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From the Editor

Amazingly, this is my 21st issue of Meeting Point and in three months time Angela Williams will be taking up the task of editor of this august publication. This begs the question of someone to take over from Angela as deputy editor and become part of the Meeting Point team. The job is not too arduous and it is fun to be the repository of village news and activities. Do get in touch if you think it might be for you.

Fortunately Tasmania, featured in the last two editions of Meeting Point, seems to have escaped the terrible all-consuming fires burning on the mainland of Australia. I have a cousin who lives north of Melbourne and they have never witnessed devastation on this scale. What a contrast with our own wet and snowy conditions here. One up-side to our freezing cold winter will be that Spring will be amazing when it does arrive, with flowers all out together. Then gardening, put on hold for weeks, can really get going.

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Village Person - Jill Crossley

Pat Thirkettle

Jill was born into a military family in Burma, but was only six months old when her father was posted back to India, where she lived until she was seven. Her memories of this part of her childhood centred round ponies. Her father was a good polo player, her mother trained his ponies, and Jill had her own ponies and became a local gymkhana champion. But, as was normal practice in those days, children were sent back to England for their education, and Jill and her sister went to a Dame school in Kent, while her parents remained in India. She would only see her parents once (during their three month leave) in the next few years. Jill was happy at school, she received a very good education that enabled her to win a scholarship to secondary school, and there were plenty of ponies to ride. During the holidays the sisters would stay with grandparents and great aunts.

Her mother came back to England in 1939, but almost immediately war started and her father insisted they return to India. So her mother, Jill and (by now two) siblings travelled to India via the Cape of Good Hope, which took six weeks. However, when they arrived her father had been posted to Egypt, where sadly he was wounded fighting the Italians and died. So her poor mother had to find a return passage; another six weeks at sea. Actually they left at the time of the evacuation from Dunkirk and returned, to Kent, as the Battle of Britain was raging overhead.

Jill's mother immediately joined the WAAF (Women's Auxiliary Air Force) and Jill took up her scholarship at the Royal School in Bath. Holidays were still spent with elderly relatives until her mother left the WAAF in 1945 and bought a house in Kent. Jill had to leave school at seventeen to go home and nurse her mother who had a bad case of mumps. Jill was determined to become a doctor and started on that path by cycling seven miles each way, in the dark, once a week, to Tunbridge Wells to obtain her first MB. She was too young by a year to start full medical training at St Bartholomew's Hospital (Barts) in London, so she worked for a year in Dagenham, at May and Baker, a drug firm, before starting five years at Barts that included house placements. She was one of the first intake of women to what had been an all male teaching hospital.

Her first job was at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, on the general side, where they were coping with the casualties of the last polio epidemic. There she met her husband John, (see Meeting Point, August 2002), who was seconded from Oxford. They married in 1955 and lived for two years in Chelsea, where their son Nick and daughter Alison were born.

In 1957 John took up a consultancy in Bristol and they moved to Lower Farm, Tockington. Jill worked briefly on research into the link between folic acid and anaemia at Southmead Hospital until their son Michael was born in 1961, when she became a stay-at-home mum, but only until Michael went to Tockington Manor. From 1970 she worked locally as a full time community clinical paediatrician. Her area stretched from Patchway to Charfield and there must be many reading this who remember her. She took early retirement in 1988, three years after John.

All this time choral singing was a passion, she has sung in Thornbury Music Club, a group called Cadence and for fifty years in the choir at St Mary's, Olveston. The other great passion is gardening which started in her mother's first house in Kent. For most of the last fifty years she and John have lovingly maintained a two acre garden at Lower Farm and another two acre garden in Porlock, overlooking the Bristol Channel. The joy has been that they are so different, one a limestone-loving habitat, the other acid-loving woodland, growing rhododendrons and azaleas. Five years ago they sold Lower Farm and converted one of the barns on their property, keeping half an acre of the untended part to create a new garden.

When not working, singing and gardening, Jill and John love travelling, mostly in Europe and France in particular, in their camper van. John's health has recently curtailed this activity, but they have just enjoyed Christmas with all their children and five grandchildren who travelled from France, America and Cheltenham.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Date : Friday 6th March at 10.15am

Venue: St Mary the Virgin Olveston

Speaker: Iesinga Vunipola

'IN CHRIST THERE ARE MANY MEMBERS YET ONE BODY'

On Friday 6th March over 3 million people worldwide will be praying and worshipping together during an annual day of prayer, using a service prepared by Christian Women in Papua New Guinea.

Emma Wilcock, President of the National Committee for Women's World Day of Prayer in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, said:

'This is always an exciting day. The extent of unity in prayer is shown by the fact that the first service will begin at sunrise in Tonga and travel around the world until the sun sets in neighbouring Western Samoa. By then, the Day will have been celebrated in over 170 countries and throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland alone over 5,000 services will have been held.'

Papua New Guinea is a land of many ethnic groups and over 800 distinct languages of which more than half are unrelated. As a result, there is great cultural diversity, yet the women of Papua New Guinea have emphasized the oneness there is in Christ.

In spite of gender inequality, women in Papua New Guinea are beginning to take their place in professions previously closed to them. There are now women who are pilots, engineers, doctors, lawyers, judges, lecturers and also officers in the military forces. In this way, they make a very positive contribution to their nation. Further information and resources can be found on the Women's World Day of Prayer website at www.wwdp-natcomm.org.

Don't Forget Parish Players' Oklahoma!

Wednesday 18 March to Saturday 21 March 2009 at the Parish Hall, Tockington. Tickets £8 adults, £5 children from 01454 612850 any time.

Your Village Hall

Anne Boulton

The Bank of Ireland, the QE2, the Edinburgh Fringe and the Parish Hall have something in common. All have been venues for Graffiti Classics, a string quartet of virtuoso skill whose exuberant cabaret style defies all conceptions of how a classical group should perform. Their audience at the Parish Hall was charmed by Irish humour, transported to Italy by a Caruso sound-alike, and astounded to see the can-can performed by violinists who continued playing happily.

All this on our doorstep, and at a modest price! How is it done? By Razzle, a registered charity and rural and community touring scheme for South Gloucestershire, that aims to provide high-quality arts events for community groups - funding comes from the Arts Council and the Lottery. That is how, in January, more than 80 people enjoyed top-class entertainment in the village. Of course, it couldn't have happened without the Parish Hall management team, our 'community group'. They are working for the Hall's improvement, and on this occasion received 25% of box-office takings which will go towards refurbishment.

The Parish Hall is a great community asset. Look out for future events; all will feature in Meeting Point. Please support them and the Hall!

Olveston Sports and Social Club

Barbara Lansdown

The committee thought Meeting Point readers might be interested in knowing what goes on at their local Social Club in Old Down. We are going to put on live entertainment every other month starting on Saturday March 7th and our next quiz night is on March 14th at The Queen Alexandra Pavilion starting at 8.15pm. We hold Bingo every Sunday at 8.30pm and on Thursday evenings there is a Poker club. We are open on Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday evenings and show all important sporting events on our big screen. You can also book us for any of your family celebrations. Come along and see what we can offer.

This year we are looking for new committee members and anyone interested would be most welcome to come to our **AGM. on Friday March 27th at 8pm.** At times it is very difficult to run this club with the faithful few who are willing to give up their time to keep this facility open. We are sure you will agree it would be a great loss to the community as a whole if it had to close through lack of support.

St Mary's Church - 'Building for the Future'

Our well-used and much-loved historic church building has been at the centre of Olveston's community activities for the last 700 years, and we want it to continue to be so. To this end we're launching an Appeal on March 13th in church at 8pm, and we hope you'll come and find out what's happening, have some wine and cheese, and ask whatever questions you may have. These may be some of them!

Why are we doing it?

The project aims to improve the domestic and support facilities at our church to a standard we would expect in our own homes. We need to make them well-designed, easy to use, finished to a high standard expected for our heritage building. Our objective is to ensure that the building will be equipped to remain at the heart of village life for many generations to come. We're building a building for the future.

Who is it for?

It's for all of us – it's your parish church. There are approximately 15,000 'footfalls' or individual visits every year. People come for Sunday services, midweek services, festivals, school assemblies and carol services, weddings, funerals, and baptisms. The church is always open and lots of people come to visit or just to take time out. People come to concerts, exhibitions, the Fete, meetings, talks and tours. Community groups use the church, and there are fundraising events and projects for local, national and international charities. The choir is now forty strong and includes all ages, the handbell ringers have thirty members, and we have our own team of bellringers as well as large numbers of visiting teams who feel privileged to come and ring our fine peal of eight bells. It's the oldest, most beautiful and, with 300 seats, the largest community building in the parish.

What are we doing?

It's all inside the building. The first phase, all at the west end, will be improvements to access, new disabled toilet, new clergy and choir vestries and choir pews, and purpose built storage space. The second phase will be to provide a kitchen and new toilet up at the other end, where the present toilet and vestry is located. The last phase will be to transform the chancel at the East end, behind the altar, into a multi-use space for small services, community meetings and exhibitions, and to provide a new audiovisual and sound system.

How much will it cost? When does the work start?

We're looking to raise £200,000, but we already have £120,000 of it, thanks to past legacies and fundraising efforts. The Diocese is loaning us £80,000, so we're hoping to raise that as quickly as possible so that we can repay them. It means the work starts shortly – all plans are approved and tenders have gone out. We hope the work will be finished before Christmas, and that there won't be too much disruption to would-be users of the building. It's taken us 15 years to

get this far – there's no stopping us now!

It's all very exciting – we hope you might want to be involved. We'll try and keep you up to date with progress. But do come and find out more on March 13th. Any queries to Roly Bain, the Appeal Chairman on 616593, or Mike Wright, the Project manager on 616312. Watch this space!

London Marathon

Kit Thompson



I have decided to run the Flora London Marathon on Sunday 26th April 2009 in order to support a wonderful breast cancer charity – Breast Cancer Haven.

Havens are open to anyone affected by breast cancer in any way and offer a free programme of care to support patients and their families during this time. A specialist team provides counselling, information and complementary therapies before, during and after medical treatment. Havens promote

integrated breast cancer care where conventional and complementary medicine work together to heal both the body and mind.

Currently there are three Havens in London, Hereford and Leeds but the intention is to create a national network. Breast Cancer Haven is totally dependent on charitable donations and fundraising events to meet all running costs (approx £2,000,000 a year) and to fund future havens.

1 in 9 women in this country are likely to develop breast cancer and around 300 men each year are also diagnosed with the disease. From firsthand I know that what Breast Cancer Haven is doing is very important and I hope to raise as much money as possible to help them expand their services. If you are willing to sponsor my run, please log on to www.justgiving.com/kitthompson and make a donation.

A Charity Bridge Drive

In aid of **Action Medical Research**

will be held at

**the Almondsbury Old School Hall
on Thursday March 26th 2009**

starting at 7.30 p.m. prompt
£7.50 including refreshments

contact Richard Harrop (01454) 416927
e-mail: exall@thedown99.freeserve.co.uk

Master Quiz Invitation

Martin Gibson

On Saturday 7th March there will be a MASTER QUIZ at Victoria House, Washingpool Hill, Tockington (courtesy of Mr & Mrs Eric Winkler). A maximum of 13 teams of 4 people each, are invited - commencing at 7:30 for 8pm.

The cost is £5 per head and includes a ploughman's buffet. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available to purchase.

All monies raised go to St Mary's Re-ordering Fund. Tickets are available from June Robbins, tel 617491 and Martin Gibson, tel 616856

St Peter's Hospice Quiz

Kath Burgess

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to the Annual Quiz on Friday 6th March at the Armstrong Hall commencing at 7.15pm. The quiz team should be made up of four people, an excellent supper is served and a very good

raffle takes place. The cost is £24.00 per table of four.

For further information and to reserve your table, please telephone Mary on 01454 412567. Please come along and support St Peter's, your local Hospice.

Northavon Youth Theatre Quiz

Lyn Bedford

This is the perfect antidote to dementia and winter blues, so why not come along to Christ the King Church Hall, the Porch House, Thornbury, on Saturday 21 March, when the first round kicks off at 8.00pm in a quiz organised to raise funds for the Northavon Youth Theatre Company production of **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**, which will be staged at Thornbury's Armstrong Hall from 7 to 11 April.

Teams of up to 4 people are invited to join in the fun, which is open to ALL ages, from youngsters to those of more mature years, and the price is just £5 per person, to include a supper. There is also a bar available, so please ring **07771905656** for tickets and information.

Erratum

In the article 'Return to Severn Beach- with Music' which appeared in the January issue of Meeting Point the name of the Café and Fairground was incorrectly given as PREWETT. The correct spelling should have been PRUITT. The local family of Prewett had no connection with the fairground people.



Oveston School

News

Faye Bertham

After many months of waiting for the building work to be complete, it was lovely to see the children's faces as they entered 'Little Acorns' for the first time.

The children were joined by members of the parish, staff and parents to celebrate our wonderful new facility. Mrs Wood, Mr Bonney

and Miss Plews entertained us with a retelling of their favourite story. The children also sang, 'The Building Song' and 'Taller than the Mountains' with great gusto. It would not be an exaggeration to say that our new facility has a very magical feel. This is thanks to some wonderful art work created by a group of parents. We really are very lucky to have such support, giving our school that something extra special!

We are hoping that the new Parent Helper area will be well used by all the volunteers who give their time so generously. For many years we have wanted to create a space for helpers to have a tea or coffee and we are pleased that this space is now available for all to use.

The celebrations were only complete once the ribbon had been cut. Our eldest and youngest children (Ella, Year 6 and Molly, Reception) took great pride in declaring Little Acorns 'officially open!' It has been a joy to see the children making full use of the facilities over the last two weeks. We would like this space to be used and enjoyed by our school community.

The Blossomed Hall
It used to be divided into three,
For children big and small.
They opened the door by turning the key,
And stepped into the old school hall.

In came the offices and computers,
For everyone to use.
Children came on their old fashioned
scooters,
That they did not want to lose.

The classrooms were then transported,
To bigger and better places.
Dining and PE sorted,
A Wike Hall of smiling faces.

Before the sad and sorrow,
Mr Wike had an idea.
A library with books to borrow,
Which made us give a cheer.

The builders were back,
To build what we asked for.
Everything was on track,
We couldn't have asked for more!
On this day, it was a memory to stay!

By Victoria and Ella—Year 6

Lent Event: **How Christian can Europe be?**

TOCKINGTON CHAPEL, THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2009 at 7.30pm

Speaker: **Keith Clements**

Jennifer Bone

From time to time there is controversy, within the EU, about Europe's Christian heritage and its contemporary relevance, especially as the Community is enlarged. Keith Clements served as General Secretary of the European Council of Churches in Geneva from 1997-2005. A Baptist Minister, he has also held appointments in the Bristol area. He is much in demand internationally, and his publications include books on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who was involved in the 1944 plot against Hitler; the plot is the theme of the recently released film 'Valkyrie'.

His presentation will be followed by discussion. Coffee will be served.

Thornbury Camera Club News and Tips

NEWS

The club's Winter Photography exhibition, normally displayed in Thornbury Library, was postponed. A similar event to coincide with the Thornbury Arts Festival will take place in April, more information in next month's edition.

The programme for March starts on the 2nd with guest speaker Chris Biggs and his subject is "Bristol – City of the Sea", followed on the 9th by the judging of the internal competition 5. "Open", an in-house "Practical Evening", takes place on 16th March, with the "Competition of the Year" on the 23rd and the judging of "AV Competition" on the 30th March.

TIPS

Good images have good COMPOSITION, in this age of digital cameras, it's easy to go click, click, click!! The very best photos are carefully planned; good execution means more than proper exposure and sharp images, especially because some photographs are deliberately under or over exposed or intentionally blurred.

Here are some questions to ask yourself as you compose your picture:

- * What do I want to say? Will this photo make a statement?
- * What's my main subject? A photo can have many interesting points; select one as the subject of the photograph.
- * Where's the centre of interest? Find one place in the picture that naturally draws the eye.
- * Would this photo look better with a vertical or horizontal orientation?
- * What's the right shooting distance and angle? Use your feet.
- * How will the background affect the photo?
- * How should the subjects in the photo be arranged?
- * How should the eye move within the composition? Use lines and curves to draw the eye from one part of the picture to another, leading the viewer on an interesting visual journey.

For further information telephone Peter Howarth on 01454 612441

Olveston Parish Council Matters

Andy Clark

Amid the post-Christmas gloom of recession and horrid weather it is little surprise that the building industry is drawing in its horns. In that climate, news comes that our recent attempts to identify sites for development for affordable housing have met with a disappointing but perhaps predictably negative response.

While we did identify sites, the authorities could not tempt the land-owners to join in. Therefore the whole position will need to be reviewed to identify further sites in the hope that they might meet with an acceptable outcome.

You will, of course, already know that there are a number of points of contact between the Parish Council and its parishioners ranging from the website (www.olveston.com), Meeting Point and old-fashioned word of mouth. What has always remained constant in the Parish however are the Parish noticeboards, one each in Olveston, Tockington and Old Down. Unfortunately all three have fallen foul of the ravages of time and vandalism and are in need of replacement. So far dealing with this has been rather a slow process and we offer our apologies for it. However, we can say that choosing appropriate materials, examining sites, considering a potential new site at the Parish Hall and reviewing costings have all proved to be stumbling blocks for us. One replacement noticeboard alone could cost as much as a staggering £800. This has left us to consider whether we must accept poorer quality materials or find new ways of funding the purchases, all of which takes time. All that we can do is ask for your patience as we are actually still on the case. It's definitely a case of "watch this space!".

It's good to be the bearer of good news too and those of us who were sorry to see Phil closing the doors of his garage last year will be heartened by the recent news that the Garage, opposite the butchers, is due to re-open under new management sometime in February. We wish them every success and good fortune.

On **Thursday April 30th at 7.30pm** the Parish Council will be holding it's Annual Assembly at the Parish Hall in Tockington where we will report our year's business to parishioners. Although we do not have the details settled just yet, we are considering either a talk about the Forest of Avon or, more topically perhaps, something on the Severn Barrage proposals. Whatever your interest we do hope for a good attendance at the meeting, so please do join us.

St Swithun is Coming!

Roly Bain

St Mary's Church is having a ball - again! Following last year's sell-out ball we're doing it again up at Tockington Manor in the marquee on July 14th, with the same band and the same caterers and the same team and lots of the same people! Tickets are the same price, £60, but £55 if you buy them before April 1st - you'd be a fool not to! Last year we were nearly sold out by April 1st, so to avoid the waiting list, contact Tony Bryan now on 616400 or a.g.bryan@btinternet.com.



Come and learn to sing with us

Absolute Beginners Course

For 46 years Thornbury Choral Society has been putting on concerts of great choral works such as Handel's Messiah, Mozart's Requiem and Orff's Carmina Burana. We are now offering those who would love to experience the enormous satisfaction of singing such works, (but lack the musical skill or confidence to get started), the opportunity to learn the basics before possibly joining the choir in singing Handel's Messiah this coming autumn.

We are offering a course to run for nine sessions to take you through musical basics in a fun way, illustrated throughout with examples, before going on to learn individual parts of the Messiah. Singers from Thornbury Choral Society will be on hand to assist new singers with any problems they may be having.

The course is planned to run for nine weeks on Thursday evenings from April 16th 2009 and will be conducted by well-known local soprano Elizabeth Glen. The cost for the nine sessions will be £35 and the course will be held at Alveston Methodist Church in Greenhill Road, Alveston. Those under 18 will be eligible for part of a grant from South Glos. designed to encourage younger singers and the nine week course is available to them for just £5.

For further information and an application form, please contact Jos Gregson on 01454-411652 or by email jos@josgregson.plus.com. Further details are also available on the website www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk.

Walk, Talk and Supper

Olveston area – Saturday April 4th Walk: *Dan Evans – 01454 625313*

We meet at 2.30pm at the White Hart for a 6 mile easy walk. Then coffee: served in the pub at about 5.30 p.m. **Talk** title: "A History of Bath Abbey" (fee £2) from 6.00 p.m. **Supper:** we will enjoy a pub meal at about 7.30 p.m. Closing date 24th March.

Cricket News

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

February 150 Club Winners: £50 Roger Rowen, £15 Andy Rowen, £5 Philip Pullin

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

10th January: Sylvia Gould, 24th January: Malcolm Grosvenor

Diary Dates:

Friday 13th March: Commencement of Senior Nets at Bradley Stoke Community School. Contact: Greg Welsher 07977 212339 or Reg Purchase 07778 701703.

Membership Subscriptions for 2009 were due on 1st January - see website for details: www.olddowncricketclub.co.uk.



Linela

Trevor Cook

You may have noticed, as you pass along The Street in Olveston that a banner and new window displays have been created in the shop opposite the Olveston Stores; although the displays are new, the business behind the new campaign is not. Linela has been functioning successfully in the heart of the village, unobtrusively and yet well known by those who want quality embroidery and printing. Aiming for a new impact and armed with a new logo, (see above), Linela is moving forward confidently into 2009 with new products and a larger 'presence'.

But first a little history; Linela comprises the mother and son team of Elaine and Dean Such, both of whose enthusiasm, passion and warmth came pouring out during my short time with them. Elaine founded the business in 1994 with her friend Linda (hence the name Lin-Ela) and together they turned a front-room embroidery hobby into a business. Linda moved on to other things, and Elaine carried the business forward, moving into a business unit in Thornbury and purchasing her first embroidery machine. Business continued to thrive until it became evident that new premises were needed. Elaine, who lives in Old Down, spotted the potential of the building in the front yard of Cromwell House. Having persuaded Nigel Dawes, the owner, to rent the building to her, the rest, as they say, is history. Linela moved to Olveston in 2002 and, despite some initial trepidation about whether anyone would find the village, never mind the shop, the business has thrived.

Dean showed an early interest in the business and joined Elaine and has helped to develop and diversify their range of activities and products. Stretched over the summer in 2007, they employed Mick as a 'temp' and he quickly became a permanent member of the team. The three of them are supported by Elaine's husband who has the screen-printing facility.

Over the years, the embroidery capability has increased from one to five machines. Along with this, Dean introduced and developed the 'printing' side of the business, allowing Linela to offer digital printing on to a whole range of sports kits and promotional articles. They can print digital images on to canvas, on to mugs and can supply the type of banner that you see outside the shop.

Let me say at the outset that neither the banner nor the window displays, neither their website nor this article, can properly describe the cornucopia of products that awaits you within the shop. It really is a case of going in and seeing for yourself; all I can offer is a brief outline of their product range.

For the internauts amongst us it is easy enough for them to visit the website (www.linelaembroidery.com) where they can search for products and place an order (a personalised mouse-mat perhaps?). For the rest of us I do recommend a visit to the shop if you are thinking of advertising, promotion, or personalising

items for your family, business or organisation. If you need an excuse go in, ask Elaine to give you a brochure; she will be delighted to welcome you into their treasure trove.

Once inside you can see examples of embroidered and printed T-shirts, polo shirts, sports-wear, work-wear, school-wear, hoodies (in Olveston?), jackets, caps, bags and gifts. Dean will show you how he can print your T-shirts with vinyl or digital printing, how he can copy your favourite photographs on to canvas, or even on to jigsaws.

The opportunities are extensive and, if you have an outline design, Dean will create the artwork for you. Elaine and Dean will happily discuss small or large orders, as Linela has all the flexibility of a small company but has the capacity to do large as well. Carpet mats, diaries, badges, hats, golf balls, pens and umbrellas can all be personalised ('George' the Yorkshire Terrier even had his own personal winter warmer on when I visited).

Both mother and son are justly proud of Linela's successes and in its existing client base, which includes a number of businesses within the parishes. Their reference list includes shirts for Bristol City Football and Bristol Rugby Clubs, as well as contract work for HM Prisons. One of their most exciting projects was to produce merchandise for Aardman Production's/DreamWorks's film, "The Curse of the Were-rabbit" which they won through the fine detail and excellence of their work.

Elaine is delighted for the business to remain in Olveston and was very clear that this article should include somewhere her gratitude to the people in the area and to the local businesses, many of whom have become friends as well as customers.

In conclusion, if you are seeking a special present for a loved-one, looking to promote your business, team or organisation or even your own image, go and talk to Elaine and Dean and let them help.

Look out for their special offers during February and March! Linela can be found opposite The Olveston Stores in The Street, Olveston, Bristol BS35 4DR, Tel. 01454 615300 Email: enquiries@linelaembroidery.com.

Olveston Parish Countryside Group

The Countryside Group will hold its AGM in the Olveston Methodist Hall on Friday 27th March at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Cecile Gillard who will give a talk on 'The Wildlife of Avon'. Everyone is welcome.

Craft Group

Come along and work with other local crafters on Monday 27 February in Olveston Methodist Hall 7.30-9.30pm. We meet on the 1st and 4th Mondays of the month, except for Bank Holidays. Everyone welcome. Small charge to cover hire of hall. Contact Mary Slader on 07747 562264 for more details.

A Creation for Charity

Charities researching into Rett Syndrome and Parkinson's Disease are both better off to the tune of £1,300 due to the donations of appreciative audiences at the **Alveston Singers' concerts** last year. This brings to £20,000 the money that the Singers have distributed to charities since the turn of the millennium. To entice audiences to part with their money this year, the Singers will perform Haydn's "The Creation" in June. Watch this magazine for details nearer the time. Audiences have been so enjoying the Singers' concerts that many have decided to join, especially in the ladies' voices. To restore the vocal balance, the Singers are seeking a few more tenors and bases. Don't confine expressing your talents to the bathroom, come and enjoy yourself in public – and help this year's charities. Call Sheila on 413086, or Bob on 415345, for more information.

Spring Food Fair in Thornbury

Saturday 28th March 2009 Castle Street 10am-2pm

Shake the winter gloom away and welcome Spring at the first of 2009 quarterly Food Fairs on Saturday 28th March. Situated in the pretty and historic Castle St at the heart of Thornbury, the Fair brings together local shops with the best of local produce and producers, and members of the Slow Food movement in the area. There will be local lamb, beef, chickens, ice creams, fruit and veg, as well as cheeses, wines, beers and much, much more to taste and buy. So come and support your local traders, meet some old friends and neighbours along the way and buy the freshest and best local food.

Alveston Toddlers

Alveston Toddler Group is held twice a week at the Alveston Methodist Church Hall. It's a small friendly group of mums, dads, grandmothers and carers who bring their children for a few hours to play and chat over coffee. There's a superb range of toys from new-baby right up to pre-school age and a warm and cosy carpeted hall with plenty of room to run around. The sessions are loosely structured with a sing-song at the end. For regulars there's a party at Christmas and at the end of the school year.

For many new mums it's a bit of structure to get through the week in the tough early days. Why not pop in and see for yourself?

Mondays and Thursdays 9.15 - 11.15am, only £1.50 per family

FREE coffee, juice and biscuits. Term time only.

For more information call Nicky Tregenza 01454 202636.

or Fleur Tweehuysen 0788 4186121 or Justine Poulton 01454 413093.

Thornbury Volunteer Link

Find out how your organisation can benefit from volunteers with special needs

People with a learning disability often wish to volunteer and want to feel that they are making a valuable contribution to their local community. However, it is sometimes difficult to find suitable volunteering placements for them, often due to a lack of confidence on the part of organisations as to the support and type of work they would be able to carry out. Thornbury Volunteer Centre has been awarded a Health Inequalities grant from South Gloucestershire NHS Primary Care Trust to hold a one day training course aimed at highlighting the benefits to local voluntary and community groups of making volunteers with learning difficulties part of their team. The day will help groups look at a variety of ways in which they can work with volunteers with a learning disability and help them to establish support systems when finding suitable volunteering opportunities. The workshop will help groups explore their current perceptions about volunteers and volunteering and to experiment with different approaches that will increase their confidence in working with a variety of people. We are hoping that the training day will include input from a current volunteer with learning difficulties who will be able to explain their own particular support needs and their personal experience of volunteering.

Volunteering improves the mental health, confidence and well being of individuals. It helps volunteers to develop new skills, gain new experiences and make new friends. By helping groups to overcome perceived obstacles we will enable these volunteers to access everything which volunteering is able to bring to them. This in turn will allow them to lead more fulfilling and enriched lives, decrease their sense of social isolation and increase their feeling of self confidence and self worth.

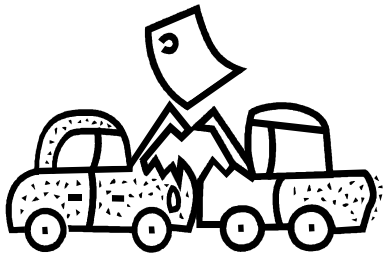
The trainer, Claire Greenwood, is a fellow of the Institute of Training and Occupational Learning. After studying Psychology, Claire has taken on a number of varied roles in the public and not-for-profit sector. She was Head of Training and Development for Mencap for 10 years and now runs her own training business and management consultancy.

The course will be held in the Council Chamber of Thornbury Town Hall on Thursday April 30th 2009 between 10am-3.30pm; refreshments and lunch will be provided. Places are free of charge to representatives of voluntary groups and volunteers, but a small charge of £10 per person will be made for employees of statutory groups.

If you wish to book a place on the course or find out further information please contact the office on 01454 413392 or email tdvl@freenet.co.uk.

When cars collide

What to do in a car accident



Whether it's a prang or a serious road traffic collision, car accidents occur every day. In the hope that you'll never need this information, here are some tips from motoring experts on what to do should it happen to you.

Whether it's traffic, buildings, street furniture, people or animals involved, stop. Stay calm. This is not the time to scream and shout.

If anybody involved leaves the scene or there are injuries, or the aftermath poses a risk to road users, phone the police and ambulance services immediately on 999 or 112.

Switch off all engines. Alert oncoming traffic, and use the hazard lights.

Don't admit fault. Apportioning blame in a car accident is for others to decide, given the full set of circumstances.

Telephone the emergency services on 999 or 112.

It's peculiar, but if you hit a horse, cattle, ass, mule, sheep, pig, goat or dog you must report it. Reporting any other animal is at your discretion, but you must make sure it's not injured or suffering.

Use your mobile or a camera for photos. Take notes about what you remember seeing, plus registration numbers and weather conditions, and make sketches while your mind is fresh.

If there are any good citizens left, they'll provide their details as witnesses. You may have to ask, though.

Take the details of the other people involved in the accident – it's a legal requirement for all those involved to provide names and current addresses, along with insurance details.

Having noted the positions of the vehicles and written down details from witnesses, clear the vehicles out of the way to minimise obstruction to traffic and risk of further collision.

Tell your insurer as soon as possible, whether you intend to make a claim or not, so it's ready for the other party's contact.

If you do not exchange details at the scene, you must report your car accident at a police station or to a police constable as soon as you can, and in any case within 24 hours – in person. You'll need to produce your certificate of insurance. If you don't have it with you, take it to the police station you nominate when you report the event.

A quirky yet extremely useful piece of advice: put a piece of tailor's chalk (it's more resilient than standard chalk) in your glove box. Should the need arise, use it to mark out the positions of the vehicles on the road.

Many franchised dealers offer accident assistance – make sure you have the number in the car, and make contact as soon as it's feasible to do so.
Submitted by NFU Mutual Thornbury – 01454 414000, www.nfumutal.co.uk/bristol

News from Thornbury Library

Digital camera talk

Wednesday 18 March. 7.30pm-9.00pm.

This talk will show you how to manipulate the photos you have taken and is a follow up to a talk given last April. Tickets available in advance from the library price £5 to include light refreshments - all proceeds to charity.

'Fun with Flowers' demonstration

Teaching demonstration of flower arranging in simple traditional and contemporary styles with Kathleen Taylor.

Free drop-in session on Saturday 14 March. 10.30am - 11.30am.

Dads' Story-time!

In addition to our Monday afternoon pre-school story-times we also hold a fortnightly Saturday afternoon pre-school story-time starting at 2.15pm that gives Dads a chance to bring their pre-school children to the library for a story.

Active card

We have started to roll out a joint Library/Leisure Centre membership card called an *Active Card*. Libraries will only be issuing the basic version but members who sign up for the *Plus* or *Total* version at a Leisure Centre will get special concessions at both libraries and leisure centres. Holders of the card will be sent a regular newsletter telling them about events/promotions in their area and targeted at their particular age group.

God and Adam

After spending time with Eve, Adam was walking with God in the garden. Having told God how much the woman meant to him, he began to ask questions about her.

Adam: "Lord, Eve is beautiful. Why did you make her so beautiful?"

God: "So that you will always want to cherish her".

Adam: "Lord, her skin is so soft. Why did you make it so soft?"

God: "So that you will always want to touch her".

Adam: "She always smells so good. Lord, why did you make her smell so good?"

God: "So you will always want to be near her".

Adam: "Why did you make her so kind?"

God: "So that you would be kind as well".

Adam: "That's wonderful Lord, and I don't want to seem ungrateful, but why did you make her so daft?"

What was God's reply?

So that she would love you".

Police Report for January

The Safer Stronger Community Group meeting took place in Aust at the beginning of January and the priority for me is to focus on the horse and cart racing in Aust along the A403. This occurs on a Sunday and is a hazard to other road users with the potential for a serious collision.

On the community front, the problems in Olveston seem to have started again but this time only the once. On this occasion, on Friday 23 January at around 10.30pm there were a group of about 6 youngsters, both boys and girls, hanging around, aged in their early teens. They sat on the pavement by the phone box at the top of Denys Court. Around this time two vehicles had their windscreen wipers broken off, two large planters were upturned and bins and other rubbish thrown around. I have no doubt that these were local to Olveston and I would ask anyone who has care for boys and girls in this age group to make sure they know where they are and not to let them hang around in the village late at night.

January proved to be a busy month and perhaps I haven't been out in the area as much lately, as I've been covering for staff shortages in Thornbury, although Kelly and Special Constable Paul Murray changed shifts to cover the evenings over the weekends after the problems.

Crimes for the month were as follows:

1/1/09 An Office in the Travel Lodge at Aust services were entered and mobile phones, money and a coat were stolen.

3/1/09 Theft of petrol from Aust Services.

4/1/09 Damage was caused to a vehicle in Catherine Hill.

4/1/09 A burglary occurred at Thornbury Sailing Club, Oldbury-on-Severn.

4/1/09 A garage at a house in The Crescent, Old Down was broken into and two bikes stolen.

4/1/09 Petrol and tools were stolen from a work van in Oldbury Naite.

15/1/09 A window of a vehicle parked in Oldbury Naite was smashed and items taken.

16/1/09 Stables in Tockington were broken into and diesel and tools stolen.

17/1/09 The sports club at Old Down had their mower and strimmer stolen after thieves broke into the garage.

20/1/09 Theft of petrol from Aust services.

23/1/09 Damage to motor vehicles in Olveston discussed earlier.

23/1/09 Over the weekend someone tried to get into Olveston sports and social club again but were unsuccessful.

25/1/09 A horse box was stolen from a drive on Ham Lane, Oldbury.

25/1/09 A chicken shed was broken into in Oldbury Naite and tools stolen, items from the horse box were left at the scene.

27/1/09 Another theft of petrol from Aust Services.

28/1/09 A van left at Fernhill Court had the differential stolen from it (quite a lot of work there).

30/1/09 Diesel was stolen from a landscaping company in Elberton.

As you can see from the above list (which is not exhaustive but the crimes that I consider to be most relevant to the community) both Kelly and I are kept busy without having to change shifts to deal with nuisance youngsters in Olveston.

IF YOU NEED TO REPORT A CRIME PLEASE PHONE 0845456700.

If you leave a message for me or Kelly we won't get it till the next shift, which may be some time.

Roger Hopes, PC 3404, Neighbourhood Beat Manager, DC 125 Severnvalle.

Phone: 0117 945 5959, Mobile: 07919628625.

E-mail: roger.hopes@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk

What is Permaculture?

Permaculture is an ethical and practical design system that attempts to minimize our environmental impact by planning a sustainable and ecologically sound lifestyle, including the way in which we grow our food. The Thornbury branch of the WEA, (Workers Education Association) run by a group of local residents through the national organisation, will be running a course on "**PERMACULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE LIVING**":

DATE: (2 meetings) - Saturday 21st March and Saturday 4th April 10am-5pm

VENUE: The Chantry, 52 Castle Street, Thornbury

FEE: £51 (Free if you are in receipt of a means-tested benefit).

TUTOR: George Sobol

For anyone wanting more information, or to book a place, please ring Kate on: 01454 610071 or James on: 01454 415165 or email Simon on:

s.cannell@hefce.ac.uk.

News from OPTA

Jan Winter

Firstly, thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed the Whodunit on February 6th, despite the snow. It was a great evening. We were delighted to raise over £80 in a collection for Comic Relief *and* the villainous murderer was apprehended with some audience members spotting the clues.

Also, remember tickets for the Wine Challenge on 3rd April are on sale and going fast. If any are left, they are available by calling Emma on 619833.

Finally, our French visitors are now confirmed as arriving on Friday 1st May and leaving on Sunday 3rd May. Anyone wanting to be involved should ring Jan on 612641.

Eastwood Gardeners' Club

On Tuesday March 24th at 7pm in the Armstrong Hall, there will be "An Evening with Christine Walkden". The speaker is a plantswoman, lecturer and presenter of BBC's Gardener's World and 'Christine's Garden'.



Music in the Church at Aust, Saturday 14th March at 8pm

Peter Dobbins

Strawhead are a trio from the North of England who have forged a national reputation for their programmes of English traditional music and song of a unique quality - not the music of the salons or drawing rooms but of the streets, the ale-houses and the military camps, written by those who witnessed and experienced the privations of the times.

At Aust they will present songs of explorers, adventurers, sailors and admirals. Songs by Charles Dibdin (whose songs did more for recruitment to the Navy than the press gangs ever did), anonymous ballad writers and the sailors themselves. Think of Horatio Hornblower and Captain Jack Aubrey, and Strawhead's mastery of jingoism and bravado will provide the perfect backdrop to 18th and 19th century tales of naval derring-do. For anyone with an interest in history, or music, or both, Strawhead is a golden opportunity and should not be missed.

The Harlequin Singers Spring Concert

This will be held on **Saturday 28th March at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Church Road, Almondsbury** in aid of St Mary's Church roof and fabric appeal. Tickets are £6 (£5 concessions) in advance from 0117 923 7592 or Ceri Dash (Almondsbury School) or on the door for £7 (£6) School children £3.

Fiddler on the Roof Northavon Youth Theatre

The production is at Thornbury's Armstrong Hall from Tuesday 7 until Saturday 11 April, with evening performances at 7.30 pm [Tuesday to Thursday and Saturday], plus an afternoon performance only on Good Friday at 3.00 pm and, in response to public demand, a Saturday Matinée ~ 'curtain up' at 2.30 pm.

Special party rates and Family Tickets are available on Good Friday & Saturday Matinée. For tickets telephone 1454 613172, or call into our Box Office at Wildings, Thornbury High Street from 23 March, or post your booking to: NYTC, c/o Jarvis Woodhouse Events Ltd, 19 High Street, Thornbury, South Glos BS35 2AE.

Yours faithfully

Word of Thanks

Singa Vunipola

As this will be my final Meeting Point contribution on behalf of the Methodist Church, may I take this opportunity to say 'THANK YOU' to all concerned for the kind assistance, help and support that you have given me and my family throughout my ministry. Very special thanks to my colleagues in the ministry and last but not least, to my own congregation in Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church, who have faithfully stood by me all the way. Thank you so much; I will always feel indebted to you.

Leaving you was never an option that was taken lightly. I listened to my family, my church family, but more importantly my God. The Methodist process allowed me to reflect on past experience, on myself as a person and minister as well as my calling. In the end my family and I reached a unanimous resolution to move on, for that agreement among us I am so grateful.

Moving on is never easy because it entails changes which affect all concerned. For my family it is challenging, knowing that we leave our comfort zones, and friends and our going into the unfamiliarity of this new move. However, I hope that I will leave some part of me behind and if I do I hope it will be the best. If I failed to live up to your expectations I hope that through the Grace and Mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, you will find in your heart to forgive me.

We are planning to move in early August to serve at the High Wycombe Circuit for the next five years. I am sad to leave you but I am pleased that God has worked out all things for the good of all those who love Him. I trust God wholeheartedly that He loves us all and knows what is best for all of us. The decision was never easy as I have already asked a lot of my family but God has a way of dealing with situation. I am leaving this place with my treasure-trove filled all with all sorts of wealth that I ponder in my heart to share in the future. I have gained an unsearchable experience and I owe it to you. So, if you are also on the move, please let God direct you and fear not, for God is faithful and kind, and despite our shortcomings we are still his children.

Once again many thanks with every blessing.

From the Registers at St Mary's

Funeral service and cremation at Westerleigh Crematorium on 14th January 2009 of Frank Curtis Smith. Burial of ashes on 20th January in St Mary's Churchyard.

Cremation at Canford on 16th January followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's and burial of ashes in the churchyard of Audrey Elizabeth Smart.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Mar 1	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Breakfast Club Evensong with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe Rev Philip Rowe Breakfast Club Team Rev. David Bone
Mar 8	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship with Choir Breakfast Club Evensong	Canon David Sansum Mr Denis Jones Breakfast Club Team Rev Philip Rowe
Mar 15	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Breakfast Club Evensong	Rev Philip Rowe Rev Philip Rowe Breakfast Club Team Mrs Janet McBride
Mar 22	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Service Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Canon David Sansum Rev Helen Webb Rev Philip Rowe
Mar 29	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Breakfast Club Holy Communion (BCP) Choir	Canon David Sansum Rev David Bone Breakfast Club Team Rev Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Contact:

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

Please contact Philip about Baptisms, marriages, funerals or other matters at any time, but please try to avoid Thursdays except in an emergency.

Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 3.00pm in the Church (except third Monday)

WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION: At 9.00am led by the Rev. Roly Bain

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Mar 1	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Mar 8	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Mar15	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Mar22	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone
Mar29	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone

Assistant Curate: Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

Church Wardens: Jo Jenkins, 01454 632838 and Janet Ford, 01454 633300

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Mar 1	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Mar 15	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield

Contact: Rev. David Pole 01454 414810; www.sthelensalveston.org

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Mar 8	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield
Mar22	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

Contact: Rev. David Pole 01454 414810; www.sthelensalveston.org

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Mar 1	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Iesinga Vunipola Junior Church in the Wesley Rooms.
	6pm	St Andrews	Evening Worship led by Mr John Trebble
Mar 8	10am	Olv. Ch.	All Age Worship led by Rev Iesinga Vunipola The Breakfast Club will join us later.
	6pm	Tock Ch.	Evening Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
Mar 15	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Hugh Ferguson. Junior Church in the Wesley Rooms.
	6pm	Olveston Ch.	Evening Worship led by Rev Peter Mortlock
Mar22	10am	Tock Ch.	Home Missions Anniversary Service led by Rev David Hardy
	4pm	Daldry Gdns	Worship led by Mrs Margaret Mortlock
Mar29	10am	Tock Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle Junior Church in the Wesley Rooms.
	6pm	Olveston Ch.	Evening Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Iesinga Vunipola

LIGHT LUNCHES: Thursday 5th Mar at 12.15 in the Tockington Wesley Rooms. To book your lunch please ring 416056.

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 4th Mar. To book your lunch please ring 416528

PRAYER MEETINGS: Thursdays at 2.15pm in the Olveston Vestry.

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

CONTACT: Rev Iesinga Vunipola, 01454 412269; Iesinga@hotmail.com

THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer and conversational Bible studies and incorporating Communion, normally on Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm. As we also visit other churches and events, please check our Notice Board or contact us. If you would like us to pray for you, your requests can be posted through the letter box at The Vine or sent to us by post or email. Please add a name or initial to identify your request.

Mike and Barbara Matthews, tel. 07840 793772 or email:

thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLDDOWN

Mar 1	6.30pm	John & Barbie Burnett
Mar 8	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Mar 15	6.30pm	Alan Tarling
Mar 22	6.30pm	Royston Pick
Mar 29	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies

Each Thurs 7.30pm. Teaching on DVD by Charles Price: The Book of Colossians
For further information please contact **Olwen Wonnacott**, 412141 or **Paul Ashford**,
07774 110814 or email: Paul@CalebGroup.net

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Family Worship 11am

Evening Worship 6.30pm

Worship & prayer for Severnside. SatMar 14th at 8pm. For more details, please
phone 632564.

BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - Our Sunday morning meetings are held at
The Grange School in Warmley at 11 am. Please contact the **Fellowship Office** in
Almondsbury on 01454 613305 for more information or on the internet at
www.bcfnet.com

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury - each Sunday

8.30am Mass

11.00 Family Mass

6.30pm Mass

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: Elizabeth Sidwell, 412975

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

Diary Dates for March 2009

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

1 st Sun			
2 nd Mon			
3 rd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion - Women	10.00-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL
4 th Wed	Olv. Par. Hist. Soc. "Medieval Pilgrimage in Gloucestershire" Rev Brian Torode	7.30pm	MH
5 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30	OSt MH
6 th Fri	Women's World Day of Prayer St Peter's Hospice Quiz	10.15am 7.15pm	St M AH
7 th Sat	Coffee Morning Quiz Night: Victoria House Washingpool Hill	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH
10 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute: TV in Front of the Camera -Graham Purches Aust Parish Council	10.00-12.00 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR PH AVH
11 th Wed	Royal British Legion - Men	7.30pm	DGCL
12 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Th. & Dist. Flower Club Demo: "Upstairs Downstairs" Beryl Griffiths	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30 7.30pm	OSt MH TMH
13 th Fri	Building for the Future	8pm	St M
14 th Sat	Coffee Morning Music in the Church at Aust: Seamen Bold-Strawhead	10.30-12.00 8pm	MH AC
16 th Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club: Practice-Fun with Tulips	1.30	AH
17 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers	10.00-12.00	WR
18 th Wed	Severnvale Smallholders Association: Revitalising a Gloucestershire Apple Orchard- Ian Greenfield Oklahoma	7.30pm 7.30pm	Chy PH
19 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Oklahoma Lent Meeting	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	OSt MH PH To Ch
20 th Fri	Oklahoma	7.30pm	PH
21 st Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.30	MH
21 st Sat	Oklahoma	7.30pm	PH

	Northavon Youth Theatre Quiz	8pm	
24 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Parish Council Meeting Fibromyalgia Support Group: Reflexology Eastwood Gardeners' Club	10.00-12.00 7.30pm 7.00-9.00pm 7pm	WR AP AMH AH
26 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Th. & Dist. Flower Club Practice Charity Bridge Drive	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	OS ^t MH TM OSHA
27 th Fri	Olveston Parish Countryside Group AGM Olveston Sports & Social Club AGM	7.30pm 8pm	MH AP
28 th Sat	Spring Food Fair Thornbury Spring Concert Almondsbury	10 - 2pm 7.30pm	StMa
29 th Sun	Marlwood School Car Boot Sale	9.30am	
30 th Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club: Salmon Lunch with Michael Bowyer	1pm	AH
31 st Tue	Tockington Toddlers	10.00-12.00	WR
Looking ahead to April			
3 rd Fri	OPTA: Wine Challenge	7.30pm	PH
4 th Sat	Walk, Talk and Supper	2.30pm	
17 th -26 th	Thornbury Arts Festival		
18 th Sat	Music in the Church at Aust	8pm	AC

KEY: **AC** Aust Church; **ACR** – Almondsbury Church Rooms; **AH** – Armstrong Hall; **AMC** – Alveston Methodist Church; **AMH**- Alveston Methodist Hall; **AP** – Alexandra Pavilion; **AVH** – Aust Village Hall; **CCCP** – Castle Court Car Park; **CH** – Cossham Hall; **Chy** – Chantry; **DGCL** – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; **EVH** – Elberton Village Hall; **MH** – Olveston Methodist Hall; **OSHA** Old School Hall, Almondsbury **OS** – Olveston School; **OS^t** – Olveston Stores; **OV** – Olveston Vicarage; **PH** – Olveston Parish Hall; **StM** – St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church; **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; **URC** - Thornbury United Reform Church; **WR** – Wesley Rooms.

Contact details for any clubs or organisations in the Meeting Point area can be found in the Meeting Point Directory on the community website: www.olvostonandaust.com. If you would like to update your organisation's details, please email: meetingpointsecretary@olvostonandaust.com

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