wondered what the geocaching game craze is all about? Come and find out how to make and hide your own treasure for others to find. Hear about our own geocache waiting for you to discover at Severn Beach!

**For more information please visit our website at [www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk](http://www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk), our Facebook page, or contact Katie on 01454 863 043 or [Katie.scaife@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:Katie.scaife@southglos.gov.uk)**

## South Cotswold Choral Group

On Saturday June 11th the South Cotswold Choral Group (SCCG) will perform Elgar's The Dream of Gerontius in Gloucester Cathedral at 7pm. Many singers from the Thornbury area are taking part as Thornbury Choral Society is affiliated to the SCCG.

The performance will be conducted by ex-Kings Singer Brian Kay and the soloists are Philip Holtam (tenor), Diana Moore (mezzo-soprano) and Quentin Hayes (baritone), accompanied by Regency Sinfonia.

Tickets are available from Gloucester Cathedral Box Office, Gloucester GL1 2LX (tel: 0845-6521823), or their website [www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk) or from Jos Gregson (01454-411652 email [jos@josgregson.plus.com](mailto:jos@josgregson.plus.com)).

They are priced at £25 (front nave), £20 (centre nave), £15 (rear nave) and £10 (aisle).

The SCCG hope to see you there!

# Yours Faithfully

Rev Helen Webb

Traditionally June is seen as the beginning of the wedding season. I love weddings and it has been a great privilege to be involved in the planning and preparation of many a marriage service and to share in the ups and downs of the months leading up to the 'big day'.

One of the decisions that happy couples need to make is what readings they want during the marriage service. There are so many they could choose but one of the most popular has to be 1 Corinthians 13 – understandable as it is an explanation of the nature of love and ends with that well known statement “these three remain: faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love”.

Often we concentrate on 'love' and forget about the other values of 'faith' and 'hope'. The truth is that all three of these values are essential for us to live life well in the way that God intends.

If we look at the second of these – hope – we can recognise how important it is. We all know people, maybe members of our own families, who are facing uncertainty and maybe loss of employment; are facing difficult and complex personal issues; are facing medical challenges and unknown futures; are facing the future without the presence of a loved one. It is easy to feel a bit wobbly and overwhelmed, to lose one's way and feel scared and overcome with fear. In all of this though, it is so important to hold onto hope.

Hope lies at the heart of the Christian life. This is not simply the hope that we hear about during a funeral service of a hope for more to come, for life beyond this one, though that is an important aspect of Christian hope. We need to hold onto the hope of God in Christ and in the Holy Spirit who, we believe, is here with us now in all the situations we face, giving us strength and hope to face them. Hope that each and every day we have a God who is involved in our lives and wants the best for us.

There are so many other references to 'hope' throughout the Bible, beautiful passages such as:

“May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13)

“But those who **hope** in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31)

I hope that if you are going to any weddings in the next few months that you will have a wonderful day. Listen out for the reading from 1 Corinthians and reflect on the 'hope' as well as the 'love'. I pray that whatever the months hold we may be able to have faith in and experience hope in the God who loves us and wants to be close to us in all the challenges of life. *“These three remain: faith, hope and love ...”*



## Church News

### ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Jun 5	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Severnside Songs of Praise in Almondsbury Vicarage Garden	Rev David Bone Rev Ann Lloyd
Jun 12	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship with Choir Breakfast Club Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd Mr Trevor Cook Breakfast Club Team Rev Philip Rowe
Jun 19	8am 10am 3.45 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Back to Front Olveston Course	Rev Helen Webb Rev P Rowe & Dave Day Paul Harrod Revs P Rowe & S Williams
Jun 26	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion(BCP) Celtic Holy Communion Holy Communion(BCP) with Choir	Rev David Bone Mr D Jones & Rev D Bone Rev P Rowe & Rev A Lloyd

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

**Rev Philip Rowe**, 01454 613223; email: [office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html)

**PRAYER GROUP:** Mondays, 2.45pm in the Chancel

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

**Morning Prayer** 8.30am daily ex. Wed

### CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Jun12	5.30	Holy Communion.	Rev. Ann Parker
Jun 26	5.30	Evening Service	Rev. Ann Parker

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

e-mail [annatdibley@btinternet.com](mailto:annatdibley@btinternet.com)

**Church Wardens:** Jon Burnett 633835 & Jenn Dickens 632035

### ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Jun5	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black
Jun 19	9am	Holy Communion	Rev Janet Lee

**Contact** **Mrs Tracey Black** 01454 417660

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Jun 12	9am	Matins	Sandra Edgerton
Jun 26	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. Erica Bell

**June 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm St Peters Festival Choir**

**Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660**

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Jun 5	10am 6pm	Tock Ch. Alm Vicarage	Morning Worship led by Mrs Dorothy North Sevenside Songs of Praise
Jun 12	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Chris Sledge
Jun 19	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Barry Bishop
Jun 26	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> June  
To book your lunch please ring 416528

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP** meets at 12.15pm in the Swan on Thurs  
16<sup>th</sup> June. To book please ring 613241 or 612112

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

**PRAYER MEETING** Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 in Olv. Methodist Church.

**HOUSE GROUPS** Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June at 6 Manor Close at 10.30am and Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>  
June at 7 The Green Olveston at 10.30

**THE OLVESTON COMPUTER CLINIC** Olveston Methodist Hall

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

Ring 07833 354672 or 07957 433091 for further information.

**CREAM TEAS** Served on Tockington Green, or in the Chapel if wet, on Bank  
Holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2.30-5.00pm

**CONTACT: Rev Pete Brazier Tel 01454 418176,**

**e-mail [pete@thebigfishcafe.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:thevine_awkley@hotmail.com)**

## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Jun 5	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Jun 12	6.30pm	Graham Loader
Jun 19	6.30pm	Ed Stewart
Jun 26	6.30pm	Rev 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.

e-mail [ann.roberts@bylanes.co.uk](mailto:ann.roberts@bylanes.co.uk)

## LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

## RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Monday-Friday Daily Mass at 10am

Tel 01454 412223 [www.ctlk-thornbury.org.uk](http://www.ctlk-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](mailto:rogerhowell2@talktalk.net) 01454 415035

**National:** [www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk) Bristol area: [www.bristolquakers.org.uk](http://www.bristolquakers.org.uk)

# Diary Dates for June 2016

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Computer Clinic every week Holy Communion at Daldry Gardens Table Tennis	10.00-12.00 2.30pm 7-8.30pm	MH DGCL PH
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9-1pm 9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OS+ MH
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	Thornbury Carers Support Group Computer Clinic every week T.M.T.G. 'On Air Again'(also 4 <sup>th</sup> &matinee)	1.00-3.00pm 7.00-9.00pm 7.30pm	Chy MH AH
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Litter Pick Dodington Silver Band (for Poppy Appeal)	10.30-12.00 1pm 7.30pm	MH PH CP StM
5 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Elberton Open Gardens Bingo every Sun at Sports & Social club	2.00-6.00pm 7.00pm	
6 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Computer Clinic every week Monday Movie	2.00-4.00pm 7.30pm	MH StM
7 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R. B. L.(Women's section) Pigeon Racing	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH DGCL
8 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Table Tennis	7-8.30pm	PH
9 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OS+ MH
10 <sup>th</sup> Fri	National Service of Thanksgiving	11am	StM
11 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Thornbury Orchestra Concert	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	AVH MH CS
14 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café W.I. 'Growing up in South Africa' Aust Parish Council	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL TMH PH EVH
15 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Table Tennis Bosom Buddies at Swan Inn Th. Talk Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	7-8.30pm 7.30pm 8.30pm	PH
16 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9-1.30pm 9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OS+ MH
17 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Th. Picture House Wild Tales	7.30pm	CH
18 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH

	Open Garden, Peter & Tessa Floyd's	2pm on	
20 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
21 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Royal British Legion(Women) Bingo	10-30-12.00 7.30pm	DGCL DGCL
22 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	Beat Surgery Queen's Birthday Picnic Table Tennis	10.30-11.15 12.15-1.15 7-8.30pm	OS+ OS PH
23 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	EU Referendum Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	7am-10pm 9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	PH OS+ MH
25 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Olveston Fete St Peter's Festival Choir at Elberton Ch. Alv. Singers Concert 'The Fair Season'	10.30-12.00 2-4.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	MH   URC
26 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Aust Quiz Night at Boar's Head	7.30pm	
28 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Olveston. Parish Council meeting	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm	DGCL TMH AP
29 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Table Tennis	7-8.30pm	PH
30 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OS+ MH
<b>Looking ahead to July</b>			
8 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Peacock Ball at Tockington. Manor	6.15pm	

**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; OV – Olv Vicarage; PH – Olv Parish Hall; StM St Mary's Church, Olv.; StMA Almondsbury Church StMTSt Mary's Thorn TCh Tock Chapel; TBCh - Thornbury Baptist Church; TMH – Thorn. Methodist Hall; ; WR – Wesley Rooms.WHLS URC United Reform Ch Th

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