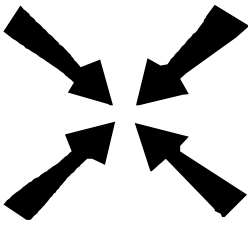


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From the Editor

It's nice to be back in the Editor's chair – and I'd like to thank our Deputy Editor, Marelin Orr-Ewing, for standing in while I have been away. I was able to read Meeting Point on www.olvestonandaust.com while I was away, so I know what an excellent job she did.

As ever, there's lots going on in and around the Meeting Point community in September, but for some reason, the letter 'F' seems to hold sway this month: within these pages you will find that you can go to two fairs, a fete, free forest sessions, several fund-raisers and a number of films. There also some things that do not begin with 'F'...

The cover is from a painting by Angus Macaskill of last year's Tockington Harvest Fayre, which included celebration of 100 years of the Brownies.

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Get to know your Parish Councillors

Pat Thirkettle

Our series of profiles, introducing the recently elected Olveston Parish Councillors, continues this month with John Hughes and Pat Savage.

John Hughes (Chairman)



John was born and bred in Stroud, and even after a working lifetime of travel still has close friends and ties there; at present he is trying to save the Rugby Club, where both he and his father played.

He left Wycliffe College with no desire for university and joined ES & A Robinson, a packaging firm in Bristol, (that metamorphosed over the years to become Rexam plc today), until he retired forty years later.

Fifteen years ago he moved to Olveston with his partner Wendy. He sees his four grandchildren regularly, particularly enjoying spending the time with them that he feels he missed with his children through work commitments. He desperately wanted an allotment. He and his father have always grown their own vegetables, and luckily Eric Garret gave him one, in fact he now has two. He joined the Allotment Committee when it was formed and then on meeting June Lyons, the former Chairman of the Parish Council, was persuaded to join it six years ago. Immediately he was made Chairman of the Recreation and Leisure Committee until May this year, where he very much enjoyed 'doing things' for the village.

He feels that for forty years he took a lot from society, and in retirement he wants to put back as much as possible. He has great admiration for June Lyons, for what she did and how she did it for the Council and community for so many years. John feels very humble that his fellow councillors voted him in as Chairman, noting it will be a difficult role to follow June.

He learnt from business experience that change need not be feared and can be a benefit. Localism, and the increasing responsibility handed to Parish Councils, will bring change which will be handled positively for the benefit of this unique community; one that boasts seven sports clubs, two schools, three churches, four public buildings for hire and several shops, in other words a vibrant and healthy community to be cherished. John wants the Council to be

better known; a programme of communicating what the OPC do and who they are will be developed over the coming months.

John feels that these short profiles are a part of the process to put the person behind the face of Council members.

Pat Savage

Pat has been involved in village life for the past nine years. She became Treasurer of the Parish Hall Committee in 2006 and took over as Chairman in 2013 with a three year tenure. Wishing to continue making a contribution to the community she stood for election to the Parish Council this year.

She had been led to believe that Parish Council work mostly involved bus shelters and dog poo bins! Actually the latter is no longer true; dog poo bins have now been removed. Dog owners are requested to use their own black bins for this purpose. She then discovered that the bus shelters in the parish are looked after by a team of volunteers who even maintain the hanging baskets.



Pat sits on the Recreation and Leisure Committee. One of her tasks is to ensure the safety of the play equipment alongside the tennis courts at Olveston Parish Hall; this is done on a weekly basis. As a new member she is getting used to the workings of the Council. She has very quickly become aware of the devolvement of responsibility passing from District Councils to Parish Councils. This is something which will have a big influence on future decision making at Parish level. Pat hopes she will be able to help deliver as she works for the best interests of the parishioners.

Olveston Parish Council

John Hughes / Adrian Baxter (olvestonpc@gmail.com)

Prior to and during the recent elections there was much talk within The Parish as to who were these persons putting themselves up to be a Parish Councillor – in addition many people asked what the Parish Council did / do.

Following the Election, The Parish Council has four new members - Alyson Kennea, Tony Williams, Pat Savage and Tom Witherbed – all of them bring different skills to supplement those re-elected. We have had 2 formal meetings and these meetings have been used to agree who does what, to agree what needs to be done and how we are to going to do it.

One consistent call from all concerned is that we need to communicate much better – we are aiming to get better at this and have asked Adrian Baxter to head up a new PC role, that of Communication czar.

The Parish Council is keen to establish working links with the community and as part of that initiative the Parish Council will be inviting clubs, associations, schools, local traders and Parishioners to come and talk to us about what they do and where, to see if it is possible that we can help. Should you want to come, please contact our clerk Richard Rogers - olvestonpc@gmail.com

As another part of our initiative to improve communication we intend to progress the following:

- Setup a dedicated Parish Council website where we will over time gather a large resource of information relating to the Parish Council and the parish as a whole. Its purpose is to complement the Olveston.com website and not replace it.
- We are also going to be setting up email accounts for each councillor that will be published so that you can contact an individual councillor or the council as a whole.
- We have already set up a Facebook page and will be reviewing how and what and when we post information on this page.
- We will be setting up Twitter and will evaluate its usefulness over the next 12 months.
- We are working at formulating a communication policy, which will help us more effectively communicate with you the Parishioners and all service providers to our Parish.

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Model Aeroplanes at Whale Wharf

The Council had received complaints from residents of Littleton-upon-Severn about the noise made by the flying of model aeroplanes at Whale Wharf. This has been resolved by the landowner's agreement not to permit flying on more than 28 days in any year.

Play Facilities in Littleton-upon-Severn

A request had been made, again in Littleton, for play facilities for the children in the village. The Council is making enquiries. Does anyone who might have a small area of land that they might be willing to make available (perhaps on a temporary basis) for the purpose?

South Gloucestershire Consultation on Green Spaces

The Council has submitted suggested areas for inclusion in the South Gloucestershire green spaces register.

Broadband

Like many residents in Elberton and Littleton, the Council remains very concerned at the poor broad band speeds available to residents of these villages. This was discussed at the recent meetings with Luke Hall and we hope to arrange a meeting with South Gloucestershire Council and BT, with Luke and Matthew Riddle also present in the next few weeks to press the case for including these two villages in the next phase of the broadband roll-out.

Great Challenge, Great Cause

Linda Chappell

On 17th October 2015 I shall be travelling to take part in **The Great Wall of China Trek for Hope** in aid of Pancreatic Cancer UK.

In the space of 2½ years I lost my Mum, Kath, and my Auntie (Mum's sister) to this dreadful disease. Although they were both in their older years it became apparent that the outcome even for far younger people is just as bleak. Pancreatic cancer is the 5th most common cause of cancer death in the UK but shockingly the survival rate of just 4% after 5 years has not changed in 40 years.

I am doing the trek in memory of my loved ones in order to raise awareness of this disease and above all to give hope to those affected by this life-changing diagnosis in the future.

The trek takes place over 5 days walking the stony, steep and sometimes slippery paths which twist and wind their way along the ridge of the mountains, interspersed with crumbling watch towers.

I am hoping to raise at least £2000 for Pancreatic Cancer UK and all the money will go directly to this charity. I am paying for the trek and associated costs myself.

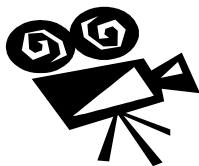
A big thank you to everyone who has already generously donated to this cause. If anyone else would like to sponsor me please visit www.justgiving.com/linda-chappell and make a donation or text LGWC58 with your amount e.g. £2 to 70070. Alternatively my contact telephone nos. are 615806 / 07979 656725.

Jack Bain at The White Hart

As of August 5th, the White Hart have been doing food again - at last! The chef is Jack Bain, Roly's son, who has been shortlisted for the past two years in the Best Chef category in the Bristol Food Awards. Why not come along and give it a go, and support your local pub in the process. As ever, it's a case of use it or lose it. He's doing take-aways too: fish and chips or authentic curry. It started just evenings, 5pm-10pm, Wed - Sat plus Sunday lunch, but he'll open weekday lunchtimes too if there's a demand ...

Movies at St Mary's: Sept

Trevor Anderson



Schools have gone back so the Children's Movie Club is on holiday until October. But fear not, we have two stunning films at **St Mary's Olveston** in September for the 'grown-ups.' As always, admission is FREE although donations at the end towards expenses are always appreciated.

MONDAY MOVIES (*Recent releases and popular classics*)

Mon 7th Sept at 7.30pm: "Life is like a box of chocolates...you never know what you're gonna get." Tom Hanks gives an outstanding performance as an everyman whose simple innocence comes to embody a generation. Winner of SIX Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actor (1994) *Cert PG*.

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

Mon 21st Sept at 7.30pm: During the war when the Germans are bombing London, upper class widow Mrs Henderson decides to buy the Windmill Theatre and find ways to improve morale by putting nudity onstage. Warm and witty comedy drama starring Judi Dench and Bob Hoskins. (1948) *Cert U*.

Doors open 30 minutes before start. Licensed bar and refreshments.

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

Stop-press: Windfarm Appeal

As Meeting Point goes to press we have learned that REG Windpower have appealed against the decision by SGC Planning Committee to refuse the wind farm application at Ingst. The date of the hearing is not yet known.

Aust's Defibrillator is ready!

Pandora McGee

The Aust Defibrillator is installed and ready for use in the refurbished Phone box, Main Road, Aust (Just before the petrol pumps).

Training will be held on **Saturday 19th September** at 10.30 at the phone box. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Local/Locale

OLVESTON PARISH TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Friday 2nd October, Olveston School, 6pm – 10pm

“A celebration of food, drink, music and games from the Olveston and Bréhan areas.”

Please come and join us for this family event - which will follow on from the 'French Day' that will be run in the school on October 2nd. We plan to share any profits we make with the school, to be used for French teaching resources. If you saw the article written by a pupil from Olveston School in August's Meeting Point, you will know that our twinning activities are now involving pupils from the primary schools in both villages. We are delighted with this development.

There will be a buffet supper with local delicacies – we are aiming for as few 'food miles' as possible - and others which represent the traditional foods of Brittany which we are often offered when we visit Bréhan. The Bar will be serving local beer, local cider, French wine and Breton cider. We will set up some simple games that both adults and children can try – at least one of these will be a French game! Local musicians will provide entertainment and we will be playing some Breton music as well.

There will also be traditional apple pressing – a typical local activity at this time of year – and children who help with this job can drink the results! If you want to bring along a bag or two of your own windfalls and some plastic bottles then you could always take some home with you!

Tickets cost £5 Adults and £2 Children - to include the buffet supper. To reserve your tickets please contact John Clayton 01454 612641 or Noel Clarke 01454 614099.

News from St Mary's

Roly Bain

The Moussaka Quiz

Our next quiz is on Sept 12th at 7.30pm at St Mary's, and moussaka will be served at half-time. These quizzes are very popular, and our maximum is 90 people, so get your booking in early. Teams are a maximum of 6 people, and it costs £5 a head. It's a fun night and it's always very close. Ring Roly on 616593 for tickets or email him on roly@rolybain.co.uk, especially if you want to be on the mailing list. Those on the mailing list will have booked a table long before you read this!

Pilgrimage & Quiet Day

On September 12th we're having a pilgrimage from here to the church at Compton Greenfield, and then having a quiet day centred on the prayer labyrinth and other quiet activities. Ring Sue Farr on 614861 for details.

Harvest & Other Services

On Sept 13th at 10am our visiting preacher is the Revd Peter Mortlock, former Superintendent of the Methodist Circuit, and a wise and witty preacher. Our Back to Front Services resume on Sept 20th at 3.45pm, using all the technology that we have - these more modern services are designed to appeal to and answer the needs of a younger generation than are attracted to our 'normal services'. Our Harvest Festival this year is on Oct 4th at the later time of 11am, followed by our Harvest Lunch. The lunch is Roast Pork in a roll with apple sauce, followed by crumble, and it's only £2 for adults and £1 for children. You're welcome to come just to the lunch if you want! There will be a selection of traditional games to play as well. Do bring tins and non-perishables for the Sisters of the Community of the Church who distribute them round Bristol - they are based in St Paul's and dish stuff out daily in a huge operation staffed entirely by volunteers.

The Beach Ball

Thanks to everyone who came and supported the Beach Ball - it was another wonderful evening! We are grateful too to Napier's, our caterers, Mike Dowdeswell and the Anchor at Oldbury for providing the bar, and all our sponsors as well as those who donated raffle prizes and meals and holidays for the auction. A profit of almost £9,000 was made, of which 10% has gone to Headway, the Brain Injury Charity. Watch out for next year's date!

Advent Windows

For the last few years all sorts of people in the village have mounted Advent Windows as a kind of living Advent Calendar, and they've been enormously popular. If you'd like to be a part of it this year, especially if you think you've missed out in the past, please get in touch with Debbie Harries on 01454 613273 or oboe-debbie@live.co.uk

Aust Fete

The Aust Fete is to be held in the Garden of the Boars Head on **Saturday 5th September**.

From 2pm till 5pm there will be stalls, teas, cakes and lots of activities...Fantastic prizes

From 6pm onwards: Team volleyball and tug-of-war, followed by funfair games, Skittling and Bucking Shaun the Sheep,

Pork rolls and pizza pieces.

Bring a team along!

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the August draw, held on 6th August 2015 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	287	Mrs A Harley, Alveston
£75	270	Mr R A Hicks, Cornwall
£25	549	Mr & Mrs W J Harries, Olveston
£25	513	Mrs M Bailey, Lower Hazel
£25	280	Mr & Mrs A G Bryan, Olveston
£20	408	Mrs I Phillips, Olveston
£20	490	Mr I J Lyons, Cowhill
£20	231	Mr & Mrs A Gardner, Olveston
£10	260	Mrs P R Kerrison, Olveston
£10	544	Mrs T Fear, Tockington
£10	433	Mrs J Prothero, Buckover
£10	494	Mr J L Henniker-Heaton, Winterbourne
£10	457	Mr S J Webb, Olveston
£10	353	Mr B J Rogers, Winterbourne Down

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

Expedition: Marlwood to Borneo

Fund Raising Tea and Cake Afternoon on Tockington Green

Please join us in an afternoon of delicious home-made cakes, teas and coffees on Tockington Green and in the church, on **Saturday October 3rd from 2.30 – 5.30pm**. We are hoping to raise money for our Marlwood School sixth form Outlook expedition trip to Borneo next summer 2016, where we will be supporting local communities in various projects to improve their village facilities.

Everyone enjoys tea, cake and a chat with friends. Please come along. We would be very pleased to see you! All welcome.

Olveston Evening Table Tennis

After our two successful trial table tennis evenings, we have established regular adult evening sessions which commenced on Wed 19th August and will continue every Wednesday from 7.00 to 8.30pm. It's in Olveston Parish Hall. We are pleased to have received so much support.

For information, contact Jeanette or John Treby - Tel 01454 202319.

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners August 2015:

£50 Jean Panes
£15 Alan Maunder
£ 5 Angus MacDonald

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

4th July Malcolm Grosvenor
11th July Simon Gould
8th August Dave Buckley

Diary Date: Annual Dinner at The County Ground, Saturday 19th September. Travel by Coach & experience the new stunning facilities at Nevil Road. Please contact me for details.

Up the Down!!

Olveston Toddler Group

Olveston Toddlers meet every Thursday afternoon during term time at the Methodist Church Hall in Olveston. We are always on the look out for new children of any age to join us from birth up to school age.

It is a very informal group where Mums, Dads and Carers come with their little ones to play together and to chat with others from the local area over a drink and a biscuit. We have a wide range of toys and games and often do craft and music activities.

We would love to see more new faces in September so please pop in and see us any time between 1.45pm and 3.15pm from Thursday 10th September. The first session is free and subsequent ones cost £2 per family.

It's a great way for little ones to meet future playmates before they start school. Also it's an opportunity for Grown-ups to meet new friends and enjoy having a cup of tea made for them!

For further information please contact olvestontoddlers@yahoo.co.uk

Olveston & Tockington WI

In July Susan Marshfield entertained members to a light-hearted journey down memory lane, with a talk entitled 'Ah Yes, I remember it well'. She jogged our recollections with questions like, 'Where were you when you heard that John Kennedy has been assassinated, or about the death of Princess Diana?' These serious questions were followed by many amusing anecdotes from Susan's life, giving a happy reminder to many of long forgotten days.

August saw a members-only annual dinner at The Anchor Inn at Oldbury on Severn. At the September meeting, Tom Farmer will be giving a talk on '**Bee keeping**'. Visitors will be very welcome to this event at the Parish Hall, **September 8th at 7.30pm.**

Olveston Speed Watch

Adrian Baxter

Olveston Speed watch has had an interesting summer. We have tried some new locations and the results were an eye-opener. On Old Down Hill we had over 200 cars in a 30 minute period of which 10 cars were exceeding the speed limit. On the Aust Road, however, we had only 90 cars in an hour, but of those 25 were travelling in excess of 37 mph and a further 42 were travelling between 32 and 37 mph. If you would like to help us encourage safe driving in the parish, contact us on olvestonspeedwatch@gmail.com.

Free: Forest Sessions at Stepping Stones

To promote our opening another fantastic forest session in the woods adjoining our hall we are offering free sessions **in September** for new children on Wednesday mornings and Monday afternoons starting on Monday 14th September. Monday afternoons will be for children from age 2½ and Wednesday mornings will be for children aged 3 plus. You are invited to sign up for up to 3 free sessions per child in any combination of days.

During our forest sessions the children have ample opportunities for free play, exploring and climbing. Structured activities are also offered such as collecting and measuring sticks, making crowns, painting with mud, bug hunting, bark rubbing etc. Songs, stories and snack are held in our den. Safety is an important issue; the children are taught the rules before entering the woods and the leaders have forest skills training. If you would like to know more or would like your child to experience for themselves, free of charge, the excellent outside learning opportunities we offer, please contact Gill on 07853 173221 or email gillpowell1961@hotmail.co.uk.

Friends of Olveston School (FOOS)

Thank you to everyone who has supported helped out, attended or donated things for our FOOS events this year. All funds raised go directly to fund items for the school and this year we have funded the following:

IT: 2 iPads, Rising Stars, Bee-Bot, 2 Roamers, iPad cases

LIBRARY: Books, TV and DVD, bookcase browser, magazine stand, bean bags

MISCELLANEOUS: RE DVDs, Maths and Literacy resources, Bamboo plants, Scrap store membership renewal

FOOS PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friend Association) is a recognised group of parents, teachers and friends who work together for the benefit of the school. Here are 10 reasons to join:

1. It's good for the children
2. It's important for the school
3. You'll get connected
4. You'll be part of a network
5. You'll make a difference
6. It's fun!
7. You'll be a role model
8. You'll help raise necessary funds
9. It's flexible
10. Everyone is welcome to join

We are looking for people to join the FOOS committee and/or help out at events so if you are interested in finding out more then please email foospta@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

The next FOOS AGM is on Tuesday 6th October at 8pm in the Wike Hall at Olveston School. All are welcome.

Keep in touch - Like FOOS PTA on Facebook or email us at foospta@gmail.com.

As a final note, we are trying to determine how long "FOOS" has been going for so if anyone is able to shed any light on the matter then we'd love to hear from you: Email - foospta@gmail.com, phone - 07881 503828, or drop in or write to the Olveston School Office, Elberton Road, BS35 4DB.

Almondsbury Surgery 'Seasonal Flu' Clinic

**SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2015 FROM 9AM - 12PM
IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL ALMONDSBURY**

This clinic is **ONLY** for patients registered with Almondsbury Surgery and who are entitled to **FREE** vaccination because they fall into a clinical risk group.

The clinical risk groups include:

- ANYONE 65 OR OVER
- PREGNANT WOMEN in any trimester
- ANYONE UNDER 65 WHO HAS CHRONIC DISEASE AS LISTED BELOW AND IS THEREFORE AT RISK:
 1. CORONARY HEART DISEASE
 2. DIABETES
 3. ASTHMA requiring inhaled or systemic steroids or causing hospital admission in last year
 4. CHRONIC RENAL DISEASE
 5. CHRONIC LIVER DISEASE
 6. CHRONIC RESPIRATORY DISEASE
 7. IMMUNOSUPPRESSION
 8. STROKE OR TIA
 9. CARERS IN RECEIPT OF CARERS ALLOWANCE (but not including Professional Health and Social Care Workers, who should be vaccinated by their employer as part of an Occupational Health programme)

If you are unsure of your entitlement please ring or ask at the surgery from mid-September when staff will be able to advise you. For general information check our website at www.almondsburysurgery.nhs.uk

Tockington Harvest Fayre

Garry Phillips

A final reminder that it's the annual Harvest Fayre on Tockington Green on **Saturday September 19th at 2 p.m.** Full details were in the August edition but here is a summary of what will be happening - **Cream Teas and Home Made Cakes**, a display in the Church of the children's competitions, and a projector presentation of old photos of Church activities over the years. The **live musical entertainment** will include the fabulous 'The Femmes' and there'll be lots of stalls. The **competitions for children** will be - design a pennant, (triangle shape), that can be used for bunting - make a model animal from junk - and don't forget the **children's fancy dress parade – the theme 'Film Characters'!**



If you are having a sort-out over the summer months, we would be grateful for any good quality donations of unwanted presents, bric-a-brac, or second hand 'home' items, books, toys and games, and we will be happy to collect donations. Alternatively leave them at the Chapel the evening before or the morning of the Fayre. Please contact any of the following:

Garry Phillips: garryphillips194@btinternet.com, Tel. 613241; Maggie Spooner: Tel. 610053; or Jane Sawyer: jane@prologue.co.uk

As always the Fayre depends on the physical work in preparing, running and clearing up and we are increasingly dependent on help from outside of the Church – **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** – from 9am to lift out furniture onto the Green and again at 5pm to clear everything away. We look forward to seeing you all on the 19th.

Free museum-led walks

As a contribution to the national **Heritage Weekend** and South Gloucestershire's **Discover Festival**, volunteers from Thornbury & District Museum will be leading two walks during the weekend of 12th/13th September:

'Thornbury and the Railway' walk, Saturday 12th Sept, 2 - 4pm: A walk from the fields into Thornbury town, exploring the former railway line and station site. Some of the remaining infrastructure of the Thornbury to Yate Midland branch line is still visible. The Museum will be open afterwards to see slides and pictures of the railway line and station. We regret this route is not suitable for wheelchairs; there is some uneven ground, with fields and stiles. Stout footwear recommended. We expect this to be a popular walk, since a talk on this subject in February by walk leader Meg Wise was sold out, with 90 people attending. We meet at the Grovesend Road roundabout at the junction with Midland Way.

'Thornbury: Historic Borough Boundary' walk, Sunday 13th Sept, 2 - 4pm

The borough of Thornbury was created in 1252 by Richard de Clare, Earl of Gloucester and Lord of the Manor of Thornbury. This walk of approx. two and a half miles follows as closely as possible the line of this historic boundary, highlighting and describing the remaining physical features still visible today. We regret this route is not suitable for wheelchairs; there is some very uneven ground, with gates and stiles. Free car-parking is available in the Rock St. car park. We suggest you use the Long-Stay section. We meet outside the museum in Chapel Street.

Booking: These walks are not suitable for children under 10 years. Older children must be accompanied by an adult. No dogs please, except for guide dogs. Tickets for both walks are FREE but places will be limited and should be booked in advance from the Museum (open Tues to Fri 1-4pm, Sat 10am-4pm or ring 01454 857774 or email: enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk)

Check out all events on our new website: www.thornburymuseum.org.uk

113-year old Thornbury Quilt

A rare chance to see the striking, recently-discovered Thornbury Quilt. Thornbury and District Museum will be displaying the 113-year old red, white and blue quilt in the Town Hall Council Chamber from 10am to 4pm on Sat. 12th September. Made in 1900 to fund-raise for a new Vicarage, the Quilt has squares sponsored by early 20th century Thornbury traders (the bike shop, the local photographer, the saddler etc). These squares often show the symbols of their trades and the initials of the traders. Puzzling out what all the squares are has kept museum volunteers engrossed for many happy hours! Come and see what you can discover. Free entry. Pop in while you're shopping.

Computer Clinic

Adrian Baxter

September Theme - taking the gobbledygook out of google searching and using e-mail software.

We have had an increase in questions about e-mail software and how to search more effectively for the things you want to find on the internet. Come along and give it a try.

If you have reasonable computer skills and would like to help out once a month, come along and have a chat. See the Meeting Point Diary for the times of our Monday / Wednesday / Friday sessions.

Thornbury Picture House Screenings



Please join us for the start of our 10th anniversary season:

Friday 4th September, 7.30pm, Cossham Hall: Kon-Tiki (15),

The visually stunning tale of the epic voyage of Thor Heyerdahl as he crosses the Atlantic in his raft Kon-Tiki. £5 on the door for non-members.

Friday 11th September, gates open 7.00pm, The Chantry Garden:

To help us celebrate 10 years of films in Thornbury, join us for a **special outdoor screening: Life of Pi** in the beautiful setting of the Chantry garden. Bring a picnic rug, picnic chairs, and wrap up warm. Refreshments and hotdogs available to purchase. **Free Entry!** Please note: limited parking in the Chantry carpark. In the event of severe weather this event may be cancelled.

Friday 25th September, 7.30pm, Cossham Hall: Ida (12A)

A moving journey of self-discovery of a young girl, orphaned and raised by nuns in a convent. In Polish with sub-titles, Oscar winner for Best Foreign Language Film. £5 on the door for non-members.

Police Report

PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery

Reported crimes for July included:

Unauthorised campers at a field off A403, Aust

Burglary to insecure residential premise in Littleton where unknown offender(s) stole a games console.

Burglary to a residential property in Tockington. Unknown offender(s) gained access and stole items of jewellery.

Summer is a great time to enjoy the sunshine and get out into the garden. Unfortunately it's also a great time for burglars looking for opportunities to get into your home, with 33% of our burglaries occurring through an open window or door! So:

1. Keep windows and doors locked - even when you're at home or in the garden.
2. Don't leave handbags, keys etc. lying around – put them out of sight.
3. Keep garages and garden sheds locked.
4. Don't leave tools lying around the garden – burglars may use them to gain entry.
5. Postcode your property.

Remove the opportunity – keep it under lock and key!

To report an incident or crime dial 101. For emergencies dial 999.

TMTG Presents *'Calamity Jane'*

Watch out! Sharpshooting, gun slinging Calamity Jane is shortly to ride into Thornbury town on the Deadwood Stage. **'Calamity Jane'** is a fun, lively and energetic show and will be performed by the Thornbury Musical Theatre Group at the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury from Wednesday 21 to Saturday 24 October.

Although normally seen treading the boards, designing posters or designing sets, this is Alison Hennessey's debut at directing. On the reverse of the coin, we have John Smith who will be performing his 100th and last show with the group.

In the wild west outpost of Deadwood City is tomboy Calamity Jane, cowboys, townsfolk and Wild Bill Hickok. After a mix-up in the talent pool at the saloon theatre, Calamity goes to Chicago to fetch the glamorous actress Adelaide Adams, but returns by mistake with her maid, Katie Brown. Back in Deadwood, Katie's inability to perform is overcome as she wins the heart of Lt

Danny Gilmartin, and when Calamity sheds her tomboy persona at a ball and becomes a true woman, she realizes where her love lies.

This show has romance, comedy, lively dancing and a great score (including the songs "Black Hills of Dakota" and "My Secret Love") and also has a feelgood factor making it a must see musical. Suitable for the whole family to enjoy, it is sure to be a crowd puller. Performances start at 7.30 pm nightly and for those who prefer a daytime performance, there will also be a matinee on Saturday 24 October starting at 2.30 pm.

Tickets can be booked online at www.tmtg.org.uk. Tickets cost £12 on the raised seating (£10 on the flat) with concessions at £10 or £8, and a family ticket for 4 costs £36. Group discounts of 10% can also be arranged via our Box Office for 10+ seats. For ticket enquiries, please call Angie at the Box Office on 07516 270140. Tickets are also available at Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings at 53 High Street, Thornbury.

For more information about 'Calamity Jane' and our group generally, take a look at our website www.tmtg.org.uk or contact us by e-mail at membership@tmtg.org.uk

Concert by John Lill



Thornbury Choral Society is delighted to announce that the celebrated British pianist **John Lill** will be performing in Thornbury at the Armstrong Hall on **October 9th 2015 at 7.30pm.**

His programme will be as follows:-

Beethoven	Sonata No. 14 in C# minor "Moonlight" Op. 27 No. 2
Prokofiev	Sonata No. 6 in A Op. 82
Chopin	Nocturne in C minor, Op 48 No. 1
	Polonaise in F# minor, Op 44
Liszt	Sonata in B minor

Early booking is recommended. Tickets for raised seating are £25 and for floor seating £17.50. These are £10 per ticket cheaper than last time John came in 2013. A plan of the Armstrong Hall can be viewed at www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk. You will find this in the Member's Area. Please make cheques out to Thornbury Choral Society and forward them to Jos Gregson, 18 Willoughby Close, Alveston, BS35 3RW and your tickets will be sent to you.

Flanders and Swann Revisited

- through the eyes of Sir John Betjeman.

Laugh away those 21st Century Blues in the company of Flanders and Swann perfectly complemented by the words and wit of Sir John Betjeman.

Featuring a cornucopia of songs familiar and less familiar from 'The Hippopotamus' to 'A Transport of Delight', from 'The Gnu' to 'Have Some Madeira, M'Dear', the songs of Flanders and Swann are, as pianist, actor and singer Michael Lunts shows, rooted in the vision of the recent past often called 'Betjeman's Britain'.

A world where 'Miss Joan Hunter Dunn' unwittingly brushes shoulders with the ill-fated lovers in 'The Honeysuckle and the Bindweed', where Betjeman shares his love of all forms of 'obsolete transport' with Flanders and Swann's evocation of pre-Beeching Britain in 'The Slow Train'. You can wallow (along with the Hippopotamus) in a little nostalgia for a by-gone world.

Michael Lunts, back by popular demand, is one of this country's most experienced and widely travelled performers of 'intimate review'. Michael is bringing this unique and innovative show to the Cossham Hall at 7.30pm on **Saturday 26th September** as part of the fund-raising Armstrong Hall Refurbishment Project (Phase 1).

Tickets £12 each for a first drink and interval finger bites, from the Town Hall or phone 01454 412272.

Cancer Research UK Events

Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee are holding two fund-raising events in the near future. Please do come along and join with us in raising valuable funds for this very worthwhile charity.

Cream Teas At Tytherington

There will be a **Cream Tea Event** at Tytherington Village Hall on **Sunday 20th September between 2pm and 5pm**. There will be live music to make for a relaxing afternoon, together with a Tombola. The cost will be £3 per person.

For any further information please call Mary on 01454 414466

Fun Wine Tasting Challenge

Fancy an enjoyable evening of wine tasting that will also, in a fun way, test your knowledge of wines? Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee are holding just that on **Friday 2nd October** in St Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £12.50 per person

which includes the tasting of 8 different wines together with cheese, paté and nibbles.

For tickets please call Jennie on 01454 415856 or Vera on 01454 613846. Alternatively contact any of our Committee Members that you may know.

Don't delay or all the tickets may be sold out!

Thornbury Food Fair

September 5th Castle Street 10.00am - 2.00pm

As life gets back to its normal routine after the long summer break, celebrate (or commiserate!) by treating yourselves to something tasty at the Autumn Food Fair. With the usual array of quality artisan foods and drinks and a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours after the holidays, it's an ideal way to celebrate the changing of the seasons.

PS And put the **5th December** in your diaries, when the Christmas Food and Gift Fair promises 80 plus stalls of assorted goodies and gifts.

St Peters Hospice Flower Festival

To celebrate the **30th Anniversary** of the Severnside Support Group of St Peters Hospice and by kind permission of Thornbury Methodist Church we will be holding a **Flower Festival "All Things Bright and Beautiful"** at the Church. This will take place **from September 11th to Sept 13th**.

The Church will be open for viewing as follows:

Friday: 9.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday: 9.30am – 5.00pm
Sunday: 1.30pm – 5.00pm

Refreshments will be available during those times.

Saturday Market/Coffee morning with home-made cakes, and other items:
10.00am – 12 noon

Concert at 7.30pm with 'Cantanti', no tickets required - retiring collection for the Hospice.

Sunday 2.30pm: Walking Treasure Hunt around the town of Thornbury. Bring the family, finish at the Hall with a cuppa and cake.

Sunday 6.30pm: Songs of Praise Service.

We do hope you will be able to join with us sometime over the weekend.

Yours Faithfully

*Danny Bamfield
Aust Evangelical Church*

Does God exist?

Of course he does. Everything points to this fact. Whether it's from the fantastic design of a tree in nature or the sinfulness of human beings that cry out for help to someone bigger than this world.

Surely only a few people deny that good and evil exist. There are things going on in the world today that are just plain wrong. The problem is – if we are honest – it lurks in the heart of everyone. We need something or someone outside of ourselves who is bigger and stronger to help us. As one song goes:

“Who alone can save themselves their own soul could heal?”

Most people it seems, when they read about Jesus’s life think he was a good man. Yet he makes the most profound statements like:

“I am the way the truth and the life no one comes to the Father except through me” John 14v6

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father” (God) John 14v9.

The evidence that God loves us and can help us is The Cross – the sign that God didn't just leave this world to wallow in sin with no hope but became flesh and dwelt among us, (John 1) paying for our sin so that:

“Whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life” John 3v16.

This can start now - why not call upon him and know his help today, visiting your local church for some encouragement and fellowship.

From the Registers of St Mary's Olveston

26th July: Baptism of Gabriella Alice Bultitude Evans, daughter of Mark and Zoe Evans.

1st August: Weddings of:

Toby Oliver George Hughes and Rose Miriam Fallon,

Rhys Matthias Buckley and Lucy Katherine Jones,

Alex David Hill and Victoria Kate Lloyd.

2nd August: Wedding of Peter Andrew Griffin and Rachel Elizabeth Jane Moore.

14th August: Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Evelyn Teague.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Sep 6	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev A Lloyd & Rev P Rowe
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev Roly Bain
Sep 13	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mr D Jones & P Mortlock
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
Sep 20	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir & Baptism (Rev D Bone)	Rev Roly Bain
	3.45	Back to Front	Paul Harrod
	6pm	Evensong	Rev David Bone
Sep 27	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev David Bone
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Mrs Janet McBride
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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

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

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

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Chancel

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

Morning Prayer 8.30am daily except Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Sep 13	5.30	Holy Communion	Rev. Ann Parker
Sep 27	5.30	Evening Service	Rev. Ann Parker

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

e-mail annatdibley@btinternet.com

Church Wardens: Jon Burnett 633835 & Jenn Dickens 632035

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Sep 6	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Dave Pole
Sep 20	3pm	Harvest Festival	Mrs Tracey Black

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

www.alveston.org/alveston/sthelens-church-alveston

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Sep 13	9am	Family Service	Sandra Edgerton
Sep 27	9am	Holy Communion	

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

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OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sep 6	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Andrew Dixon Evening Worship led by our new Superintendent Rev. David Alderman St Andrew's congregation will join us
Sep 13	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Forward Maisowadzo
Sep 20	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
Sep 27	10am	Tock. Ch.	PARADE HARVEST FESTIVAL led by Rev David Hardy

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

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15pm in the Swan on Thurs
17th Sept. To book please ring 613241 or 612112

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

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

HOUSE GROUP: Thurs 17th Sept at 10.30am at 7 The Green, Olveston

THE OLVESTON COMPUTER CLINIC: Olveston Methodist Hall

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

Ring 07833 354672 or 07957 433091 for further information.

CONTACT: Rev Pete Brazier Tel 01454 418176,

e-mail pete@thebigfishcafe.co.uk

THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

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

Mike and Barbara Matthews, tel. 07512 917229 or email:

thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Sep 6	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Sep 13	6.30pm	Vic Soffee
Sep 20	6.30pm	Courtney Harris
Seo 27	6.30pm	Munir Din

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & PraiseTime

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

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

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact Ann Roberts 632564.

e-mail ann.roberts@bylanes.co.uk

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Monday-Friday Daily Mass at 10am

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

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

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

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

Diary Dates for September 2015

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

1 st Tue	Tockington Toddlers every week Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning RBL Womens Section Old Thornbury Photos	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
2 nd Wed	Computer Clinic every week Holy Communion at Daldry Gardens Table Tennis	10.00-12.00 2.30pm 7.00-8.30pm	MH DGCL PH
3 rd Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market (also 17th) Coffee Shop	9-1.30 9.00-12.00	OST
4 th Fri	Thornbury Carers' Support group Computer Clinic every week	1.-3.pm 7-9pm	Chy MH
5 th Sat	Coffee Morning every Saturday Alveston Flower Show Aust Fete Boar's Head Garden	10.30-12.00 2pm 2-5pm	MH JH
6 th Sun	Meeting for girls for Annie Feb 2016 Bingo every Sun at Sports & Social Club	2pm 7pm	OMC
7 th Mon	Mobile Library Orchard Rise (also 21st) Mobile Library Daldry Gardens Mobile Library Old P.O.- L-O-S Computer Clinic every week Monday Movie	11.10-11.25 11.30-11.50 12.00-12.15 2-4pm 7.30pm	MH StM
8 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café W.I. Bee Keeping Aust Parish Council	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL TMH PH EVH
9 th Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	PH
10 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Thornbury & District Flower Club	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 7.30pm	OST MH TMH
12 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	AVH
14 th Mon	1 st Free Forest Session at Stepping Stones 1 st meeting for adults on or backstage for Annie Feb 2016	7.30pm	PH
15 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning RBL Womens section Bingo	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	DGCL DGCL
16 th Wed	Severn. Vale. Flower Club Bosom Buddies meeting Swan Thornbury Table Tennis Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	2pm 7.30pm 7.00-8.30pm 8.30pm	AH PH

17 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OSt MH
19 th Sat	Defib. Training at Aust 'Phone Box' Tockington Harvest Fayre	10.30 2pm	
21 st Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
22 nd Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Olv. Parish Council meeting	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm	DGCL TMH AP
23 rd Wed	Alv. Local History Soc. H'ford & Glos Canal Calligraphy Class 8 weeks tel 881545 Table Tennis	7.30pm 7.30-9.30pm 7.00-8.30pm	AMC Chy PH
24 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OSt MH
25 th Fri	Coffee/Tea Cake for Chernobyl Children	10.00-1pm	TMH
26 th Sat	Car Boot Sale at Marlwood School	1.30-3pm	
27 th Sun	Concert & Afternoon Tea	4.00pm	StMT
28 th Mon	Severn. Vale. Flower Club Practice	1.30pm	AH
29 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
30 th Wed	Table Tennis	7-8.30pm	PH

Looking ahead to October

3 rd Oct	Fundraising Tea & Cake Tock.Green/Chapel	2.30-5.30	
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KEY: AC Aust Church; AH – Armstrong Hall; AMC – Alveston Methodist Church; AMH- Alveston Methodist Hall; AP – Alexandra Pavilion; AVH – Aust Village Hall; CH – Cossham Hall; Chy – Chantry; CS Castle Sch.; CTK Christ the King; DGCL – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; EVH – Elberton Village Hall; LVH Littleton Village Hall; MH – Olv.Methodist Hall; OMC Olv Meth Ch; OS – Olveston School; OSt – 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; StMT St Marys Thornbury;TCh Tockington Chapel; TBCh - Thornbury Baptist Church; TMH – Thorn. Methodist Hall; WR – Wesley Rooms.

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