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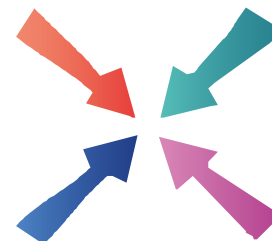
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## From the Editor

There were so many articles sent in for this month's magazine that it really was a squeeze to get everything in and, inevitably, some items have had to be shortened or carried over for next month. However, we are not complaining! It is wonderful that local events are starting up again, such as the Monday Movies in St Mary's, Olveston and the Olveston and Tockington WI meetings and, in Thornbury, a concert, a play and a quiz are being advertised.

This month's cover, taken by Nick Fear in 2018, shows the Olveston War Memorial with a backdrop of some of the crocheted poppies which were 'planted' in the churchyard to commemorate the 885 British soldiers who died in the Korean War. A Korean lady, living in Shirehampton, had visited the United Nations Cemetery in Pousin, South Korea, and noticed the grave of a Tockington soldier named William Lansdown. The idea grew from there, and the poppies were made by groups of women in Korea and the UK.

Meeting Point Founded in 1976 by the Anglican and Methodist churches in Olveston, near Bristol.

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## Ruth Ferris

Pat Thirkettle



Ruth was born in Tytherington and although she went away for education and her professional career, the gravitational pull to this area always won. After gaining a BA in Music and English, followed by a PGCE to qualify her as a primary school teacher, she

came back home to live in Patchway for her first job.

Ruth married in 1988 and took two short maternity leaves when her two children were born. She taught in Kingswood and Henbury before taking a Deputy Headship in Bedminster for four years. Although fulfilling, this proved too much with two children and two stepchildren, so she took a step back to class teaching in Downend for six years before taking another Deputy Headship in Patchway.

Following divorce from her first husband, she met and married Mike Ferris in 2012, having already bought a house in Laxton Close in 2010. They briefly moved to Timsbury for Mike's job, but Ruth was homesick so it was back home to Olveston. It had always been her desire to live here ever since her sister married in 1994 and came to live in Russet Close. She still has friends from Primary School, and all her Marlwood friends meet regularly. These friends also went away to university but migrated home again.

Ruth has always owned a horse and they moved with her until they found their happiest home at Port Farm eighteen years ago, even before she bought the Laxton Close house. Today she rides Puzzle, who is a skewbald colt. She and Mike also have two dogs called Lily and Daisy. Ruth has ridden the local Toll Rides and walked the dogs for years and it sparked an interest in recreational access to land. She learnt a lot from one of her friends who is the Footpath and Bridleway Officer for South Glos. Council. This friend suggested Ruth

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became the Footpath Warden for Olveston, taking over from Rod Williams, who is, unsurprisingly, very helpful.

Ruth and Mike are outdoor people, who love walking and travelling in their campervan. In fact, they were just home from the Outer Hebrides when we met for this article. They have traversed the length and breadth of the country visiting mostly the wilder areas and returning to their favourites time and again. I suspect Ruth will probably become more involved with the village community now she is happily retired.



## What is COP 26?

COP stands for 'Conference of the Parties' and comes under the umbrella of the United Nations

COP26 will take place this month at the Scottish Event Campus in Glasgow and will bring together more than 190 world leaders to discuss climate change. This year marks the 26th anniversary, giving it the name COP26, with the UK as its president.

**So, what does COP 26 hope to achieve?** It will be the world's last best chance to get runaway climate change under control and for at least 100 of the world's major cities to work for faster action in achieving that aim. The cost of decarbonising the UK economy over the next 30 years will cost less than the sum spent on Covid 19 pandemic in the last 18 months

**What is climate change?** It is about global changes in the Earth's average temperature which has been increasing too rapidly and therefore impacting on everything around us.... rivers, trees, plants, animals...everything. Scientists say that for serious change to happen everyone on the planet must try to help.

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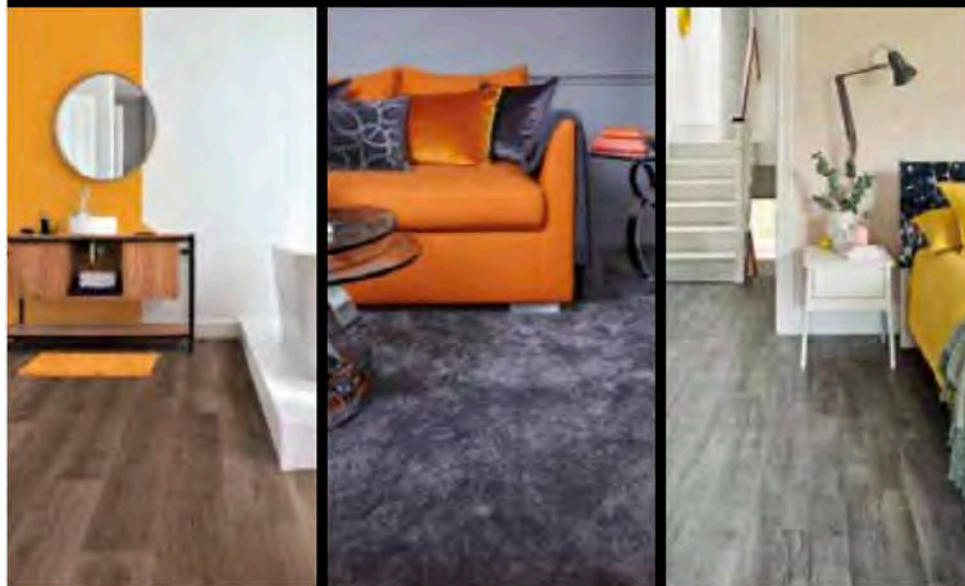
## Severnside Art Club

We are a friendly group of amateur artists from around the area who meet every Tuesday afternoon in Easter Compton Village Hall. If you have Tuesday afternoons free, an interest in art and would like to join us, you would be very welcome. Your taster visit would be free.

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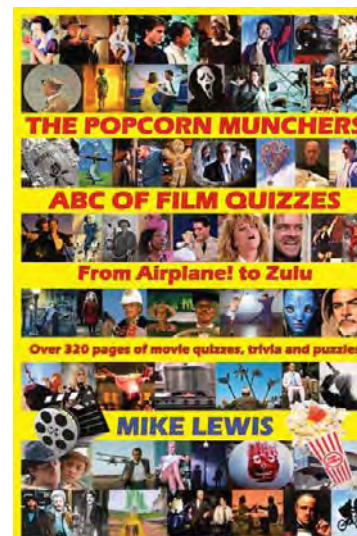


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Mike Lewis



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competition in which cash prizes can be won by winning entries. You could buy the book and win £200, £100 or £50.

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## Advent Windows



There are still dates that need to be filled for the Olveston village 'Advent Windows'. If you would like to decorate and light up a window for our 'living advent calendar' contact Debbie on: [oboe-debbie@live.co.uk](mailto:oboe-debbie@live.co.uk)

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## Old Down Play Area Official Opening

Old Down Play Area Project Group (ODPAP) and Olveston Parish Council (OPC) are pleased to announce the official opening of the New Play area on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September.



*Helen Mansi, Sebastian, Toby and Molly cutting the ribbon and Cllr Di Buckley*

The opening ceremony and the cutting of the ribbon was performed by Mollie Nestor, see above. Mollie was the winner of the colouring competition organised by Di Buckley and Helen Mansi. The runners-up were Toby Nestor and Sebastian Broadbent.

Originally started by Louise Powell, the project planned to replace the old and unsafe equipment. Unfortunately, when the COVID pandemic struck, all works to raise funds and the refurbishment came to an abrupt halt. Towards the end of 2020, however, ODPAP was founded, with Helen Mansi and Cllr Di Buckley taking the helm.

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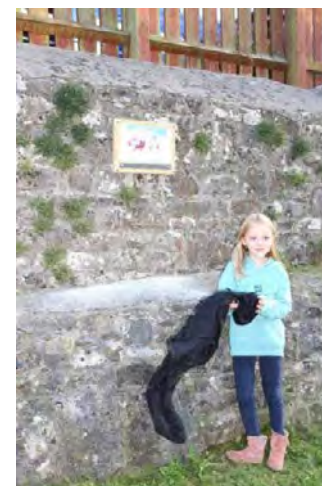
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Thank you to our main grant sponsors, Enovert Community Trust, Ibstock Enovert Trust, The Bruce Wade Fund and our South Glos. Councillors Matthew Riddle and Keith Burchell. Top up funding was provided by Olveston Parish Council.

Thank you to all who helped, and to everybody who came along to the opening event. We hope the play area will be loved and enjoyed for many years to come.

*Molly unveiling the plaque of her winning picture.*

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## News from St Mary's

Debbie Harries

### Remembrance Parade Service

Sunday November 14th 10am.

Uniformed organisations will parade from the Parish Hall at 9.30am to St Mary's. As all Covid restrictions have now been lifted, this service will take place inside the church. At 11am we will move outside to the War Memorial for the act of Remembrance. All welcome

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

23rd September

Marriage of Hadyn Scott King and Sharon Louise Lynch

2nd October

Marriage of Matthew Potter and Charlotte Turner

## Aust Parish Council

Emma Pattullo, Parish Clerk

### Access to meetings

Aust Parish Council often considers issues which have been raised by residents. Recent ones have included management of the nature reserve at Woodwell Meadows (Littleton), the new flood defences at Passage Road, littering around Aust, and various planning matters.

Parishioners are welcome to attend council meetings or can raise any issues of concern with their local Councillors. Contact details can be found on the council's website <https://olvestonandaust.com/index.php/councils/320-aust-parish-council>.

Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in Elberton Village Hall (though there are no meetings in August or December). The next meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Agendas can be found on the website, on the PC noticeboards in each village, or by contacting me.



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The Council has also accepted an offer from the Honourable Company of Gloucestershire of two oak saplings, to be planted in commemoration of the event. Councillors will be considering possible locations for the trees; in the hope they will eventually become mighty oaks and provide a lasting memorial of Queen Elizabeth's reign.

Contact: [austparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:austparishcouncil@gmail.com)  
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## Cream Teas on The Green

The turnout for the Cream Teas on Tockington Green this August Bank Holiday Monday was simply amazing. Every scrap of ground was covered for most of the afternoon and thankfully there were just enough cakes and cream teas for everyone to enjoy!



Our grateful thanks to Nikki, Noel, Sharon, Carl, Rowena and Roger and all their friends for all their efforts in providing and serving such delicious cakes and cream teas. Thanks to all of you who helped with clearing tables and washing up and thanks to the gentleman who went to the village shop to get some coffee. We couldn't have done it without you.

A record £1200 was raised and will be used for to pay for the maintenance of our four buildings. Many, many thanks to everyone for your support from the Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church.

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The auction will be on 10<sup>th</sup> November at approximately 11am. The catalogue can be viewed online from the end of October and interested buyers can either bid online or attend the auction.

The estimated value of each pinnacle is £500 - £1000. Wotton Auction Rooms is not taking any commission on the hammer price and the Church will receive 100% of that. The buyer will pay the buyer's premium at 18%, plus VAT (on the premium only). For any further information contact Philip Taubenheim at Wotton Auction Rooms 01453 844733 or [info@wottonauctionrooms.com](mailto:info@wottonauctionrooms.com).

This picture shows the pinnacles in the secure compound at the church. Each pinnacle is in several pieces, but they are marked to show which pinnacle each was and the N, S, E, W orientation.



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# Diary of a Daisy

*Driving Miss Daisy is a relatively new business advertising in Meeting Point. We have asked the owner, Louise Bradforth, to let us know what sort of work she undertakes.*

I've now been operating for just over three months. Typical clients have been mainly elderly members of the community, often with mobility issues, however the age range does vary. For example, I've had the lovely experience of helping a young adult with Downs attend her weekly coached swimming session. I watch in awe as I know if I tried to do the butterfly stroke I'd just drown. I was also delighted to have been booked by a lady with an electric wheelchair as transport on her wedding day. If you have a sparkly bride, then you must add sparkles to your vehicle, so my husband kindly helped me attach bows and ribbons to the car.

I am also becoming increasingly aware, through assisting clients, of how mental health issues impact on people's daily lives and what a struggle it can be for those with 'invisible' disabilities. One particular client really benefits from walking with me in 'safe' green spaces: He isn't able to do this on his own but finds being assisted to visit such spaces enables him to manage his condition much better.

On a lighter note, I was searching for a fun activity for a client in her 90s. She has mobility issues and hasn't been able to leave her house, other than for medical appointments, for about 18 months. She mentioned that she remembered seeing donkeys from the local donkey sanctuary at a Christmas nativity. I contacted the sanctuary on the off chance that a visit might be possible, but even better than that, they kindly suggested afternoon tea with the donkeys. We fed the donkeys and enjoyed afternoon tea in their stables with much chatter and braying. One donkey stuck its tongue out when it wanted another biscuit!



coffee and watching surfers, even in your 90s.

One of my favourite bookings so far was introducing two elderly ladies to each other – each fancied new conversation and a change of scene - so they met over morning coffee (rather like a blind date!) They got on well and have been meeting regularly ever since. One of their best outings was to The Wave - they'd heard all about it so, after a lovely lunch at the Bowl Inn, we visited. It's a great spot for

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On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November the film\* is about a woman who loses everything in a commercial collapse and starts a new life in her camper van. The storyline revolves around the culture of mobile camper van life in the USA and was the winner of five Oscars.

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November another Oscar winning film\* – four in this case – is a Korean production in which a group of lovable con artists take on an eccentric family. Reviews all over the world were almost unbelievably complimentary, for example it was described as "a dazzling work". A must-see film.

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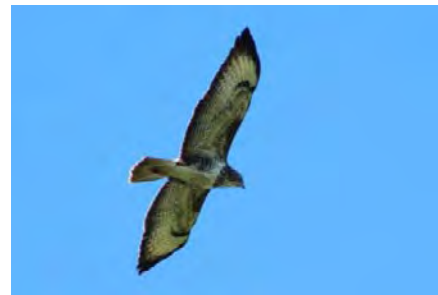
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## Nature's Wonderful World

Paul Godwin

Whilst this spring and summer have continued to bring about so many changes to people's lives due to the pandemic, nature has continued its annual life cycle and has brought a lot of happiness to many of us. By the time you read this we will be on the cusp of winter, and spring and summer may feel like a distant memory. So, I thought it would be good to share some of my personal highlights - and photographs - from this period.



Early spring brought about an abundance of bird song and activity across all the Meeting Point area, as it marked the beginning of the mating and nesting season. Birds such as chaffchaffs, dunnocks, chaffinches and tits were highly audible and busy feeding and nest building. There seemed to be increased numbers of flocks of long tailed tits this year,

especially blue tits. Buzzards soared in the skies on clear blue days, a glorious sight. (The photograph above was taken on The Common, Olveston.) In our garden we had regular visits to the feeders from goldfinches and greater spotted woodpeckers. We also had an unusual visitor for several days, a female siskin

Swifts, swallows and house martins began to return from their annual migration. Swifts being the first to arrive and then the first to leave. In Olveston there were fantastic flight displays from those nesting in the school roof and these were followed shortly by house martins soaring across the village. Swallows, who have for many years, nested in a local barn did not return last year and this year arrived only in very small numbers and very late in the breeding season. They did not arrive until almost mid-July and departed late August, therefore had the opportunity for only one brood, which appeared successful as numbers increased before they departed. On their departure date I observed a huge flock over Church Hill and The Common, feeding, and then within moments they were gone. I can only assume this was a developing flock on its winter migration journey.

Over several weeks in May and June a red kite was flying southwards across the Elberton fields early in the day and returning across fields west of Olveston early evening. Very sadly I could not get a good photograph of it. I do not know where it was nesting, but it would be interesting to find out. Sparrowhawks were observed on several occasions hunting across fields on The Common,

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In May our local deer population seemed to be flourishing and they were busy losing their winter coats and rearing their young. On several occasions, whilst sitting quietly close to wooded areas where there were long grasses, I saw some very young roe deer basking in the sunshine with their mothers.

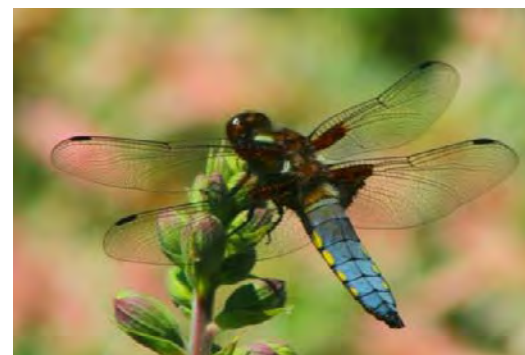


This year, in very early spring, frogs laid their spawn, which hatched into tadpoles and metamorphosed into froglets. The frog in the photograph, which



was taken in our pond in August, will soon be hibernating for winter although we have seen it foraging on warm autumn days. In our pond, over the breeding season of spring and summer, we had at least two pairs of smooth newts. They, like the frogs, have now left the pond to shelter in damp areas of the garden, but hopefully will return to the pond again next

spring. However - out of the pond - both frogs and newts will help to keep our slug and snail population under control without the use of pesticides.



Around the area the dragonfly and damselfly populations seemed healthy and active as we moved into summer. Searching for food and mates, I observed broad bodied chasers, emperors, southern hawkers, migrant hawkers, common darters, azure damselfly, large red damselfly. These were seen laying their eggs into ponds, ditches, and

rhines. The dragon fly in the photograph above is a male broad bodied chaser and was taken near our pond resting on the tip of a foxglove. Its flight is fast

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and erratic, and it was constantly leaving its perch to fly across the pond at high speed and returning to exactly the same spot each time. This was done to protect his area, feed on insects and to attract a mate - which he did. It is the dragonfly's wing structure which enables it to be so powerful in flight.

At Harnhill, a colony of pyramidal orchids were growing, followed by what I believe to be southern marsh orchids. However, I am not 100% certain on the latter. Perhaps if any botanists are reading this, they could identify them when they flower again next year? Pyramidal orchids were originally a flower of chalk and limestone areas but have now successfully spread and colonies can be seen in a range of environments such as reclaimed land. I was very surprised to come across these. The photograph was taken mid-June.



It has been quite difficult to decide what to feature in this article. As Meeting Point readers may know, I have developed an interest in butterflies which have been very successful locally this year. However, I'm going to end with a hedgehog, which has been resident in our garden for about a month, having arrived at the beginning of September. I have never

seen one in our garden before, so it is another very welcome visitor. As requested by 'Making Space for Wildlife', I have logged it at the following address: [olvestonhedgehogs@gmail.com](mailto:olvestonhedgehogs@gmail.com), where this survey will help us gain a better understanding of our local hedgehog population.

I titled this article 'Nature's Wonderful World' and I really do believe we have a wonderful and diverse habitat in the Meeting Point area. But the overriding message is that we must look after this habitat and develop it further in our gardens and the local area, to encourage nature to flourish.



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## Olveston and Tockington W.I.

Angela Green

We have now had two very well-attended indoor meetings. It's been wonderful to meet up with members in person again, and to greet so many visitors. We hope they'll stay! We've had talks about some aspects of Victorian life, and the theatre on the cliff, the Minack, in Cornwall, and we've played Beetle. We're organizing our different interest groups and looking to see what outings we can arrange.

This month is our AGM, but after the business we shall have a handicraft session, learning how to make beautiful, individual Christmas cards, with help from one of our clever members. If you'd like to come and join us, you'll be very welcome. It's on Tuesday 9th November at 7.30 in the Parish Hall. Just turn up, or ring Angela on 615222 for more details.

## Mo's Christmas Toy Appeal

Mo Lewis

This is the fourth year that I will be organising 'Mo's Christmas Toy Appeal' which provides toys and gifts to children in our area who, otherwise, would wake up on Christmas Day to find no presents. This is unthinkable to most of us, but sadly it is an all too frequent occurrence. Around £2,500 has been donated each year in cash, Boots gift vouchers, toiletries, or knitted items for babies. This has ensured that each year over 100 local children within Bristol and South Gloucestershire have been handed lovely Christmas presents. The gifts are distributed by the Salvation Army, the charity behind the scheme, who have a list of needy children who will benefit from having the presents.

How can you help? I am happy to receive:

- \* New toys and toiletries suitable for older children and cash donations.
- \* Knitted baby blankets, mittens, cardigans, hats etc are always popular.
- \* Boots gift vouchers are also very acceptable.

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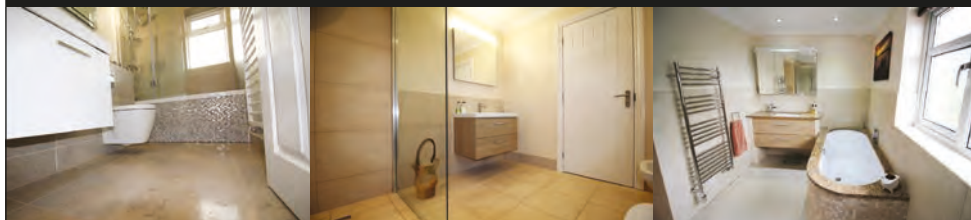
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Pat Savage

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We enjoyed a delicious two course meal from the excellent AHM Caterers, followed by coffee and chocolates. We were then entertained by Callum Weaver whose magical wizardry had us all enthralled! I am still trying to work out how he was able to locate my eight of Spades and my husband's King of Hearts and produce them as one card back-to-back!

It was lovely to see everyone again after such a long absence. Can we hope we are over the worst and look forward to 2022?

## Tockington Harvest Fayre

Everyone at Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all who helped to make this event such an enormous success. As our own Trevor Watkins said when opening the Fayre, *'there is no way that we could organise an event of this magnitude without your help'*. We are particularly indebted to the people who came to the rescue with transporting furniture and those who helped with all the lifting and carrying, both in setting up and putting away.

It was lovely to see so many people having a good time on the Green, and our wonderful 'Tea Team' made sure the refreshments kept flowing, while the fantastic washer uppers kept up with the demand for clean crockery!

We had a record number of entries for our 'In the Garden' themed Fancy Dress with lots of bees, butterflies, gardeners and even a pea pod walking around the ring! The miniature garden competition also had some really creative entries which were out on display.

The musical entertainment was supplied by a superb guitar trio and the fabulous 'Uke-Aholics', who really made the afternoon go with a swing and a bit of foot tapping! Hannah from Moo Music, Thornbury, also entertained the younger children with action songs and activities.



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We raised a magnificent £2,800 which will go towards the upkeep of the Methodist Church buildings in Olveston and Tockington (including the Wesley Rooms).

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Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November at Manorbrook Primary School, Thornbury, commencing at 7.30pm sharp - so please be there at 7.15pm. Tickets are £12.50 per person to include both admission and fish and chip supper.

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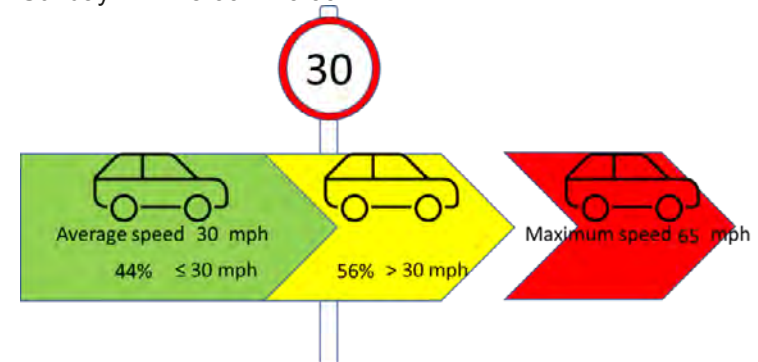
## Speed Cameras Report

Olveston Parish Council has made an investment in purchasing two Vehicle Activated Sensors (VAS), which many readers will have already seen in the area, in our endeavour to reduce speeds within the Parish.

This equipment monitors the speed of vehicles and displays the familiar red/green/smiley face notices depending on speed detected. These devices record a wealth of interesting data, which we would like to share with Parishioners in a summary format as detailed below. We hope this is useful and informative, and welcome any comments to:  
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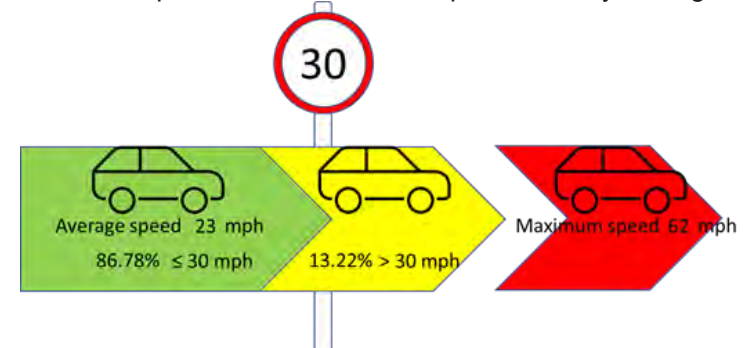
### Parish Hall, facing Olveston, 7<sup>th</sup> August to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Speed limit: 30 mph Number of vehicles : 11125 Vehicles per day : 606  
 60 mph exceeded 9 times with 65 mph recorded Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 13:00 – 14:00 and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 15:00 – 16:00



### Haw Lane facing away from Olveston 30<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August

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## Probus

Severn Vale Probus Club meets at Thornbury Golf Club on the third Thursday of the month for a lunch, followed by an interesting presentation. These cover a wide range of topics and have included Dunkirk's Little Ships, The American Civil War and Online Safety and Cyber Security.

Probus is a network of groups for retired PROfessional and BUSInessmen which provides the opportunity to socialise with like-minded people. Severn Vale has also arranged visits to places of interest such as an organic farm in Somerset, The Rolls Royce Archives and Hinckley C nuclear power station construction site.

At the August and December meetings wives, partners and widows are invited to the lunch. In August we invite a suitable speaker and in December we have a Christmas lunch at a local venue. We have a walking group, with a pub lunch to round off the walk, which meets once a month.

We always welcome new members to Probus, so if you would like to join us or come as a guest to get a first-hand experience of what we do, please contact our Secretary Andy Dewar: 01454 774201 or email: [andrewdewar19@gmail.com](mailto:andrewdewar19@gmail.com).

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## Live Theatre is back in Thornbury!

Journeyman Theatre Productions (JTP) present Tony Domaille's romantic comedy, My Angel. This is a very funny play with a feel-good factor to warm you on a winter's night. The play (sponsored by Bonds of Thornbury, Lee's Mend a Shoe, and The Swan) runs from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm, at the Methodist Church Hall, Castle Court, Thornbury. Ventilation and social distancing will be in place to maximise audience comfort and safety.

Tickets are £10, including a programme on the night, and are available from the Box Office run by Castle Crafts and Clinic, Castle Street, Thornbury, or you can purchase by email [productionsjourneymantheatre@gmail.com](mailto:productionsjourneymantheatre@gmail.com)

\* If you fancy a meal before the play, JTP sponsor, The Swan, High Street, Thornbury (just thirty seconds walk from the play venue) is offering a pre-show menu at just £10 for two courses. Telephone 01454 413062 to book, quoting My Angel Menu.

## St Peter's Hospice Christmas Coffee Morning

A Christmas coffee morning will be held on Saturday 4th December at 10.00am at Methodist Church Hall in Thornbury. Christmas cards, gift stall, homemade cakes and a raffle etc. will be available. Entry to include tea/coffee and cake is £3.00 per person.

Please do come along and support us, every endeavour will be made to keep you safe. If you feel more comfortable, please wear a face mask, hand sanitizer will be available if required.

We have missed your company and the Hospice has missed our fund raising, between us all let's see if we can get started again, please. We look forward to seeing you all and renewing old friendships.

## Community Engagement Forum

Have you ever considered joining your local Community Engagement Forum? Community Engagement Forums (CEFs) in South Gloucestershire give residents an opportunity to come together and make changes to improve their community. CEFs are formed by local people working in partnership with local organisations: South Gloucestershire Council, Avon and Somerset Police,





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Joining your local CEF is a great way to stay informed and find out what is happening in your local area. Each CEF has an elected Chair, who manages the meetings. We asked them about the achievements of their CEF and the impact it has had in their local community.

- "We've given an opportunity for local residents to get their voices heard and effect change in their neighbourhoods."
- "We've been able to quickly resolve little issues, almost overnight, things like litter and overgrown vegetation."
- "We've been able to have road markings altered and renewed."
- "We've been able to work closely with the community, especially with youth clubs and local housing associations."

In the words of one CEF Chair, *"If you are a proud member of your community and you care about how things are run and by whom, come along! If you have an issue you want to raise, come along! If you want to support our community and for your voice to count, come along! And once you've come along, get involved and get active in our community."*

If you are interested in coming along to your local CEF or want to find out more you can email: [CommunityEngagement@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:CommunityEngagement@southglos.gov.uk) or visit <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/cef>

## Michael Lunts Goes Christmas Crackers - at last!



Don't take your Christmas preparations too seriously – why not take a little time out from the shopping and the Christmas card lists to enjoy this light-hearted look at the annual seasonal shenanigans?

Sure to put you in the mood for Christmas, the Armstrong Arts Group's November event features the exuberant, superbly talented and well-known Michael Lunts. He entertains us at the piano with a satirical look at the festive season in the company of Tom Lehrer, Jake Thackray, Paddy Roberts, Noel Coward and other classic exponents of the comedy song. Michael also serves up one or two songs of his own and pulls a few other surprises from his musical crackers.

The performance takes place at the Methodist Church Hall, Castle Court, Thornbury on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12, to include a glass of fruit punch and mini mince pie.

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## Olveston Parish Allotments and Garden Association AGM

If you are interested in allotments and fruit and vegetable growing, you may like to come along to the AGM of the local allotment society, OPAGA. The business will be brief and then we have an interesting speaker. Matthew Riddle will talk, with pictures, about the newly formed Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board, of which he is chairman.

The AGM is on Friday 19th November in the Parish Hall. Arrive at 7pm for light refreshments and the AGM will start at 7.30. Our speaker will talk at 8.15 pm. All members are welcome and if you are not a member you are welcome too, but please email the secretary, [janwinterolveston@gmail.com](mailto:janwinterolveston@gmail.com), to help us with numbers for catering.

**Yours Faithfully**

Revd. Ann Lloyd  
St Mary's, Olveston

Already the shops are displaying Christmas wares, and there will be some who are checking that they have the ingredients for making Christmas cakes and puddings. The last Sunday in November (the Sunday next before Advent) is known as Stir-Up Sunday – the traditional day for everyone in the family on their return from church to take a turn at stirring the Christmas pudding mixture while making a wish. Puddings were made at home a month before Christmas so that the flavours had plenty of time to mature. The pudding mixture was always stirred from East to West in honour of the Wise Men who visited the baby Jesus, and it was supposed to contain 13 ingredients to represent Christ and his disciples. Most recipes today are much richer, but I have one from Mrs Beeton which 'religiously' sticks to thirteen! On their way back from church children often chanted: 'Stir up, we beseech thee, the pudding in the pot and when we get home, we'll eat the lot!' The words were adapted from the Collect, which they had heard earlier in the service that morning:

*Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord; the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Whatever our faith, or none, we should be charitable in as many ways as we can, particularly as we prepare to celebrate Christmas in a few weeks' time which will be a tough time for many families in the present economic climate.





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## Church News

### ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Nov 7	9.30am 6pm	Holy Communion Evensong	Revs Bone & Lloyd Rev David Moss
Nov 14	10am 6pm	Remembrance Service Holy Communion CW	Paul Harrod Rev David Moss
Nov 21	9.30am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion BCP	Jan Cooper & Janet McBride Rev David Moss
Nov 28	9.30am 6pm	Holy Communion CW Evening Prayer	Rev David Bone Janet McBride

Every Wednesday at 10am, Holy Communion usually with Rev Ann Lloyd.

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

### CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Nov 14	10am	Remembrance Service	Trevor Cook
Nov 28	10am	Holy Communion	Trevor Cook

**Contact:** Trevor Cook, 01454 618442

Church Wardens: Jenn Dickens 632312 & Clive Roberts 632238

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

Nov 14	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black
Nov 28	9am	Holy Communion	Mrs Tracey Black

**Contacts:** Tracey Black 417660 & Tim Pyper 416422 /07802 419451

### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Nov 14	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Judith Heybyrne
Nov 28	9am	Holy Communion & Christening	Rev Ann Lloyd

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Nov 7	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr David Bainbridge
Nov 14	10am	St Mary's	Remembrance Day Service
Nov 21	10am	Tock Ch	Holy Communion led by Rev Simon Edwards
Nov 28	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Mrs Hennie Gray

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## Events in November.

Monday 1 November, **Monday Movies at St Mary's**, 7.30pm

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 9.00-1.30, **Thornbury Farmers' Market**.

Monday 8 November, **Severn Vale Flower Club demonstration**, 2pm, St Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury.

Tuesday 9 November 7.30pm **OTWI AGM then handicraft session** on how to make individual Christmas cards. Just turn up or ring Angela on 615222

Monday 15 November, **Monday Movies at St Mary's**, 7.30pm

**Coffee Morning every Tuesday** at 10.30 at Daldry Gardens lounge.

**Coffee Shop every Thursday** at St Mary's Church Olveston, 9-12 in Term Time and 10-12 in school holidays.



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