

Meeting Point

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Tockington, Old Down, Lower Hazel, Awkley, Ingst, Aust, Elberton and Littleton upon Severn

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From the Editor

Grace's delightful front cover this month heralds the run up to a Diamond Jubilee June across the country. Look through the magazine for more about scarecrows ...

But before you settle down to the Jubilee insert and the other Jubilee activities, do read some very special memories about farming in the past. Among many other things going on in May, you might like to make a date with Music in the Church at Aust and catch up with Uganda Link news.

If you see yourself as an eco-warrior, enter the recycling competition and, talking of competitions, if you live in Olveston, please consider carefully the house-decorating invitation.

Our cover this month is by Grace Marr aged 7½ who goes to Olveston School

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Farming memories from Jean Panes and Alice Neale

Pat Thirkettle

Alice and Jean were born into farming families. Both married farmers in Olveston parish and their memories go back to what life was like on the farms in the early half of the twentieth century.

Alice moved with her family between farms in Littleton until they moved to Ostbridge Manor Farm on Pilning Street when she was seventeen. She was married from there, and she and her husband Roland farmed at Northwick for six years before being offered Mead Farm, opposite Tomorosa, where they spent the rest of their working life.

Jean married Charlie in 1949, by which time he had taken over the family business at Poplars Farm. Charlie's father started picking watercress and selling rabbits to earn the money to buy some cattle, which he then drove from Ubley in Somerset, stopping overnight on Horfield Common, and then on to Holm Farm. Later he moved to Port Farm and, after becoming a widower, he was remarried to the daughter of the owner of Poplars Farm on Pilning Street. When Charlie was five the owner died and his father bought the farm.

Their combined memories tell of hard work and busy lives for adults and children alike. The farms were mixed arable and livestock, which would include sheep, cattle, pigs, hens, ducks and turkeys. There were always plenty of labourers as most things were done by hand. Alice and Jean remember the men hand milking twice a day, either outside or in a shed, wearing sacks on their shoulders, hats, and with a cigarette in their mouths and carrying the milk in two buckets on a yoke to the milk churns. Initially the milk was sold locally, although before the war it was difficult to sell at all. Later it would be collected from the farms by lorry, as it still is today, albeit in large tankers.

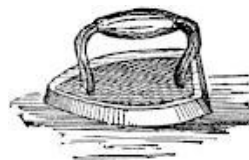


Hay making and grain harvesting were long processes compared with today's combine harvesters. Hay was cut by horse drawn mower, loaded on to wagons and brought into the yard where it was built into a rick, which was then thatched to keep out the weather. Grain was cut by horse drawn reapers and emerged as sheaves which were built into stooks to dry. It was then brought into the yard by wagon and built into loose ricks which were again thatched. Later, usually after Christmas, the one

and only steam driven threshing machine in the area would come to thresh it and bag it into sacks. There were always several terriers standing by to catch the rats as they fled. In the winter children were paid to gather stones from the field so as not to damage the reapers. There was great excitement when Roland bought a baler, which he lent out to local farms, and Jean remembers similar excitement when Charlie bought a brand new tractor, for the princely sum of £300!

There were always ducks and hens running round so eggs to collect, and sometimes turkeys raised for Christmas, and butter to be churned. The many skills needed on farms in those days included: hedging and ditching, thatching and making the spars that hold the thatch in place, ploughing with horses, and sheep shearing. Jean remembers, as a child, collecting stray bits of wool from the fields to take to school, where they washed it, dyed it with wild plants for different colours, spun it and wove it into scarves.

When they got married in the 1940s, both Alice and Jean moved from their parents' farms which had reasonable utilities, to their new lives on farms without electricity or mains water. These didn't arrive till the 1950s. Alice's farm had a bore hole from which they pumped spring water which supplied their needs, and Poplars Farm used water from the rhine to feed cattle and had a well for general use. Drinking water had to be collected once a day in a milk churn from the pump at Olveston Green. Both raised their young families by paraffin lamps and candles, heating water in coal boilers. Washday was in fact three days: Sunday soaking, Monday boiling, washing and drying outdoors and Tuesday ironing with a flat iron heated on the fire.



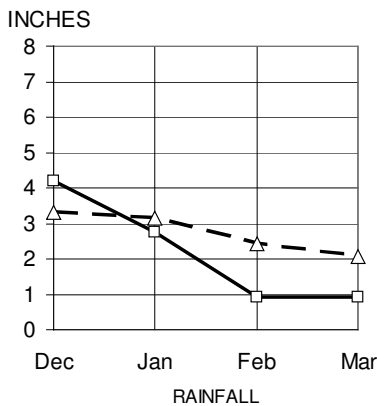
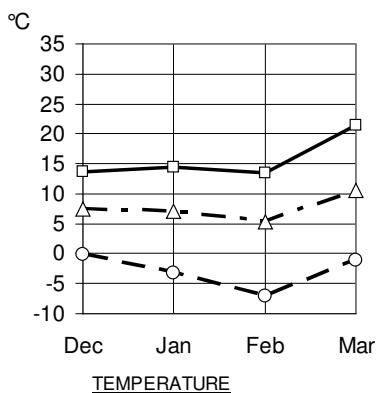
Most farms made cider for their own use, taking the apples to be pressed at the Plough Inn, Pilning. Mead Farm had a large cider apple orchard and they eventually acquired a cider press. As they got older, Alice and Roland sold the milking herd and restocked with a small Guernsey herd and Charolais beef cattle until they retired and left the farm in 1986. Jean and Charlie retired in 1988. Their farm was turned into a golf range for a short time, but is now home for one of their sons.

Alice said 'We did enjoy our farming lives and it was a wonderful time for children to be brought up on a farm'. Having lived all their lives in the farming community they are rather sad that it has not been possible for their children to continue the tradition, but this is a story that is happening all over the country. Small farms have disappeared, and large farms operate with massive machinery and few workers. Jean thinks it must be a lonely life ploughing a large field on your own all day - for all the hard work, there was a real sense of community, all working together, that has now become lost.



Weather Record

January to March 2012 *Marcus Bean*



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January

A very boisterous beginning to the New Year with severe Atlantic storms battering the Country with gale force winds and heavy rain. Following this a benign period of mild weather and little rain for a week. A colder short period followed this. Some rain with warm conditions continued until three days from the month's end when cold air, from a high pressure system centred over Siberia, spread over the Country.

Average temperature and pressure were marginally above norm but rainfall was marginally below. We had a few snow flurries on the 30th.

February

A high pressure system bringing cold air from Siberia continued in place for the first fortnight of the month with cold days and bitterly cold nights. In this period we had a warmer respite for only one day. We had 1 ½ cm of snow on the 4th but it quickly dissipated. The remainder of the month was cloudy but mainly dry with some sunny spells bringing daytime temperatures above average.

Average rainfall was below norm and the lowest since February 2003. The temperature was 1.2 °C less than normal whilst atmospheric pressure was very high,

March

The first half of the month continued to be dominated by high pressure with almost constant cloud keeping the temperature reasonably high but with virtually no rain. A short spell in mid month with lower pressure and a little rain soon gave way to high pressure which dominated for the rest of the month with chilly nights but with prolonged spells of warm sunshine and high temperatures.

Average pressure for the month was about 15 mb above average but temperature was 0.5 °C below norm and rainfall was more than 1 inch below average. We had 26 days without rain.

Me and My Girl

Barbie Davies

From 21st to 24th of March, Tockington Village Hall was packed with people joining in “The Lambeth Walk” and revelling in numbers like “Leaning on a Lamp-Post” as The Parish Players presented a sparkling production of “Me and My Girl”. Inventive director Linda Evans had inspired her cast (of a wonderfully broad age range) to bubble throughout the witty script and capture the spirit of the 1930s.

This show gives excellent opportunities to both chorus and main parts alike. Mark Collins used his considerable acting skills and glorious voice to capture the mischief and warmth of the barrow boy Bill Snibson struggling to take on his inheritance as a Lord. Together with his beloved Sally (confidently played by Amy Sunderland) the couple gave the audience some fine solos and duets to enjoy. Lynn Shelley, as The Duchess, has gone from strength to strength and together with Mike Jones, as Sir John, the pair created excellent comedy with real panache – as did Phil Savage as the family solicitor.

Flirtatious gold-digger Lady Jacquie (Heather Collins-Jones) and her delightfully “wet” fiancé, Gerald (Chris Bentley) also gave the audience many a giggle. However, every member of the cast contributed to the fun in one way or another. A rising star must surely be vivacious and musical Holly Anderson who played the part of the Telegraph “Boy”.

Memorable scenes included the servants singing “An English Gentleman” as they despaired of their new Lord. With only a trio of experienced dancers, the chorus had also learned to tap-dance under the encouraging tuition of Jill Harris, whose choreography throughout the show defied the small stage area with imaginative routines. There were many lovely details injected to make this show bowl along at a cracking pace with talking tiger rugs, remarkable June Robbins as the Pearly Queen, and even a routine of playing the spoons!

All the fun was enhanced by a feast of costume and set. What a challenge Keith Richards and crew had to tackle the many scene changes in such a small space both on and off stage! Nevertheless, we enjoyed everything from a vintage car and portrait gallery to a lamp-post lit back street and mansion kitchen, all most effectively lit by Richard Churchill.

The music of the production was sensitively supported by the skilful trio and the direction of Chloe Allsopp-Jones.

As ever, The Parish Players’ choice of show, attention to detail, enthusiasm and polish provided a winning recipe for a cracking night out!

Police Report March 2012

There were a total of 24 calls to the police for the month, ranging from horses on the road (around Pilning/Tockington area) to reports of non-dwelling burglary.

A total of 6 crimes for the beat which are of note to the community: these included theft of metal from Woodhouse Scout Park, a couple of break-ins to out buildings in Tockington where bikes and tools were stolen, and a break in to an isolated stable block in Oldbury/Hill.

There seems to have been an increase in break-ins to stables in the wider area lately. Please can you make sure that items are marked and if possible registered on Immobilise.com

Beat Surgery dates: Olveston Stores 11.00-12.00 noon on Thursday 10th May and Thursday 7th June.

Contact numbers: PC 3404 Roger Hopes tel 01179455959 mob 07919628625 PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery tel 01179455964

Rogue Traders in South Glos

South Gloucestershire Trading Standards would like strongly to remind residents to be wary of those visiting unexpectedly and offering their services.

- Be wary of traders who cold call, and the deals they offer you – it is unusual for genuine tradesmen to need to cold call to drum up work!
- Do not allow any unknown and unexpected visitor into your home.
- If you agree to work, you are afforded cancellation rights by law, and these should be given to you in writing. It is a criminal offence not to provide these in certain circumstances.
- If you are unhappy or feel intimidated by the visitor – shut the door and call the police.

If you do have work you wish to be carried out, why not use a trader who is a member of the Trading Standards operated Buy With Confidence scheme? For a list of approved traders visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or contact South Gloucestershire Trading Standards on 01454 634001 or email trading.standards@southglos.gov.uk.



The Garden Line

Cecilie Turton

From articles (1991-92) by *Cecilie Turton*

Don't be in too much of a hurry to put out bedding plants, especially if they have been bought from a garden centre. Remember they have been kept in warm greenhouse conditions and must be gradually hardened off before planting out.

There is still time to make sowings of some hardy and half-hardy annuals. Godetia Sybil Sherwood is worth growing for its salmon pink flowers, and looks well with blue cornflowers or annual anchusa.

Many of last year's annuals will have seeded in the border, collect and transplant them in groups. Larkspur and Love-in-a-Mist self-seed well.

If, like me, you have failed to cut off old seed spikes of lupins, you may find seedlings. Lupins like an acid soil, apply a mulch of peat to encourage good growth. Stake delphiniums. A sprinkling of Shirley poppies can add all summer interest to a border.



Early in the month prepare and manure ground for outdoor tomatoes, but leave planting out until the end of the month. About the second week sow French beans outdoors, set seeds 2"-3" deep and 6" apart. Be ready to cover potatoes if frost is forecast. Sow main crop carrots. Peas may be sown for August picking and a successional sowing of lettuce, radish and parsley may be made.



Take slips of all herbs to replace old plants.

Happy gardening, don't forget water for the birds.

Music in the Church at Aust

- A double bill for May

Saturday 5 May at 8pm:

Alan Doyle and Friends - Songs and Tunes from Ireland

This is a new venture for Music in the Church at Aust - offering a heady mix of Irish songs, tunes and blarney, making for a lively evening guaranteed to set your toes tapping!

Alan Doyle lives in Dublin and has played with a host of well known names including Gary Moore, Phil Lynott, Rory Gallagher, and Eric Bell. At Aust he will be joined by fiddle player Liz Tedbury and banjo player Dave Sherman.

Saturday 19 May at 8pm:

TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE: Music from the reign of Elizabeth I by Hexachordia: a Jubilee special, from a golden age for music and the arts - Shakespeare, Spenser, Marlowe, William Byrd, Thomas Tallis, Thomas Morley and John Dowland. This will be a programme of music played on instruments regularly heard at Elizabeth I's court - lute, flute, viol, recorder, renaissance guitar and more, together with readings.

Wine and soft drinks in the interval at each concert. Tickets: £10 per concert, from Olveston Village Stores and the Boar's Head, Aust, or e-mail: mail@austmusic.org or tel. Clive and Susie Roberts 01454 617232

"Building Blocks" -

Thornbury Methodist Players present a comedy by Bob Larbey

Jim and Mary Baxter are in the middle of having an extension built on to their house. A great deal of their time is taken up with negotiating with the builder, the charming but evasive David, who seems to have put them very low down on his list of priorities, and is alarmingly adept at creating elaborate excuses for his firm's shortcomings. By turns hilarious and touching, this well-observed comedy will bring smiles and groans of recognition to all those who have ever been involved in this situation – and a few rueful warnings to those who have not! This production runs from Wednesday May 16th to Saturday May 19th at Thornbury Methodist Church Hall (just off the High St). Curtain up is at 7.45pm and tickets can be obtained by phoning 414749 or 600268. Prices are £7 for adults and £6 concessions.

Uganda Link News

In May, an adult gospel choir from Uganda will be touring the region giving concerts. A Bristol-West Deanery event is being held on Friday 18 May at St Mary's Church, Stoke Bishop, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £2.50 each from Saffia Bullock (07917 276 410). More information and the full schedule are available at www.bristol-uganda.co.uk or you can call the Rev Chris Dobson on 0117 906 0100.

In May we also have three visitors to Bristol from Northern Uganda, the Rt Rev. Johnson Gakumba, Rev. Willy Akena and Rev. Norah Akidi. Rev Norah will be visiting Olveston School on the afternoon of Wednesday 23 May, following which there will be tea served for all in St Mary's – starting at approximately 3.40pm when families arrive from school. If you would like to be involved helping prepare and serve tea, please contact Sue Farr (614 861). This will be a wonderful opportunity for different generations to mix in church and chat with Norah and all are very welcome.

Movies at St Mary's: May

Trevor Anderson



Movies at St Mary's Church Olveston are proving very popular. Everyone is welcome – no need to book! Refreshments are available and admission is FREE.

Three movies in May:

CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB: Mon 7th May at 10.00am

Lucy, Edmond and Eustace encounter dragons, dwarves and a wandering band of warriors in this latest Narnia adventure. *Cert U*

MONDAY MOVIES: Mon 7th May at 7.30pm

A cracking comedy about an international air race set in the years before World War 1 when aviation was in its infancy. Star studded cast! *Cert U*

MONDAY MOVIES EXTRA: Mon 21st May at 7.30pm

A weird and wonderful hand-drawn cartoon adventure set in a fantastical Franco-American landscape. Stunning and unique. *Cert 12*

For copyright reasons we can't name the films here, but if you join our **mailing list** we'll send you titles and full details by email. To join, contact: trevoranderson@btinternet.com or 613279.

Welcome To Olveston C.E.V.C Primary School!

*Harriet and Jess
Year 5*

Our school is a wonderful place to be. We have 203 boys and girls ages 4-11. Our school is full of amazing activities and amazing talent.

Our school is full of smiles and laughter, at the same time we produce really good work and good friendships. We try our best to be good friends at all times.

In Ofsted we got OUTSTANDING! In our school we try our hardest to get to the targets that we're aiming for. We have our own library where you can relax and read books. Our mums helped to paint a huge mural on the library walls – it is stunning!

We have the BEST Head Teacher, Mrs Luke, who does her best for our school and she helps us with our work and problems. We have a lovely Deputy too called Mrs King. All our fantastic teachers make our lessons interesting and fun! In the School Office Mrs Hemming and Mrs Peacock meet and greet visitors.

If you have a skill or talent to share with us then pop in and introduce yourself.



Harriet and Jess with Olvis the gorilla

Found! – Child's blue and white igloo type tent. To claim phone 613409

Open Morning at Stepping Stones

Thursday 17th May 10am – 12.00 noon, Elberton Village Hall

Since moving to a more natural environment at Elberton Village Hall, Stepping Stones have been able to increase the learning opportunities for children, by being able to offer a forest session in the surrounding woods.

We invite you to come to see the benefits which the children gain from these experiences, along with the wonderful natural garden. Aside from these new facilities, Stepping Stones remains a small, friendly preschool which only takes 16 children per session. This allows us to offer “attentive, individual, one to one care in an environment where every child is heard”.

Please visit our new website at www.steppingstoneselberton.co.uk

Olveston Pre-School's Table Top Sale

Saturday 26 May 9.30am - 12.30pm, Olveston Parish Hall, Tockington

Olveston Pre-School is hosting its popular nearly-new sale once again. We welcome bargain hunters and sellers alike. Lots of children's toys and clothes, and other household items will be on offer.

Refreshments will be served. Why not take the opportunity to find a bargain, make some cash, or both! We look forward to seeing you there. Alternatively, we would welcome donations of any pre-loved items in good condition, with proceeds going to Olveston Pre-School.

To book a seller's table or for any other information please contact Helen Moorefield at info@olvestonpreschool.co.uk, or on 01454612074

Jubilee Sailing Trust

Peggy James

Our ship, the *Lord Nelson*, will be moored in Bristol, next to Lloyds Bank, on the weekend of May 26th/27th.

There will be a mast climb in the morning. This must be pre-booked: tel 613129. The ship will be open to the public from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

Don't miss this chance to see our wonderful Tall Ship!



St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group

would be delighted to welcome you to a **Jubilee Tea Party on Thursday 31st May** at St Mary's Hall in Thornbury at 3.00pm. There will be a guest speaker, and the ticket includes a full home made afternoon high tea. Tickets are priced at £10.00 and are available from Thornbury Town Hall.

Please support St Peter's – your local Hospice.

Diamond Concert at Old Down

2012 will be a momentous year with both the Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. No doubt many of you will already have plans in place to celebrate. Why not add Sunday 17th June to your calendar of events and enjoy an outdoor concert?

Thornbury Musical Theatre Group will be performing a "Diamond Concert" as their contribution to celebrations marking the Jubilee. The concert will take place in the beautiful Victorian walled garden at Old Down Country Park and will consist of music from the last six decades, including iconic Disney songs; this is truly a concert for everyone.



There will be a performance at 3.00pm and another at 7.00. Tickets are £10, concession £8, child £5 with a special family ticket for four at £25 for the afternoon performance.

Ticket prices also include entry to the Park so why not make a day of it, especially as it is Father's Day! Bring a picnic and something to sit on or why not take advantage of the restaurant? This is going to be a magical experience so don't hesitate – ring Karen on 01454 853947 and book your tickets.

Alveston Singers extend a very warm welcome to

“FANFARE FOR ELIZABETH” Celebrating **THE QUEEN’S JUBILEE**

To be held on Friday 15th June, 7.30 pm at St. Mary’s Church, Thornbury
and Tuesday 19th June, 7.30 pm at St. Helen’s Church, Alveston

The programme includes Handel’s *Coronation Anthems* plus a medley of well known music reminding us of the past sixty years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Not to be missed! Free admission with retiring collection for
Pancreatic Cancer Research and the Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre

Olveston Parish Jubilee Decorated House Competition

As part of the Olveston Parish celebrations we invite you to decorate part of your house with a Diamond Jubilee theme of your choice and enter it into a competition to be judged over the Jubilee week.

Prizes: 1st £25 2nd £15 3rd £10

Judges: Phyllida Pyper, Tim Pyper and Matthew Riddle

Decorations need to be up by 6 pm Wednesday 30th May and stay up until the evening of Tuesday 5th June.



Entry Form: ☐ Window ☐ Porch ☐ Gateway ☐ Door (please tick one only)

Name Address.....

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Tel:..... E-mail.....

Please send your entries to: Matthew Riddle at
matthewriddle1967@googlemail.com or to Oak Farm, Oldbury Lane,
Nr Thornbury, BS35 1RD. No later than Tuesday 29th May 2012

Thornbury Art Club

Sue Hunter, Exhibition Secretary

We warmly invite you to come and visit our annual Spring Exhibition (Serendipity VII) in our new venue behind the Swan Hotel in Thornbury High Street.

The paintings will be in all types of media, framed and unframed and almost all the work is for sale at reasonable prices. Members of Thornbury and District Stroke Support Group will also be showing their work. As a result of the Exhibition the club will be giving a donation to Thornbury in Bloom.

You can get to the venue either by walking through the Swan from the High Street (in fact this is a public right of way) or from the back entrance opposite Aldi car park.

The dates are **Saturday 19th May to Monday 28th May 10- 4pm** every day including weekends. Please do come along and browse!

Cancer Research UK

The Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee are holding a Coffee Morning at Alveston Methodist Church on Wednesday 2nd May between 10am and 12 noon. There will be home made cakes, jams, chutneys, cards, used books and jewellery for sale and the opportunity to win some wonderful raffle prizes.

Please come along and support us in raising valuable funds for this worthwhile charity.



Royal British Legion Olveston Men's Section

The next meeting of the Men's Section will be at 7 pm on 9th May 2012 at Daldry Gardens.

Olveston Sports & Social Club

The monthly quizzes will be held on Sunday evenings during summer, 8.15 pm at Alexandra Pavilion, Old Down.

Dates for diary as follows: May 13th, June 3rd & 24th, July 15th, August 5th.

Just to remind people they can book the Club on a Friday evening for any celebration they are organizing. Also Sunday afternoon for parties & christenings. Come along sometime and take a look at what we can offer, we will be pleased to see you.

Barbara Lansdown Club Secretary

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners April:

£50 Nigel Dando £15 Andy Phillips £5 Andy Rowen

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners: 10th March Dave Buckley

Dog Walkers:

Dog Walkers are welcome at the Cricket Club, but we would ask that at all times dogs are kept on a lead & kept to the footpath at the top of the ground. There is increasing evidence of dog fouling on the playing area, which is unacceptable. We look forward to your co-operation!!

May Fixtures at The Park (2.00pm Start)

5th May 2nd XI v Thornbury A
12th May 1st XI v Hampset
19th May 1st XI v Whitchurch
26th May 2nd XI v Winterbourne

Up The Down!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Litter Picking 19 May

Litter pickers please meet at the Parish Hall car park at 1.00pm on Saturday 19 May. New pickers always welcome, everything provided.

Rod Williams, 612850.

Aust Parish Council Matters *Tim Pyper*

austparishcouncil@googlemail.com

Parish Council Annual Meeting

Every year a parish council must hold an annual meeting in May. This year, the parish council's annual meeting will be on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30pm at Elberton Village Hall. This will be an ordinary meeting of the council but the special business that has to be dealt with at each annual meeting is the election of a chairman. As for all meetings, this one is open to members of the public.

Planning issues

Your council has submitted comments on two current appeals, one relating to the land adjoining Quarry House in Littleton, and the other an appeal by the owners of Redhill Farm, Elberton, against enforcement proceedings. In the latter case, an agricultural building has been erected which is larger than that for which permission was given.

The owner of Blakedown Nursery in Elberton has applied for permission to build 12 houses. The Council has not discussed it at the time of writing, but from earlier discussions, I think it is likely that Councillors will be very much opposed to this scheme.

Further discussions have been held with South Gloucestershire planning department about enforcing the breaches of planning control at Green Acres landfill site in Aust and the land adjoining Quarry House, Littleton. Your Council continues to monitor these issues closely.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 17th April and a brief report of it will appear in next month's Meeting Point.

Littleton-on-Severn Open Gardens

Sunday 24th June 2012

Littleton gardens will be open on Sunday 24th June from 2.00 – 6.00. Parking, teas, and an exhibition will be at the Village Hall. Plants for sale, Pimms and a "Made in Littleton" stall will be in various gardens. Our village Church, St. Mary de Malmesbury, will be open.

Entrance will be £3 per person (children free) and all proceeds go towards essential replacement of the church guttering and downpipes.



Tockington Green on 5th May 9.30 - 12.00

A wonderful morning to catch up with local friends and neighbours. The market offers fresh Sunday Lunch veggies, plants locally grown free range eggs, freshly baked bread and cakes, local honey and superb Cotswold rapeseed oil that can be refilled on request. In addition we now have gift and special treat stalls including cards if you are looking for that personal touch.

Looking forward to seeing you over a bacon butty and a coffee. By the way, don't forget we are happy to swap anything grown locally for something on our stall. If anyone would like to book a stall - just give me a ring on the number above.

Jane Sunnucks Old Down 01454 419931

Creative Recycling Competition

Can you have fun and save money? Can you make something useful from stuff that would be thrown away? Put on your thinking caps and get creative.

Sustainable Thornbury's creative recycling competition is open to all with age-appropriate prizes for everyone from under 5s to adults. What about a storage or bug box, a toy, a garment, a garden creation? The choice is only limited by your imagination and ingenuity.

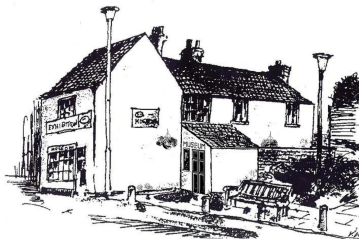
Entry forms can be collected from Thornbury library or Town Hall or downloaded from www.sustainablethornbury.org or www.mythornbury.com

Please take your entries to the Chantry Office, Castle St, Thornbury between Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May between 9-12 am or 7-8 pm (Or ring 01454 413431 for alternative arrangements).

Prizes will be awarded at the **Thornbury Ecofair on Saturday May 19th** at the Chantry, Castle Street, 10.30 - 4.00pm.

Admission: Adults 50p, Families £1. Come and have some serious fun!

Museum News: Artists and Allotmenters



Following last year's success, when we had hundreds through our small museum, we're once again one of the venues for the Severn Vale Art Trail.

We've got Rosemary Millar (a jeweller), Dawn Wilkins (a photographer and painter) and Megan Walden (a watercolourist). Make the most of this opportunity to come and see their work and browse the museum at the same time. Lots to look at in our shop too! The artists will be here from Fri. 4 May to Sun. 13 May and our friendly museum volunteers are making sure we stay open **every day** from 10am to 4pm. It's all free, so don't be shy!

When the artists have left, we'll have a brand new exhibition telling the history of Daggs Allotments. In 2010, a BBC gardening programme said they were quite possibly the oldest working allotments in the country. Come and find out about their history. Should they really be called Daggs?

Free entry for all, to all parts of the museum (although donations are very welcome!). We're back to normal opening times for this exhibition: Tues-Fri. 1-4pm, Sat.10am-4pm. Find us next to the Armstrong Hall. Tel: 857774 or www.thornburymuseum.org.uk

Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in April's draw, held on 12th April 2012 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	408	Mrs. B. Phillips, Patchway
£75	442	Mrs. J. M. Skinner, Olveston
£25	515	Mr. & Mrs. S. J. Phelps, Olveston
£25	221	Mrs. S. A. Pearce, Ingst
£25	155	Mr. J. H. Chick, Olveston
£20	536	Dr. M. Wright, Tockington
£20	259	Mrs. P. R. Kerrison, Olveston
£10	205	Mrs. G. M. Olewicz, Olveston
£10	424	Mrs. E. M. Screen, Rudgeway

Olveston Fête, 16 June: 'Church and School Together'

A reminder that Olveston Summer Fête will take place in the grounds of the school and vicarage on Saturday 16 June at 2.00 pm. Scarecrow Festival entries will be judged and the winning prize will be £50! See below for more information. We are particularly looking for new ideas for stalls and sideshows this year. If you can help, please let me know. Tickets for the Grand Draw will be available in May with a list of excellent prizes. The school children will be happy to sell you some.

More details in next month's magazine, including a request for helpers of all kinds!

Rod Williams, 612850

Scarecrow Festival

Debbie Harries

We are having a Scarecrow Festival in the village this year! Why not try a design? Big ones, little ones, different characters and lots of bright colours.

Scarecrows can be displayed from 9th June and put in prominent places so they can be admired throughout the week. They will then need to be taken to the Summer Fete on the 16th June, at the Primary School and Vicarage garden, where they will be judged - with a winning prize of £50!!

Good luck and have fun! Any queries ring 613273

From the Registers of St Mary's Olveston

8 th April	Baptism of Eleanor Lucia Zoe, daughter of Adrian and Johanna Baxter
8 th April	Baptism of Jonathan Michael Peter, son of Adrian and Johanna Baxter
11 th April	Cremation at Westerleigh Crematorium of Kathleen (Kit) Finch, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church, Olveston

Olympic taster!



All the W.I.s in Avon were given the task of delivering the "Olympic Flame" from one village to another. This is a photograph of Olveston and Tockington members riding from Olveston to Almondsbury on Tuesday May 10th, on the back of a tractor and trailer owned by and very kindly driven by John Cryer, who is in the tractor cab. The members wore red white and blue and the trailer was decked out with bunting and the Olympic Rings.

International Women's Day: thank you

from Mandy Welsman, Cath Purchase and Tracy Ford

We would like to thank everyone who supported the event by donating raffle prizes and cakes, and also everyone who attended and helped on the day.

The day was very successful and we raised £314.87. Proceeds from the morning raised money for Oxfam which will help women all over the world build a better future for their families. Also thank you to Olveston Primary School for allowing us to sell the remaining cakes after school the next day.

Yours faithfully

*Jean Grudgings
of The Society of Friends*

The Society of Friends is truly called a Religious Society ('Quakers' was a term of derision). George Fox in 1658 called people together: - "Be still and cool in thy own mind and spirit from thy own thoughts, and then thou wilt feel the principle of God to turn thy mind to the Lord God".

We still practise his advice and use his silent Meeting for inspiration, for guidance and for prayer. We are a Christian Society, but everyone is welcomed from whatever source they come. We are Friends of Peace, Justice, Simplicity, Equality, Truth and Sustainability. We have no ministers or clergy or places for worship. We rely on our own members to fill the many roles we need. We try to live simply in this present world, very conscious that we over-reach the world's resources.

The Society of Friends takes its Friendship seriously. We have just started a Memory Café in Thornbury, using the Methodist Hall every two weeks. Many people have come to share their memories and experiences for those with Alzheimer's. We also support the Deaf/Blind children at the Kingswood Centre with their 'Explorers'. We are part of a wider group of seven Meetings in Bristol – indeed in the United Kingdom – and at the United Nations and in Geneva.

We are supporting a Welsh Quaker Woman Friend who in June 2012 will be an Ecumenical Accompanier in Palestine and Israel. Supported by the World Council of Churches, she will be providing protection by her presence and advocating an end to the occupation. You may remember us inviting Israeli and Palestinian women six years ago to Thornbury. Or indeed the poetry evening in October last year.

We join together with other churches in Thornbury and our love and support go with you all.

Charlie Jarvis

Tracey, Jack and Laura would like to thank their many friends and neighbours for such wonderful support and kindness recently. £1192.80 has been forwarded to St Peter's Hospice in Charlie's memory.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

May 6	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev. Roly Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Mrs Ann Lloyd
May 13	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev David Bone
	10am	Rogation Service & Procession	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev R Bain & Mr D.Jones
May20	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Helen Webb
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev David Bone
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Janet McBride
May27	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	No Service in Church	
	10am	Church in Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Mr D Jones & Rev R Crew

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Contacts:

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

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

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

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

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

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

May13	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
May17	7.30p	Holy communion(Ascension Day)	Rev David Bone
May25	7.30p	Roman Catholic Mass	Rev David Bone
May27	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone

Hon. Curate: **Rev David Bone**, 01454 614601

Church Warden: **Terry McLeavy** 633680

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

May 6	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole
May20	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

May 13	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole
May27	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

May 6	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams
	6pm	St Andrews.	Evening Worship led by Mr Peter Jones
May 13	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Glyn Varney. The Breakfast Club join us later
May20	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
May27	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 9th May. To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 17th May To book please ring 613241, or 612112

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

CREAM TEAS Will be served on Bank Holiday Mon. 7th May on Tockington Green or in the Chapel from 3.00pm-5.30pm

CONTACT: Rev Sandy Williams tel 07841 752 941,
Sandy.williams48@btinternet.com

THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer and conversational Bible studies incorporating Communion, on Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm We also visit other Churches and events so please check our Notice Board or contact .

Mike and Barbara Matthews, tel. 07512 917229 or email:
thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

May 6	6.30pm	Royston Pick
May 13	6.30pm	Mike Hawkins
May20	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
May27	6.30pm	Lyllal Drewett

Prayer Time every Thurs 7.30

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

Paul Ashford, 07774 110814 or email: **Paul@CalebGroup.net**

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am Evening Worship 6.30pm. For more details, please phone 632564.

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Family Worship every Sunday at 11am

For details tel. 413247

BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP -Twice monthly meetings are held at 4pm at Thornbury Baptist Church (Youth Block)

Contact 0117 3050969 www.bcfnet.com

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

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

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

Local contact: Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603

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

Diary Dates for May 2012

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

1 st Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Royal British Legion Women	9.30-11.3 10.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
2 nd Wed	Th & Dist C.R.U.K. Coffee morning O.P.H.S	10.00-12.00 7.30pm	AMC MH
3 rd Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OST MH
4 th Fri	Severnvaile Art Trail 'til 13 th .		
5 th Sat	Totally Locally on Tockington Green Coffee Morning Music in the Church at Aust	9.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 8pm	MH AC
7 th Mon	Children's Movie Club Monday Movie	10.00 7.30pm	StM StM
8 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute Aust Parish Council	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR PH EVH
9 th Wed	Royal British Legion Men	7.00pm	DGCL
10 th Thu	Coffee Shop Beat Surgery Olveston Toddlers Organ Recital	9.00-12.00 10.30-11.30 2.00-4.30pm 7.30pm	OST OST MH StM
12 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Thornbury Choral Society	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH AVH CS
13 th Sun	Quiz at Sports & Social Club	8.15	AP
15 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women Bingo	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL
16 th Wed	Jazz at the White Hart Olveston Severn Vale Flower Club Demonstration Thornbury. Meth. Players 'til 19th	8.30pm 2.00pm 7.45	AH TMH
17 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Stepping Stones Open Morning Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OST EVH MH
18 th Fri	Ol. School Annual Quiz Night	8.00pm	OS
19 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH

	Litter Pick Thornbury Ecofair Music in the Church at Aust	1pm 8pm	PH Chy AC
21 st Mon	Monday Movie X.	7.30pm	StM
22 nd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR AP
23 rd Wed	Severn Valley Quilters	7.30pm	CH
24 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
26 th Sat	Coffee Morning Olv. PreSchool Table top Sale Car Boot Sale at Marlwood School	10.30-12.00 9.30-12.30 1.30-3.30	MH PH
29 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
30 th Wed			
31 st Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers SPH Jubilee Tea Party inc Speaker	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 3pm	OS+ MH SMH

Looking ahead to June

2 nd - 4 th	Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	See spread	
9 th - 16 th	Scarecrow Festival		
16 th	Olveston School/Church Fête		
24 th	Littleton-on-Severn Open Gardens	2-6pm	

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; ; **CH** – Cossham Hall; **Chy** – Chantry ;**CS** Castle Sch. **DGCL** – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; **EVH** – Elberton Village Hall; **LVH** Littleton Village Hall **MH** – Olveston Methodist Hall;**OMC** Olv Meth Ch **OS** – Olveston School; **OS+** – Olveston Stores; **OV** – Olveston Vicarage; **PH** – Olveston Parish Hall; **StM** St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church **SMH** St Mary,s Ch. Hall Thornbury;**TCh** Tockington Chapel **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.olvestonandaust.com. If you would like to update your organisation's details, please email: meetingpointsecretary@olvestonandaust.com

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