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From the Editor

This month's cover picture shows that even in a hot, dry summer, the churchyard at St Mary's is a lovely place. Whether you visit the churchyard regularly, or only occasionally, you cannot fail to appreciate the efforts of Chris Smart and his team of volunteers who keep everything tidy and mown throughout the year. There is also somebody, I have been told, who looks after untended graves and plants flowers to make them look cared for. A big thank you to all these hardworking volunteers – they know who they are!

It is that time of year when a few regular annual events are on the horizon – such as the Tockington Harvest Fayre, the Olveston Fun Run and the start of auditions for the Parish Players 2019 production. There is also something new this month – we have details about a new youth choir (Shine) being formed at St Mary's. I wish this project every success and look forward to hearing them sing.

Marelin

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News from St Mary's

Debbie Harris

Concert

Saturday 8th September 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome back The Bristol Sinfonietta Orchestra for another evening of fantastic music! They will also be joined by St Mary's Choir! Tickets £7.50 available from June Robbins on 617491 and Olveston Stores.

VegBank

The cool Porch of St Mary's Church has, over the last few years, become a collecting point for surplus seasonal vegetables from our village gardeners. Please come and help yourselves to fresh local produce when there is some. This offer is open to everyone.

Toilet Twinning Appeal

This is now finished and has raised the fantastic sum of £554.37. This means that in addition to twinning Olveston School and the toilets at St Mary's, Compton Greenfield and Aust, we have now also twinned one of the Methodists' toilets with a latrine in Myanmar. A huge thank you to those who have supported this appeal and to those who have twinned their toilet at home. Well done for helping to flush away poverty!

Advent Windows

We are hoping to create these again this year. Over 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 very popular! If you would like to be part of it this year, please get in touch with Debbie Harries on 01454 613273 or oboe-debbie@live.co.uk by the end of October. Thank you.

Tea and Chat

Do you find it difficult to get out and socialise? Would you like to meet other people for tea and cake once a month? Transport is provided and it's all free.

The September Tea and Chat will be at 2.30 pm on Friday September 14th at 2.30pm at Home Farm, Rudgeway.

For details or to request transport if necessary please telephone:

Lynn 01454 612201 or Lesley 01454 613804

The Hills are Alive



After their long summer break, the Olveston Parish Players are excited to be gathering once more to begin work on their next production, 'The Sound of Music', which will take place on Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd February 2019 at the Parish Hall in Tockington.

New members are very welcome, especially those with a love of singing. If you (adults and children) would like the chance to take part, you need to come to the two read-through evenings on Monday 24th and Thursday 27th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Tockington. This will be an opportunity to get to know other members of the company, to read through the script and to sing the songs! Audition parts will be handed out during these sessions.

There will then be a children-only evening on Monday 1st October (see below for details). Auditions for adults and children will take place on Thursday 4th October starting at the earlier time of 7.00pm. Rehearsals will run on Mondays and Thursdays from Monday 8th October.

Extra information for children

Crucial to the success of the production will be the casting of a team of enthusiastic and talented youngsters to play the seven Von Trapp children. Anyone who auditions must be able to dance and sing, as well as to learn their lines. You must also be able to commit to attending rehearsals on Monday and Thursday evenings from September through to February (as required by the rehearsal schedule). There will be breaks for school holidays.

Children should come to the read-throughs on 24th and 27th September, along with the adults. Then on Monday 1st October at 7.30pm there will be a children-only evening to create a short list, looking at their relative heights.

The children's auditions will be with the adults on Thursday 4th October at 7.00pm.

Casting will be determined by order of height - but as a guide, we are looking for children of these *approximate* ages: Gretl (aged 5 or 6), Marta (aged 7), Brigitta (aged 9), Kurt (aged 10), Louisa (aged 13), Friedrich (aged 14), Liesl (aged 16)

A masterpiece by Rodgers & Hammerstein

Possibly the most well-known of musicals, 'The Sound of Music' first hit the Broadway stage in 1959 and starred Mary Martin, well before it became a film in 1965 with Julie Andrews cast in the leading role. It tells the true story of the von Trapp family, who escaped the Nazis to become the famous Trapp Family Singers in the USA.

Now, 60 years after 'The Sound of Music' first opened, the Parish Players are set to make this production their own in their inimitable style. Make sure you don't miss it and save the dates in your diary. Tickets will go on sale in January.

To find out more, see www.facebook.com/OlvestonParishPlayers or email secretaryparishplayers@gmail.com.

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners August 2018:

£50 Peggy James
£15 Liz Finch
£5 John Moody

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

16/06/18 Phil Humphries
07/07/18 Simon Gould

MCC v Old Down

A big thank-you to everyone who made this Fixture on 5th August such a success. Organisers, players and spectators all contributed to a memorable day. Up the Down!!

Marlwood Alumni Launch

Calling all Marlwood pupils, staff and friends – past and present. You are invited to the Marlwood Alumni Launch Evening:

Saturday 15th September 6.00pm for 6.30pm

An evening to celebrate students past and present by joining together to enjoy food, drink and entertainment by former Marlwood School staff and pupils. This is an opportunity to meet with your contemporaries, to reminisce and reconnect.

£20 per person to include welcome drink, delicious buffet and live entertainment. Smart casual dress code.

Find us on Facebook @MarlwoodAlumni or email marlwoodalumni@gmail.com

Tickets available: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/marlwood-alumni-launch-event-tickets-47510937493

Tockington Harvest Fayre

Saturday 15th September 2pm Tockington Green

The Fayre will be opened by our new Minister Rev Simon Edwards.



Come and enjoy a delicious cream tea or homemade cake whilst watching the children's fancy dress parade, ballet and free dance displays with live music too! The Fancy Dress theme will be 'Famous People' and children's competitions will be a photograph of 'Your favourite place near where you live' or 'A mode of transport made from junk'.

There will be fabulous stalls including, cakes, fresh vegetables and fruit, books and 'As New' items for you to browse through, a pet's corner from Old Down Country Park, games, and skill stalls for everyone, young and old!

As always, we'll do our best with the weather, so you can enjoy an afternoon at Tockington's Harvest Fayre. We hope to see as many of you there as last year.

Shine Youth Choir

David Shaw



Breaking news! A new choir in Olveston for young people

shine youth choir is an exciting new addition to the life of St Mary's Church, Olveston.

The main purpose of forming a youth choir is to give our young people the excitement and pleasure of singing in a wonderful building and enhancing the worship experience for the whole congregation.

Initially, **shine** youth choir will sing in church during a service once a month and will also get the opportunity to sing with the adult choir on large occasions such as Remembrance Day and Christmas.

who can join this choir?

Anyone between the ages of 7 to 12 years old can join. You do not have to be able to read music or to play an instrument of any sort, but you do need to love the idea of being able to sing in a group. To give a sense of identity and pride the youth choir will wear a junior version of the adult choir robes.

what is the commitment?

Joining **shine** youth choir is a commitment to both the choir as a group and to the church. It is most important that the young people and their families appreciate the requirement to attend both rehearsals and the service at which they will be singing.

shine youth choir practices will be held on Fridays at 5pm and will last about 45 minutes. When the choir is ready to take part in church services they will sing in a specially adapted, shortened evening service, one Sunday a month.

if your child is interested or for more information please contact:

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01454 612781

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Vacancy for clerk

As I mentioned last month, I plan to hang up my hat as clerk to Aust PC during the next few months. The council will publish details of the post with an invitation to apply around the middle of September. If you might be interested, or you know anyone else who might be, or would like more information, please let me or the chairman know, so that we can send you the details when they are published.

Planning applications

You may have seen details of the changes made by South Gloucestershire Council to the procedures for dealing with planning applications. They have not been universally welcomed in this end of the county, if only because all future meetings are to be held in Kingswood. Details on the South Gloucestershire website.

Other things

It's a quiet time for council business as I write this in the glorious sunny weather at the beginning of August, and I have little else to report. No doubt things will hot up in September!



Olveston Parish Hall

The 2018 Autumn Supper will be held on Saturday 29th September at 7.30; price £12.50.

The evening will consist of a two-course meal with catering by AHM

Catering followed by entertainment. It promises to be a great evening! There will be a cash bar.

Tickets will not be issued this year. Please email Pat Savage: pat@savageassociates.co.uk or telephone 01454 610388.

A list of applicants will be held and ticked off at the door.

Nick Frost

Pat Thirkettle



Nick, chef at the White Hart in Olveston, is local through and through. His Gran lives in Tockington, his parents live in Olveston where he went to Primary School and then on to Marlwood. Cooking was always on the agenda; his school work experience was in the kitchen of a Care Home in Weston-super-

Mare and they immediately asked him to stay on to work evenings and weekends until he left.

His first full time job was with Napier Catering in Elberton working on weddings and large events, this was followed by a stint at the Ship in Alveston and then he moved to the Bowl in Lower Almondsbury. Here he took Professional Cookery Level 2, over two days a week for two years of practical experience.

Last year the kitchen at the White Hart in Olveston was closed. Nick gives his girlfriend Hannah much credit for giving him the confidence to branch out, form himself into a limited company and on 17th August 2017 begin running the kitchen and restaurant in Olveston. He designs and writes his own menus, which he hopes differ from the usual pub meals; he cooks with fresh ingredients locally sourced, the bread comes from next door!

The part cobbled courtyard garden is delightful. It is a quiet sun trap with eight tables on paving surrounded by very colourful tubs and hanging baskets which are supplied and cared for by the parents of Steve, the Pub Manager. There are two barbecues which Nick will use for any occasion.

It has been a busy first year, mid-week is quieter than weekends, and the hot weather gradually slowed things down a bit but with a cooler autumn and Christmas to come, Nick will be busy. There is a take away menu written on the garden entrance door and I and many others recommend the fish and chips! He is immensely grateful to his family; Dad does all the odd jobs including washing up, his friend George cooks, serves and washes up when needed, Hannah helps as well, and he says he could not have done it without them. He intends to be at the White Hart for the foreseeable future, but long term he would love to run his own restaurant locally.

Making Space for Wildlife

Emma Williams



Getting your garden ready for winter!

After our long hot summer, you are probably not yet thinking about winter, but when the nights draw in and the temperatures drop, it's time to start thinking about preparing your garden for winter.

Many people like to tidy their gardens in autumn, but often take this to the extreme. They blitz them, removing most of the shelter for wildlife and leaving overwintering insects homeless in the process. You can help wildlife by leaving as much tidying up as possible until the end of winter and doing so can make your garden look more attractive too. Resist the urge to make things very tidy. When it comes to wildlife, doing less is often more, meaning less work for us to do!

Spread fallen leaves which you've raked from your lawn, over flower beds. As well as providing a rich mulch for your plants, they will create a foraging habitat for blackbirds and thrushes.

Leave dry plant stems standing in the garden – all kinds of insects will crawl inside to spend the winter. They often have an interesting architectural quality too and look great covered in frost or spiderwebs. When you do cut them in spring, leave them in a stack until May to allow all the overwintering insects to emerge. Seed heads left on the stems, provide a bonus source of food for birds when it can be otherwise scarce in winter.

Avoid cutting hedges until the end of winter to provide valuable shelter for birds and give them more time to eat the berries. Ivy in particular provides a good source of autumn nectar.

Create shelter for insects using a pile of fallen or dead wood and leaves. Place a decent pile in a sheltered, sunny spot in your garden. This will provide extra food for birds and hedgehogs as well as shelter. Do not disturb these areas and if you're thinking of gathering wood for a bonfire be very careful to check that there are no sleeping Hedgehogs within these piles, as otherwise they can be accidentally added to the bonfire.

Clean your pond as this is the time when activity in your pond is at its lowest, although do still take care to ensure there are no snails or dragonfly nymphs caught up in the vegetation. Clean bird feeders and remove old nests from bird boxes. Check that they don't need any repairs and remain firmly attached.

This winter is likely to be harsher for our wildlife, given our prolonged hot summer, leaving less foliage around, so if you can do your bit to help, then hopefully we will still see plenty of wildlife in our gardens next spring and summer.

Behind the scenes at the museum...



Some visitors liken this small Thornbury museum to the Tardis – they're amazed at how much is packed in.

For the national Heritage Weekends in September, we're giving you the chance to see what's packed in behind the scenes too, on Sat 8th and Sat 15th September.

Let our curatorial volunteers show you how items are recorded, wrapped and stored – all according to best museum practice. Our professional museum mentor has

gone on record to the Collections Trust as saying: *"In my ten years in museums, I've not come across a volunteer-run museum with such high standards of collections management."* We have Accredited status to prove it too – the same status as that held by the British Museum and the V & A.

And not only do we have high standards, our Visitors' Book says we're *"kind", "friendly", "helpful", "lovely" and "welcoming"* too... In any given month, more than 50 volunteers work in the museum, many of them from the Meeting Point area. Come and say hello to some of them!

You can drop in any time you like from 10am to 4pm on either day, Saturday 8th or Saturday 15th September. It's absolutely free. We look forward to welcoming you and showing you behind the scenes!

Sunday Afternoon Music Recital

4 pm Sunday 23rd September, St Mary's Church, Thornbury

Rev. Joy Ludlow will be singing Exsultate Jubilate by Mozart accompanied by Malcolm Kittle on the piano. Malcolm and Joy will be singing Stabat mater by Pergolesi as a duet, with Ian Phillipson-Masters accompanying on the piano. Flora Clapham will be playing selected pieces on the violin.

Refreshments will be served after the recital.

Olveston Fun Run October 7th



A 1km run for the younger children around the school grounds and a single lap off-road course for the 5km along footpaths and bridleways of Olveston.

All start at Olveston School, one entry fee to join both. Each participant who finishes will receive a medal. Entry Forms available from the Olveston School Office or by emailing olvestonfunrun@gmail.com

Entry Fees (Pre-registration/Race Day)

Adult* £5/£7 *members of ARC affiliated running clubs pay £3/£5

Child 5Km £3.50/£5

Child 1Km £2.50/£3

1k starts at 10.00am and the 5k starts at 10.30am

Registration from 9.00am at the school.

We also need volunteers to be Marshalls, First Aiders and to help with refreshments so, if you can help, please contact Charlotte on 07780886342 or email olvestonfunrun@gmail.com

Fostering

In July there was an article in Meeting Point about a local couple, Sue and Brian, who are foster parents. If Sue and Brian's fostering story inspired you and you think you could welcome a child into your home, the Fostering Team would love to hear from you.

Visit the Fostering Information Evening on Thursday 12th September from 7pm – 9pm at Olveston Parish Hall, Tockington.

Or if you would like further information, please call the Fostering Team on 01454 866423 or email fostering@southglos.gov.uk.

The Last Ballade

Saturday 22nd September

7.30pm in the Cossham Hall, Thornbury

Relive the stormy end to one of the great romantic relationships. Chopin's music provides the background to a riveting drama about the composer's tempestuous affair with novelist and 'femme fatale' George Sand. 'The Last Ballade' follows on from Michael Lunts' previous depiction of Chopin in 'Winter in Majorca' which he performed in the Cossham Hall in 2017 and offers audiences a dramatic insight, through the eyes of Chopin himself, into this extraordinary woman who has been variously described as both his muse and his 'vampire'.

Many of the pieces that Sand inspired, including the beautiful Berceuse, the famous 'Minute' Waltz and the F minor Ballade, are played live as part of the action as Michael Lunts portrays both Chopin the man and Chopin the musician in this unique fusion of drama and live music.

This event is the first in the Autumn series of concerts to raise funds for the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1).

Tickets £14 (to include interval nibbles) can be obtained from Thornbury Town Hall or by phoning 01454 412272.

Family Fun Day/Open Day at Stepping Stones In aid of Children's Hospice South West

Sat. 15th Sept 2–4pm – Elberton Village Hall

Come and join in the fun and support this worthwhile charity that 'makes the most of short and precious lives across the South West'.

Cake stall, raffle, tombola, second-hand books and toys, refreshments and many different children's activities, including games, colouring competition and cake decorating. Our usual forest activities will be available in the woods for both parents and children to join in with. These include den building, making crowns, mud painting, bark rubbing and making magic potions. Our wonderful garden with the large wooden climbing frame and mud kitchen will also be open for the children to play in so come and meet our friendly staff team and see all our facilities.

All proceeds from the day will go to the 'Children's Hospice South West'. For more information please ring Gill on 07853 173221 or email gillpowell1961@hotmail.co.uk Hope to see you there!

Friends of St.Mary's

The prize winners in the August draw, held on 2nd August 2018 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	274	Mr & Mrs J E Croome, Exmouth
£75	322	A M Bennett, Alveston
£25	174	Mrs J A Jones, Olveston
£25	301	Mrs J Rawles, Olveston
£25	534	Dr M Wright, Olveston
£20	303	Mrs B Morgan, Tockington
£20	464	Mr S Panes, Chepstow
£20	566	Mrs M Shurmer, Olveston
£10	267	Mr I A Hughes, Olveston
£10	593	Mr B Brown, Olveston
£10	484	Mrs R Arkell, Olveston
£10	481	Mr D Skinner, Sneyd Park

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

Olveston and Tockington W.I.

Vicki Townsend

In July a short meeting was followed by a talk from Philip Hoyland, the title 'Benefits, Brass and The Gertist, Grandest Day' left us all guessing what was coming next. We could not have imagined that we were to be told about Friendly Societies and an interesting and entertaining talk followed. These societies were set up in the mid-18th century, to help local people in times of hardship, illness and lack of work. Members paid in a weekly deposit as an insurance for future problems or ill health. The title of the talk came from the feast day, May 29th, when societies would parade through the local community, carrying their individual, staff mounted brass emblems.

W.I. Centenary Afternoon Tea

8th September at The Parish Hall from 2.30pm to 4.30pm Please come along, bring the family and enjoy some W.I. hospitality. Everyone welcome.

*Please also note that the church bells will be rung on 3rd September at 7pm, to mark the first meeting of O & T W.I. 100 years ago. Long may it continue!

Pride in a Pavement?

Nick Fear

Many private houses and public buildings have a date plaque or one bearing the initials of the builder. The riddle of the initials may be solved by research, but they seem to indicate a pride in the builders' work. The building may undergo alterations over time, but that mark of satisfaction will remain. Examples of builder's plaques are few and far between in local villages, but perhaps far rarer than even these is one apparently giving pride in the completion of a pavement. Between Tockington and Olveston in a well-used path is a solid stone tablet bearing the initials E.H.T.

Was this Edward Henry Thomas, Edwin Horace Tovey, Ethan Hector Ticknell or perhaps female initials? The truth may be surprising to some although like the tablet is imbedded in our village's history.

Over many years lighting was a concern to many households. Long winter evenings saw firelight, candles and oil lamps used to aid life. Acetylene and petrol gas fuelled some systems, a carbide gas system was installed in the White Hart at Olveston, all had concerning fire risks. Domestic electricity which we take so much for granted was an engineering marvel yet to be widely available.

Some historians trace the electrical genesis back to the ancient Greeks. The Italian Allesandro Volta was using electricity in the early 1800s. Domestic electricity first came to our area in Almondsbury in 1905 when Harold Brown the son of a local hay and chaff supplier and an apprentice electrical engineer, installed an oil powered engine in a barn. This helped his father Jesse in his business and powered a dynamo which lit electric bulbs in the building. The lighting fuelled much local interest, although many people feared it and felt it unsafe.

In 1920 Mr Tanner, an electrical engineer, came to Almondsbury and built a small power plant. He called his enterprise The Almondsbury and District Electric Light Company. This supplied many local houses with lighting power although not everyone had it installed fearing adverse effects to their person and homes. The power line was later extended to Tockington on slender wooden poles and reached the houses around The Green. The supply was sometimes interrupted by mechanical failures. Gales once blew down the supply poles and there is at least one recorded instance of local farm animals relieving an itch and felling a pole. Domestic electricity was evolving however and thriving in larger towns.

Between 1926 and 1927 The Bristol Corporation Electricity Department moved into the suburbs and reached Almondsbury. The local electricity company was bought out and stout poles installed in the village bringing power from Bristol.

The scheme was extended into Tockington and moved onwards to Olveston and other surrounding villages.

In many instances trenches were dug to take the power cables as a preferred method of transportation. Many local people felt that poles were unattractive and from a business perspective, if installed on private property, meant a fee being paid to the landowner.



Along the route of the power cables stone tablets were installed to warn future excavators of their existence. These were engraved with the letter E.H.T., electricity high tension. Over time most have disappeared, but one still remains for us to wonder at. It may be slightly worn, but there is no reason for its removal as it maintains its purpose. Long may it stay there.

September Events at The Chantry

Quiz Night.

Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm. Come and test your knowledge at our monthly Quiz. £1 per person and up to 4 in a team; bar open. This is now a Chantry fundraiser, so come along and support us.

A Murder Mystery Evening.

Saturday 29th September 7.30pm. An actor led evening of crime solving 'Death in a Silver Masque' £20 includes supper. Bar and cocktails available. Dressing up in Ballroom attire and Masquerade mask optional!

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Latest News from A Forgotten Landscape

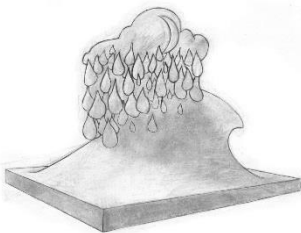
Katie Scaife

The project may be winding down, but there's still lots going on...what a great day we had for the Severn Festival. It was beautiful weather and there was a real buzz around Severn Beach Village Hall and playing fields! We'd like to thank everyone who came together to plan this excellent event and everyone who ran a stall, did a demonstration, or just came out and enjoyed the day. We are very excited to say that planning for the 2019 Festival has already begun! If you're interested in being part of next year's bigger, better extravaganza, contact Peter Tyzack on 01454 632764 or email Peter.Tyzack@btinternet.com.

Severn Beach Sculptures

Deborah Aguirre-Jones' new sculptures are settling in nicely at Severn Beach. We are sometimes asked, though, what do they mean? Plaques will soon be fitted to the plinths with a little information but, just so you know, here's the background to the sculpture ideas, worked up during the Explain Yourself project.

The sculptures are inspired by journeys, by being close to birds and by emotions which the weather and tides somehow reflect. Deborah wanted to show what's distinctive about here; the people and their feelings about the landscape. AFL Roving Art Group participants imagined, remembered and tried out different ways of being close to the place. Each carving shows a scene from those stories.



1. Inspired by

... that feeling, when you hear a really good piece of music ...

2. Manuella described

A memory of her mother who, while hanging washing on the line, would stand on one leg and whistle to the birds.

Manuella didn't know why her mother stood on one leg; it may have been simply to rest her other leg, as she was such a busy woman.





3. For Peter, the estuary recalls varied travellers who have gone through Severn Beach.

Over the centuries so many people have passed through here on their journeys as pioneers, migrants and holiday-makers.

Inside an old suitcase he used as a prop, there was a rabbit which belonged to his mother and sneaked its way into the final piece.

Although these were the original ideas they're not fixed. Each piece can be read, interpreted or understood in different ways; the best stories are probably going to be invented by you and other people who walk by them over time!

Exhibition

Our 'Tales of the Vale' touring exhibition is on the road! This exhibition and its accompanying book is a collection of history research and oral histories undertaken by our volunteers over the last two and a half years. Their work spans more than two millennia; please visit and be sure to pick up your free copy of the publication and CD before you go! The book's going like hot cakes; we're on to our third reprint – testament to the top-quality work our volunteers have produced.

To see the exhibition, visit Gloucester Archives, Clarence Row, Gloucester GL1 3DW. 1 Sept-30 Sept. New dates and talks may be added as we go. For the most up-to-date information, times and talk details go to our website. You can also read the book and listen on line, and to learn more about the project.

Walking Routes



You can now download our 15 new walking route leaflets from our website. Take advantage of this glorious weather and try out either an easy access (suitable for prams and wheelchairs) walk or a regular walk. The leaflets have clear maps, directions, useful local information and tell you about the points of interest you pass. The walks are also fully waymarked along the route. Get out, enjoy, and let us know what you think!

www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk

Fashion Show Celebrating TMTG's 50th Anniversary

Following on from the huge success of the fashion show in April, Thornbury Musical Theatre Group (TMTG) are pleased to announce that, once again, M&Co are teaming up with the group to put on a catwalk show at their store in the St Mary Centre, Thornbury, on the evening of Tuesday 25th September.

TMTG, a registered charity, is proud to be celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and, instead of treading the boards of the Armstrong Hall, some members of the group will be strutting their stuff on the catwalk as they act as models for the evening. Apart from celebrating TMTG's milestone Anniversary, M&Co will be showcasing a selection of their Autumn and Winter stock as it is brought to life on the catwalk.

For those who love a fashion show and would like a night out to view the new stock in a relaxed format and meet members of TMTG, don't delay in getting your ticket soon as they will be in high demand, especially as there will be only 50 tickets on sale. Tickets are available from M&Co in Thornbury priced at £5 (to include a drink). As a bonus, attendees will be given a *10% discount voucher* on arrival which is valid for purchases on the evening and up to two weeks after the event. For ticket enquiries call 01454 413125.

The fashion show will commence at 7.30 pm, and doors will be open at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

'Into the Woods' – a Fairy Tale Musical

In this 50th Anniversary year, TMTG are delighted to be performing the fairy tale based musical 'Into the Woods' which was subsequently made into a film brought out in 2015. It is a musical rarely seen on the amateur stage and something a little different for our audiences. This will take place at the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury from Wednesday 24th to Saturday 27th October at 7.30 pm nightly, including a matinée on Saturday at 2.30 pm.

More details will follow in next month's magazine.

Alveston Gardens Association



A Taste of Chile. A presentation by Mary Fenton.

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall, Monday 3rd

September 2018

All welcome – Visitors (£3)

St Peter's Hospice Golf Day

St Peters Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to our annual Golf Day by kind permission of Thornbury Golf Centre on Friday 5th October from 11.00am.

This is a four ball Stableford competition to be played for the Men's, Ladies and Mixed Team trophies, plus prizes.

Entry is £140.00 per team of four and includes a hot buffet.

For more information please contact 01454 417543 or email k.burgess@talktalk.net.

Please come along and support St Peters, your local Hospice.



Thornbury and District U3A

Have you recently retired or reduced your commitments leading up to retirement? Are you new to the area and looking to make new friends? Thornbury U3A promotes keeping us mentally and physically engaged and active in an enjoyable and friendly atmosphere.

'Learn, Laugh and Live' is the U3A motto and aims to provide opportunities for members to do so without having to travel too far or enrol on expensive course. We already have over 1,800 members and around 90 different groups meeting at various venues throughout the area but there is always room for more!

The groups mainly meet during the day and range from Archaeology to Walking; some meet weekly, others less often, and they include physical activities, crafts, board and card games, organised visits to gardens, concerts and theatre as well as purely 'educational' topics.

Our next Welcome Meeting will be held on Monday 8th October at 3.30p.m. in St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, Thornbury. Please come along; we would love to meet you.

For further information visit our website www.thornburyu3a.org.uk

For membership enquiries membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Alternatively phone our Membership Secretary, Jackie Gitsham on 01454 858438 or Chairman, Alison Makepeace on 01454 415019

Seven Pieces for Seven Ages *Nicki Barnes*

Friday October 12th 7.45 - Candlelight concert in Rockhampton Church.

Please join me for an evening of meaningful music for flutes in aid of the charity War Child. Following a sell-out concert last year, I am very much looking forward to playing music that is special to me for such a good cause. The programme will include C.P.E Bach's powerful Sonata in A minor; 'Truth' a new original composition, Wissam Boustany's 'And the Wind Whispered', and I will be joined by friends for 'A Lovely Story' by Anze Rozman for Piccolo, three flutes, alto and bass flutes. I will also be performing a selection of lost gems, the 'Chants de Nectaire' by the little-known genius Charles Koechlin, which I have recently recorded in Clifton Cathedral and this concert will launch the CD.

Tickets £10 (£5 for under 16s) to include a glass of wine. Call 07973 796508 or email nicki@tombarnes.co.uk

Thornbury Library

Last chance to complete Mischief Makers.

The summer reading challenge 2018 ends Saturday 8th September!

There's still time for children to finish reading their six books to complete the challenge and collect their medal & certificate and their free Swim voucher or free library DVD hire from the library. Don't miss out!

Storytime & Rhymetime for babies & pre-schoolers

Storytime returns on Monday 3rd September at the earlier time of 2pm-2.30pm and Rhymetime returns on Friday 7th September 10.30am-11am. Both sessions run term-time only. It's a great way to meet other local parents, new faces are always welcome – and it's free! No booking required, just turn up.

Shared Lives Scheme Drop In

Wednesday 5th September 10-12 noon

Are you a caring person? Do you have the time, energy, motivation and a spare room to be able to support a vulnerable adult in your own home?

If you are interested in finding out more pop into the library on Wednesday 5th September and find out more from the Shared Lives Team.

Carers Support Centre Drop In - Supporting Carers into Employment

Wednesday September 19th 10.30am -12 noon

An Advisor from the Carers Support Centre will be here to give free advice and support, drop in anytime between 10.30 am and 12 noon.

www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries

From the Registers of Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church, Tockington Church

July 21st Wedding of Matthew Paul Collins and Stephanie Crane.

From the Registers of St. Mary's, Olveston

28th June Funeral Service for Charles James Oakey followed by burial in the churchyard.

23rd July Burial of Ashes of Phyllis Elsie Garrett.

27th July Service of Thanksgiving for Dr Leslie Raymond Slaytor followed by cremation.

Yours Faithfully

Barbara Matthews
The Vine House of Prayer

I love Spring and early Summer, an abundance of greenery, blossoms and fragrances. By July the foliage is past its best and, in the eyes of many gardeners, needing a tidy up.

I guess we all know the beauty of Autumn and yet for me it has always held an element of sadness as I watch the leaves fall and decay. However, it is also a time of fruitfulness, berries, apples, delicious blessings! Winter seems a hard season.

I feel our lives are often reflected in the changing seasons. Spring, growth and vitality; Summer and abundance of life and understanding; Autumn, where I am in life now, seems to be a time to try and let things go a little, relax and have more time to think. To think of my next season and yet in the meantime to remember that the Bible says that even in old age I can bear fruit and stay fresh and green! [Psalm 92:14]

I know when I leave this earth I will go to be with my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and this has been my belief since I was 9 years old.

I feel very privileged to have this faith which takes away the fear of the future

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Sept 2	8am	Holy Communion	Rev. Helen Webb
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Mr Paul Harrod
Sept 9	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Morning Prayer with Choir	Mr Trevor Cook
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Sept16	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev David Moss
	6pm	Evensong	Mr Trevor Cook
Sept 23	8am	Holy Communion	Rev. Helen Webb
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Mr Paul Harrod
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev David Moss
Sept 30	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Harvest Festival	Rev David Moss
	6pm	NO SERVICE	

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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

Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Chancel

WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION: At 9.15am except 4th Wed when it is at Olveston Methodist Church

Morning Prayer 8.30am daily ex. Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Sept 9	9.45	Holy Communion	Revs D Moss & A Parker
Sep23	9.45	Harvest Festival	T.B.A.

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

Sept 2	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss
Sept16	9am	Harvest Festival	Mrs Tracey Black

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Sept 9	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss
Sep23	6.30	Harvest Festival	T.B.A.

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sept 2	10.00 4pm	Tock Ch. St Andrews	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosemary Shaw Welcome Service for new Circuit Ministers
Sept 9	10am 6pm	Olv. Ch. Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr John Hopper Unfolding Service Rev Simon Edwards
Sept16	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Chris Leese
Sept 23	10am	Olv. Ch.	PARADE HARVEST SERVICE Rev Simon Edwards
Sept 30	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Patrick Stonehewer

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wed.12th September To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP Thurs. Sept 20th 12.15 No need to book

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

PRAYER MEETINGS Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 in Olveston Methodist Church.

THE OLVESTON COMPUTER CLINIC Olveston Methodist Hall Friday 7-9pm
Ring 07833 354672 or 07957 433091 for further information.

CONTACT: Rev Simon Edwards Tel 01454 418176,

THE VINE House of Prayer

Pilning Street, Awkley BS35 4HL

Designated as a 'House of Prayer for all Nations' in 2005 we continue to meet in a relaxed atmosphere seeking, with God's help, to find ways to influence the world in which we live through prayer and relevant actions. This also includes sharing our own personal situations and praying for one another and the communities of which we are a part Times of worship (in various forms), applying Biblical Truths, and a time of remembrance of the death and resurrection of Jesus in sharing Communion are essential in our meeting together. We meet, 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

Sept 2	6.30pm	Jonathan Brain
Sept 9	6.30pm	Ray Hollister
Sept 16	6.30pm	Neil Mobbs
Sept 23	6.30pm	James Gulliford
Sept 30	6.30pm	Ian Thornley

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

Contacts Jenny Parfitt jennyparfitt@ymail.com

Sue Tett stett56@hotmail.co.uk

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact Danny Bamfield 01454 419324.

e-mail danny@thebamfields.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 rog3er2@gmail.com 01454 415035

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

Diary Dates for September 2018

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

1 st Sat	Coffee Morning Aust Fete & Dog Show. Boar's Head	10.30-12.00 2.00pm	MH
2 nd Sun			
3 rd Mon			
4 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Tea/Coffee & Bis. 50p Monthly Raffle British Legion Women Bingo	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	DGCL DGCL
5 th Wed	Holy Communion followed by Tea & Cake Table Tennis every week	2.30pm 7.00-8.30pm	DGCL PH
6 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
7 th Fri	Haven Memory Café Thornbury Carers Support Group Computer Clinic every week	10.15-11.45 1.00-3.00 7.00-8pm	URC Chy MH
8 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning W.I. Centenary Tea Party B.C.O. Sinfonietta Orchestra	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 2.30-4.30 7.30	AVH MH PH StM
9 th Sun			
10 th Mon			
11 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Memory Café W.I. Aust Parish Council	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL TMH PH EVH
12 th Wed			
13 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
14 th Fri			
15 th Sat	Coffee Morning Parish Council Surgery Harvest Fayre on Tockington Green Marlwood Alumni Launch	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 2.00pm 7.30pm	MH MH
16 th Sun			
17 th Mon			
18 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
19 th Wed	Jazz at the White Hart	8.30pm	

20 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
21 st Fri	Haven Memory Café	10.15-11.45	URC
22 nd Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
23 rd Sun	Concert at St Mary's Thornbury	4pm	
24 th Mon			
25 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Memory Café Olveston Parish Council	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm	MH TMH AP
26 th Wed	Beat Surgery Alv. History Soc. 'The Sorcerer & Apprentice' Gareth Williams	10.30-11.15 7.30pm	OS+ AMC
27 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
28 th Fri			
29 th Sat	Coffee Morning Autumn Supper	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH PH
Looking ahead to October			
7 th Oct	Olveston School Fun Run		

KEY: AC Aust Church; AH – Armstrong Hall; AMC – Alv Meth. Ch.; AMH- Alv Meth. Hall; AP – Alexandra Pavilion; AVH – Aust Village Hall; ; CH – Cossham Hall; Chy – Chantry ;CS Castle Sch.CTK Christ the King DGCL – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; EVH – Elberton Village Hall; LVH Littleton Village Hall MH – Olv.Meth.Hall;OMC Olv Meth Ch OS – Olv. School; OSt – Olv. Stores; OSH Old Sch. Hall Alm; PH – Olv Parish Hall; StM St Mary's Church, Olv.; StMA Almondsbury Church StMTSt Mary's Thorn TCh Tock Chapel; TBCh - Thornbury Baptist Church; TMH – Thorn. Methodist Hall; ; TMS Tock Manor Sch.. URC United Reform Ch Th

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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