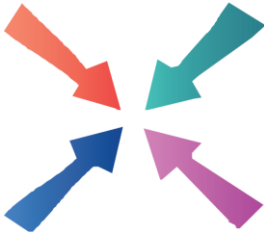


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## **From the Editor**

Just in case this edition of Meeting Point arrives through your door before September 1st, I have been asked to highlight the sponsored walk on August 31<sup>st</sup> to raise funds for the St. Mary's 'Sow and Grow' appeal. It would be great if as many people as possible sponsored this event – even retrospectively! For more on 'Sow and Grow', see the article in the magazine, which includes a brilliant photo showing just one aspect of the work this project is undertaking.

This month's profile is of Eric Garrett, a true local, having been born and brought up in the area, and who has become a mine of information on local history. Eric will be opening the Tockington Harvest Fayre on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm on Tockington Green. Do go along, if you can, and support this splendid local event.

*Marelin .*

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**Meeting Point magazine and Meeting Point Directory are online at the Community Website: [www.olvestonandaust.com](http://www.olvestonandaust.com)**

# Garden Open for Charity

**Stoneleigh Down, Tockington BS32 4LQ**

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, garden owners Su and John Mills will open their Tockington garden for the National Garden Scheme. The garden - featured on Alan Titchmarsh's 'Love Your Garden' and finalist for BBC Gardeners World Magazine 'Garden of the Year 2018' - was redesigned five years ago. The south-facing garden has curved gravel pathways connecting the different themed areas. Two ponds feature, one created in oriental style, the other for wildlife. There is year-round interest, achieved with the imaginative planting of a wide range of trees and shrubs.

The garden is open from 2.00 – 5.00pm. Admission £5, children free.

Tea and cakes available. All proceeds go to the National Garden Scheme Charities. In 2018 a record 3.1 million pounds was donated to nursing charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and Hospice UK. See [www.ngs.org](http://www.ngs.org) for more information.



Come and enjoy a warm welcome and lots of homemade cake.



# Oveston Parish Hall

The 2019 Autumn Supper will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

AHM Catering will again provide a two-course meal. The entertainment has not yet been finalised, but you know it will be a great evening! Tickets will not be issued this year.

Please email Pat Savage: [pat@savageassociates.co.uk](mailto:pat@savageassociates.co.uk) or telephone 01454 610388.

## Oveston and Tockington W.I.

*Vicki Townsend*

At our July meeting Helen Mackie gave us an inspiring insight into the work of the Jesse May Trust. The trust was set up by the parents of Jessica May Burlington, who was born in 1994 with spinal problems that required specialist nursing care at home. There was nothing suitable in Bristol, so after moving to an area where help was available, they moved back and set about starting a service in the name of Jesse May. The trust offers help at home to children and young people with life limiting illnesses, with the aim of preventing prolonged periods in hospital. Initially with two nurses, the service now cares for 187 families in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire area and they are expanding into North Somerset. The nurses, both male and female, give medical care, entertain the children and give much needed respite time to parents, often giving them the opportunity to spend individual time with other children in the family. The trust organises days out for the children, trips to Weston Pier, ice skating, pamper days for the girls and many other treats.

Our August meeting was a dinner for members at The Italian Kitchen at The Alveston House Hotel. The September 10th meeting, at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, will include a talk on Feminism by Angela Green. Visitors will be very welcome to attend.

# Eric Garrett

*Pat Thirkettle*



Eric is that rare person nowadays who has lived all his life in Olveston and, with his love of local history, is a mine of information.

Eric was born on his grandfather's Church Farm and was christened, confirmed and married in St Mary's Church. His grandfather also owned the White Hart, but sadly he died in 1938 and Eric's father died later in the same year, so the farm was sold. His mother, grandmother and three sisters moved into the cottage next to the White Hart. His mother then managed the pub and on Saturday nights Eric put up the pins in the skittle alley, earning 1 penny (now 1/12<sup>th</sup> of 1p) per player and usually with 24 players his earnings rose to two shillings, (now 10p)! He also chopped wood and filled coal buckets for the seven fires. His grandmother was bed ridden and when the air raids started his mother couldn't leave her alone next door, so she and the four children moved

into the pub. His grandmother died in 1943 resulting in the pub being sold at auction in 1945.

Eric milked his first cow at the age of seven on his cousin's tenanted farm at Elberton Manor and did so in the school holidays. He also followed the binders at harvest time and helped stack the sheaves of corn. During the war, he remembers a preliminary military mock invasion exercise on Bristol Aircraft Factory, followed the next year by a full exercise involving emergency and medical services and school children drafted in to act as casualties.

Eric went to Olveston School, followed by two years at a private school in Bristol, leaving at sixteen to be apprenticed at Cathedral Garage on College Green in Bristol for six years. There were three hundred apprentices maintaining military vehicles and Eric left as a motor mechanic and moved to Bristol Aero Engines in Patchway, with a magnificent £2 increase in wage. At home he spent eight years with the Scouts and joined the new Youth Club in 1947 at the Parish Hall. After the war it became a cinema on Saturday nights until killed by television. He was a member of the Football Club and at one time managed the reserve team and won a League runners-up medal with the

first team. In 1961 he married local girl Shirley Browning; they first lived in Vicarage Lane before building a bungalow in Haw Lane where their children Allison and John were born.

Eric's father had two plots on the Olveston allotments for seventy years, and Eric kept one of them when he died. The allotments were created in 1810 after an Enclosure Act, so the locals could continue to grow their own produce. In the 1960s the Church felt there was no longer that need and gave the allotment holders twelve months to quit. Eric and others fought this with the help of the Parish Council and they prevailed, so the allotments are now on five years leases from the Church. Eric managed them for many years and is now an honorary member, having held a plot for seventy years. He was elected on to the Parish Council at that time and served a total of eight years.

In 1970 Eric surveyed the Rights of Way in the Parish and reported to South Gloucestershire Council. He fought several Public Closure Enquiries and led walks for ten years. He is a founder member of the Historical Society and its Archivist since 1980. He is also a founder member of the Bristol and Avon Family History Society, which developed from a Night School on the subject.

Shirley sadly became ill, spent time in a nursing home and died in 2013. Eric moved to Tockington to live in Allison's house, as her husband had built a new one for them in the back garden.

Over the years Eric has researched the history of the area including large houses in the locality, also Aust, the ferry crossing and Olveston Church. He has some 17,000 words on the computer waiting for publication. In the last three years, a South Gloucestershire lottery funded grant produced 'Forgotten Landscape of the Lower Severn Vale'; naturally Eric was involved and volunteered a 3,000 word history of Olveston. He gives talks to South Gloucestershire schools about WW2 memories and is currently involved with a WW2 exhibition in Kingswood. Finally, as I write, he is awaiting a film crew from South Gloucestershire Council to see him on the subject, so watch this space...or the television!

## **Sunday Afternoon Concerts at St. Mary's Thornbury**

### **Sunday 22nd September at 4 pm**

Rosie Evans, accompanied by Malcolm Kittle (Director of Music at St. Mary's), will sing a variety of songs including works by Brahms, Mozart and Schubert. Rosie is a soprano who recently completed her music degree at Bristol University. There is no charge but there will be an opportunity to make donations.

Tea and refreshments will be served at the end of the concerts.

# From the Registers of St Mary's, Olveston

11 <sup>th</sup> July	Funeral of Margaret Elizabeth Waycott
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Baptism of Charlie William Sadler, son of Chris Sadler and Sarah Newell
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Funeral of Sian Frances Walker, followed by committal at Almondsbury Cemetery
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Baptism of Alfred William McEwen Smith, son of William John McEwen Smith and Victoria Jade McEwen Smith

## Thornbury Library

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2pm**

### **The Craft Group and Repair Cafe**

New members will always be made welcome by this friendly group. Share tips and ideas for your knitting, sewing or crochet projects. Bring your small items of clothing or soft furnishings for repair. Refreshments provided.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 10.30-11.30**

### **Lego Club**

Come and join us for a story. Create your own LEGO masterpieces. Display them in the library for your family and friends to see.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 10.30-11.30**

### **Chatterbooks Group**

Are you in years, 4, 5, or 6? Participate in book themed and activity sessions every month.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10am-11.30am**

### **Owls and Birds of Prey**

Come and learn some amazing facts about these beautiful birds from the experts.

These are just some of the events being held at the library. For more information: Telephone: *01454 868006*,  
Email: *thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk*  
Or visit the website: *www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries*

# Aust Parish Council Matters

*austparishcouncil@googlemail.com*

## **September Meeting**

There was no Parish Council meeting during August. Aust Parish Council has taken the opportunity during the quieter period, to review and update key council documents. The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

## **New Parish Councillor**

As mentioned last month Aust Parish Council has welcomed a new Parish Councillor, Ian Jenkins. Ian will attend his first full meeting in September.

## **Aust Ferry Improvements**

The public engagement period ended in July and the responses published on the South Gloucestershire Website. Since then a planning application has been submitted to notify the intention to demolish the remains of the existing toilet block. I hope to be able to provide an update on this next month.

# Olveston Baby and Toddler Group Needs You!

*Sharon Burrough*

In September I will be stepping down from the role of running this fantastic, friendly, local baby and toddler group. It has been a pleasure to run the group, which has a strong regular attending group of Mums and Grandparents, plus many new carers of little ones always joining.

I found the group a huge benefit when I moved to the village almost 4 years ago as it helped me to meet fellow local Mums whose children would be going to the same Preschools and Schools as my children. Also, it was great to see my little ones entertained whilst I got to enjoy a hot cup of tea! The group has been running for well over 30 years and has always been run jointly by a group of parents/grandparents. I would love to see the group continue to thrive this way, but we need more volunteers!

The group runs in term time Thursday mornings 9.30-11.30am in Olveston Methodist Hall on The Street. The tasks involved in running the group are not taxing and opening and closing could be taken in turns with a group of parents, to fit in around busy lifestyles.

I have had a couple of Mums who have shown interest but also have other commitments so, if you can offer some help or want to ask any questions, please get in contact with me: Tel : 07742148765 or email: *sharonburrough@hotmail.co.uk*



# Tea and Chat

If you find it difficult to get out and socialise, why not come to Tea and Chat?

Meeting once a month, Tea and Chat is made up of people just like you and it's a great way to meet up with old friends and make some new ones at the same time.

The September Tea and Chat will take place on Friday, September 6th at 2.30pm at the home of Brandon Lush, Hazel Cottage, Lower Hazel.

Transport is provided and it's all free.

To request transport or to request further details please telephone Lynn 01454 612201 or Lesley 01454 613804.

# Bristol Concert Wind Band: Learner Course

If you have ever fancied learning to play a wind or percussion instrument then Bristol Concert Wind Band offers you the opportunity to learn in a friendly atmosphere with others in the same position, whether you have your instrument of choice or not. Interest in any concert band instruments is warmly welcomed and we have brass, woodwind and percussion instruments available for loan.

Every year we start a class for absolute beginners. The beginner course runs for 3 years with weekly tuition from our excellent enthusiastic course leaders. There are performance opportunities throughout the year. Age is no barrier. Our next course starts on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September in Bethesda Independent Methodist Church, Staple Hill from 7.30pm. Contact Heather Platt on [heatherplatt@bcwb.co.uk](mailto:heatherplatt@bcwb.co.uk) for further details and to sign up for the course.

# Roll Over Beethoven

Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Cossham Hall, Thornbury

An irreverent look at Classical Music with Michael Lunts.....

From Alan Sherman's 'Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah' to Tom Lehrer's 'Wienerschnitzel Waltz', comedy song writers down the ages have played fast and loose with the rarefied world of classical music, finding humour in an art

form that can take itself rather seriously.

In *Roll Over Beethoven*, Michael Lunts takes a break from his 'musical dramas' about great classical composers to bring together the world of classical music and his almost encyclopaedic knowledge of comedy songs celebrating the work of those from Flanders and Swann to Joyce Grenfell, from Dudley Moore to Gilbert and Sullivan, who have found plenty to laugh about in classical music

This extra special event organised by The Armstrong Arts Group is the first in the Autumn series of concerts to raise funds for the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project. Tickets £15 (to include interval nibbles) can be obtained from Thornbury Town Hall or by 'phoning 01454 412272.

# 1st Olveston Scout Group Annual Line of Coins

*Andy Hollingdale*

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October**



The Annual Line of Coins Challenge will take place on the morning of Saturday 5th October. If you're new to the area, this is where the Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts attempt to make a line of coins from the Crusty Loaf, along the pavement, to Olveston Stores. Last year we made it – and halfway back again - and raised over £600!

All funds go directly to the Scout group, helping us buy equipment that is used across the group and will benefit children for years to come. Please bring along your spare coppers, silver or more and join us for a cup of tea and cake in the Methodist church throughout the morning. We will also have collection pots through the village. Please give generously and thank you for your generous donations!

*Here is the line being created in 2018.*

# Autumn Movie Programme

*Trevor Anderson*



Greetings to all readers from the Movie Club Team in Olveston. This advance notice is to confirm that we'll be starting our Autumn Programme on October 7th with films at 7.30pm on the first and third Monday evenings of each month in St Mary's Church Olveston. Admission is free and all are welcome - put the dates in your diary now!

Our opening film is a British drama about a group of fishermen with a talent for singing sea shanties. More details next month.

# Old Down Cricket Club

*Tony Gardner*

*07889 727729*

## **150 Club Winners August 2019:**

£50 Diane Grosvenor

£15 Tony Williams

£5 Ben Riggs

## **Latest Bonus Ball Winners:**

13/07/19 Ian Maunder

27/07/19 Malcolm Grosvenor

# Olveston Fun Run

Sunday 29th September.

For more details please look out for posters around the village and on the Friends of Olveston School Facebook page. Thank You.

# News from St Mary's

*Debbie Harries*



## **Open Air Service**

We will be having our Open-Air Service on Sunday September 22nd at 10am in Dawes Yard opposite Olveston Stores.

The service will be led by Paul Harrod. Come and join us, we look forward to welcoming you!

## **Advent Windows**

I know, it's only September!! I will be organising the Advent windows again this year. For the last few years people have mounted Advent Windows as a kind of living Advent Calendar and they have been extremely popular. If you would like to be part of it this year please contact Debbie on 01454 613273 or [oboe-debbie@live.co.uk](mailto:oboe-debbie@live.co.uk) by the end of October. Thank you.

## **Fruit and Veg Bank**

The porch of St Mary's has become a collecting point for surplus seasonal fruit and veg from our village gardens. Please help yourselves to this fresh local produce.

## **Refuse, Re-use, Recycle, Reduce, Replace**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm in St. Mary's.

You are invited to come along to learn how to unravel the mysteries of what happens to your doorstep collections. Mr Mike Wildman from the SUEZ depot in Yate will be there. Bring along with you any item which puzzles you as to how it should be recycled.

There will be a family quiz to complete, which will be available for collection from Olveston Church, School, and Stores from 9<sup>th</sup> September. There will also be a competition for the most novel model (no bigger than half a metre square) made from recyclable materials.

Look out for posters advertising this event. Refreshments will be available.

# There is Nothin' Like the Parish Players...

September is upon us and that means it's almost time to start rehearsals for The Parish Players' next production! Our choice of show for 2020 is the 1949 Broadway hit *South Pacific*. Performances will run from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (half term week), each evening at 7.30pm at The Parish Hall in Tockington. Tickets will go on sale in January.



Now is your chance to get involved. As always, we welcome people of all ages to audition for roles extending from major parts through to places in the lively and entertaining choruses of nurses or American GIs. Please note that the vast majority of roles are suitable for adults or teenagers, with fewer opportunities for younger children than some of our recent productions.

If you want to be involved, you need to come to the two read-through evenings on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, at 7.30pm in The Parish Hall, Tockington BS32 4LQ. Auditions will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October (full details will be available at the read-through evenings).

If you have skills that could be employed backstage or in preparing for the production, or would like to help front of house on show nights, we'd also love to hear from you.

*South Pacific* is considered by many to be Rodgers and Hammerstein's greatest musical. It is set on an island during World War II, where American nurse Nellie Forbush falls in love with French plantation owner Emile de Becque. Their story, interwoven with those of the other characters, explores diverse themes, including the impact of racial and other prejudice, in a deeply engaging plot. The Parish Players last performed it, to great acclaim, in 2004.

For more information, you can get in touch via:  
[secretaryparishplayers@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryparishplayers@gmail.com) or  
[www.facebook.com/OlvestonParishPlayers](http://www.facebook.com/OlvestonParishPlayers).

# St Peter's Hospice

## **Tea and Cake.**

St Peters Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to 'Tea and Cake' in Rockhampton Village Hall on Sunday 29th September at 2.30p.m.

Homemade cake stall, books, crafts and raffle. All welcome.

Entrance £3.00 to include tea/coffee and cake.

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

## **Golf Day.**

Calling all golfers. 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 11th October from 11.00a.m.

This is a four ball Stableford competition to be played for the Mens, 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*. We would be delighted to welcome you and your team.

# Christ the King - Open Day

*"Making a difference for all by inspiring a love of learning"*

Christ the King School is a smaller than average sized primary school situated in Thornbury. The school was opened in 1969 when the town underwent large scale development.

Our school has a 'family community' feel to it and has a distinctive Catholic identity. We are committed to the belief that all pupils are entitled to the best education and promote an inclusive culture for all children. Our children are at the heart of our school, where we have high expectations of pupils to reach their full potential. We believe that our ethos is largely responsible for making our school an exceptionally caring and strong learning environment. Our pupils come from a variety of backgrounds and faiths and they all share the values of the school.

Our next open days will be on Thursday 10th October at 4:30-7:00pm, Tuesday 22nd October at 9:30am to 11:30am and Wednesday 13th November at 9:30am -11:30am. All visitors are warmly invited to come and look around our school, meet the staff and see the pupils at work.

# South Gloucestershire Heritage Open Days



13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Heritage Open Days are a great opportunity to explore new places, seek out hidden treasures and enjoy the fantastic heritage South Gloucestershire has to offer, all for free.

There are some amazing places to see including **Acton Court\***, **Winterbourne Medieval Barn**, **Pegasus House\***, **Brandy Bottom Colliery** and **Frenchay Village Museum**. **Thornbury and District Museum** is organising a Guided Walk\*.

Some places – marked \* above - will need booking in advance, and may even already be fully booked, but others you can just turn up on the relevant day.

For full information about each place that is opening, including the exact dates and times, you will need to log on to: [www.southglos.gov.uk/heritageopendays](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/heritageopendays) or to the organisation's own website.

You can also pick up a leaflet (see left) from

- Thornbury Library
- Thornbury and District Museum.



*Brandy Bottom Colliery*

# Castle School Friends

Emma Wiles

## **DIY and Gardening Day at The Castle School, Thornbury Saturday 14th September (9.30-15.00)**

Volunteers welcomed to help for 1-2 hours (or whatever time they can spare) on essential projects around the School. Refreshments provided.

## **Quiz Night in aid of Castle School Friends at The Castle School, Thornbury Friday 20th September (19.00 for 19.30 start)**

Come along to enjoy a great evening's entertainment with friends: excellent prizes, raffle, cash bar. Teams of 4 (we can put a team together for you if you don't have a 4). Tickets £5 per person, for sale in advance from Castle School Reception (from Monday 9th September).

For further information about either of these events contact:  
*enquiries@castleschoolfriends.org*



## **Olveston Parish Council**

*Pat Savage*

### **Resource and Waste Strategy 2020 and Beyond**

South Glos. Council is updating its Resource and Waste Strategy. The Council proposes to focus on what's known as a 'circular economy' for waste which means moving away from the linear approach of 'take-make-consume-throw away' to a system where resources are minimised, regenerated and reused. The Council is interested in everyone's views. The consultation is open from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Whilst the Roadshow dates will have passed by the time you receive this publication the last roadshow is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at Yate Shopping Centre between 10.00-14.00. There is also a Community Engagement Forum on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at Filton Town Hall and the Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke starting at 7pm. A further Forum is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at Easter Compton Village



Hall again at 7pm. Should you wish to complete the online consultation please email: [consultation@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@southglos.gov.uk)

### **Grant Funding**

The application forms are now available on the Council's Website.

Alternatively, you may wish to email the Council at:

[clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **Leavers' Award**

The Parish Council awards were presented at Olveston C of E Primary School Leavers' Service, which was held at St. Mary's Church on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

The joint recipients were Charlotte and Jamilla. The service was a wonderful celebration of all the Leavers' time at the school including some lovely memories. We wish them well in their new schools.

# **Almondsbury Surgery 'Seasonal Flu' Clinic**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9am to 12noon The Old School Hall, Almondsbury

This clinic is only for adult 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:

- Age 65+
- Pregnant Women in any trimester
- Under 65 at risk with a chronic disease as listed below:
  - Coronary Heart Disease
  - Diabetes
  - Asthma (requiring inhaled or systemic steroids, or causing hospital admission in last year)
  - Chronic Renal Disease
  - Chronic Liver Disease
  - Chronic Respiratory Disease
  - Immunosuppression
  - Stroke or TIA
  - Carers, in receipt of carers allowance (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 telephone the surgery from mid-September when staff will be able to advise you (01454 613161).

For general information, please check our website:

[www.almondsburysurgery.nhs.uk](http://www.almondsburysurgery.nhs.uk).

# 'Sow and Grow' Update

A big thank you to all who came to Fiona Macaskill's Australian Flying Adventure talk and the Church Open Afternoon, which raised nearly £600 and £372 respectively for the Sow and Grow appeal.



St. Mary's Sow and Grow appeal aims to raise £10,000 for destitute Rwandan refugees returning home to basic accommodation. The photo on the left shows a locally made tank for harvesting rainwater from the roof for essential needs. At home, the aim is to raise £5,000 for a Reflective Garden for Olveston School. So far we have raised a total of £5,200.

There is a sponsored walk on 31<sup>st</sup> August, visiting four of North Severnside churches. It starts at 9.30am at St John's, Aust walking via St Mary de Malmesbury, Littleton upon Severn, then to St John the Evangelist,

Elberton and finishing at St Mary's Olveston. Hopefully you receive your magazine in time to be a sponsor, or even participate (walking boots and wet weather gear advisable), in which case please contact Lesley Clarke on 613804.

Future fund-raising events include: A jazz concert on 5<sup>th</sup> October in St Mary's Church, by the Mark Randall Six, (they were a sell out at Thornbury Jazz Festival), Skittles, Cheese and Chutney at the White Hart, Olveston on 16<sup>th</sup> November and an Auction of Promises next year. More details of these events will follow.

# Thornbury Volunteer Centre

## Training Sessions

### **Good practice around policies and procedures**

**Wednesday 18 September 9.30am – 12.30pm** Council Chamber, Thornbury Town Hall.

What organisations must have, and what is desirable, to demonstrate best practice to funders, stakeholders and the general public. Large or small, the Management Committee, Trustees or Directors of a community group, charity or social enterprise have key responsibilities to make sure that they are running effectively, efficiently and in line with the law.

This half day session will provide an overview of the core requirements for policies and procedures to ensure organisations are compliant and discuss best practice that helps groups and organisations to demonstrate their effectiveness to a wide range of external stakeholders. This session will provide those attending with an overview of requirements and tools and resources to ensure legal compliance and best practice in their operations proportionate to the size and scale of their group, organisation or enterprise.

### **Good Governance: Trustee roles and responsibilities**

**Monday 30 September 1.30pm – 4.40pm** Council Chamber, Thornbury Town Hall.

The legal responsibility for any charity lies with the Trustees. This half day session will provide those who are new to the role of a Trustee and those with many years' experience with an overview of Trustee roles and responsibilities and Good Governance for large and small charities. This interactive workshop will use resources produced by the Charity Commission to support Trustees including The Essential Trustee and provide tools and resources for participants to support Good Governance in their charity including the Governance Code.

Both sessions will be facilitated by Helen Black, Chief Officer of CVS South Gloucestershire. Helen has worked with Trustees from large and small organisations for over 15 years, both locally and previously working in Yorkshire. Helen has been a Trustee of three Charities and is currently a Trustee of a small national Charity, The Ancient Tree Forum.



**ROUNDTABLE**  
Thornbury No. 647

To reserve your place please email Kim Webb, at [mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk](mailto:mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk). Thanks to funding from Thornbury Round Table, this training is provided

free of charge to participants.

# Horses and Hounds for Charity

On 7<sup>th</sup> July Almondsbury Horse Show hosted its 76<sup>th</sup> event at Washingpool Farm, Easter Compton. The spacious site, kindly lent by the Farr family, provided ample space for all the rings, cars, stands and picnicking. Large numbers of competitors, spectators and supporters streamed into the scenic grounds of the show to enjoy a day of equestrian and canine competition and entertainment. The event raised funds for some very deserving local charities plus Great Western Air Ambulance (GWAA) and St Peter's Hospice. The show catered for all ages and abilities, with classes ranging from dressage, show jumping, to clear round jumping and the ever-popular gymkhana games.

The highly successful new companion dog show, organised by rescue charity, 'Forever Hounds Trust', arranged a wonderful day of activities, including demonstrations from 'PAT' (Pets As Therapy) which organises hospital dog visits, and 'Hoopers', a new and more accessible form of dog agility and a wonderful selection of novelty classes for all ages and abilities. The Hounds Trust will definitely be back next year.



Stalls around the main ring provided a welcome area for sitting and enjoying the classes, whilst tucking into refreshments in the form of burgers, hotdogs and ice creams. GWAA and Avon Riding for the Disabled highlighted their wonderful work. Other stalls included Karen Russell, who donated a beautiful silver bracelet for the silent auction, Rachael Kuczaj's amazing animal portraits and Celebration Fairs of Thornbury, who lent some beautiful wooden garden furniture for people to sit and enjoy the views and activities.

The support of local businesses helps to keep this wonderful event alive. The committee was delighted to raise nearly £6000. Hopes are even bigger and better for next year.

Please come along and support this event with family and friends. Save the date: Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> 2020.

# Making Space for Wildlife

*Emma Williams*

## **Nature's Calendar: How wildlife is affected by the weather and climate change.**

There's no escaping the frequent reports in the news about global warming. People now seem to be starting to accept that it really is happening, but what effect may it have on our local wildlife?

Nature's Calendar is a project run by the Woodland Trust which enables us all to record the signs of the changing seasons. This helps to form a picture of trends, both locally and nationally, over several years with next year being its 20<sup>th</sup> year.

There are various species of plant, bird and animals which we can all monitor, most of which are commonly found and are easily recognisable. The Nature's Calendar website lists these species and also provides pictures to guide your identification. See <https://naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

There is a general lack of autumn records, so this month is a good time to get started. Records show that last autumn the average temperatures were similar to those in the past, although September saw more rainfall and October was generally sunnier. Overall, there was no pattern in the timings of the seasonal changes in nature, with some occurring earlier and others later than previous years.

September usually sees the leaves start to fall from trees, firstly with the Horse Chestnut, followed by the Rowan and Beech, then the Oak and Ash. Prior to this you may have noted the first autumn tinting of the leaves. When you notice these changes this year, make a note and record them. You can even record when you do your last lawn cut of the year. This usually falls between October and November and last year the 27<sup>th</sup> October was the average date!

Autumn also sees the migration of birds. Swallows are the first to head off to sunnier shores, followed by house martins and swifts. Last year, they left us earlier than on average, but will this be an ongoing trend as a result of climate change? Don't worry, the website helps you to identify the different migratory birds, if you don't know your swallow from your swift, and remember also to record when they first return to us next spring.

Together, we can help to contribute to a longer history of recordings, which will help scientists to form a clearer picture of how our changing climate may be affecting our local wildlife. It's a great way to become more aware of our beautiful surroundings and embrace the start of autumn.

# Yours Faithfully

*Revd. Stephen Oram*

'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.' This much quoted phrase from John Keats' poem 'To Autumn' is frequently used to describe the season we find ourselves entering during the month of September. September can sometimes seem like the beginning of a new year, probably influenced by our children going back to school after the long summer holiday.

With the shortening days and the changing colours of the countryside, our thoughts turn to Harvest Festival, which is often celebrated in September. Harvest Festival is traditionally held on the Sunday nearest the Harvest Moon. This is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox (22nd or 23rd September). With advances in modern farming techniques, however, actual harvesting can now occur in July or August, but the religious festival still takes place in September.

In our own country, thanks have been given for successful harvests since pagan times. An early harvest festival used to be celebrated at the beginning of the harvest season on 1<sup>st</sup> August and was called Lammass, meaning Loaf Mass. Farmers made loaves of bread from the fresh wheat crop, which were given to the local church as the Communion bread during a special service thanking God for the harvest. By the sixteenth century, a number of customs seem to have been firmly established around the gathering of the final harvest. They include the reapers accompanying a fully laden cart; a tradition of shouting "Hooky, hooky"; and one of the foremost reapers dressing extravagantly, acting as 'Lord' of the harvest and asking for money from the onlookers. Early English settlers took the idea of harvest thanksgiving to North America.

The modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as 'We plough the fields and scatter', 'Come, ye thankful people, come' and 'All things bright and beautiful' helped popularise his idea of harvest festival, and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service.

As we have come to rely less heavily on home-grown produce, there has been a shift in emphasis in many Harvest Festival celebrations. Increasingly, churches have linked Harvest with an awareness of, and concern for, people in the developing world for whom growing crops of sufficient quality and quantity remains a struggle.

## Church News

### ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Sep 1	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Steve Oram
	10am	Holy Communion	Revs S. Oram & A. Lloyd
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Trevor Cook
Sep 8	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Steve Oram
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev S. Oram & Trevor Cook
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Rev Ann Lloyd
Sep 15	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Steve Oram
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Revs S. Oram & D. Bone
	6pm	Evensong	Trevor Cook
Sep 22	8am	Holy Communion	TBA
	10am	Outdoor Service in Dawes' Yard	Paul Harrod
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev David Moss
Sep 29	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Morning Prayer	Trevor Cook
	6pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev David Moss

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

[www.stmarysolveston.org.uk](http://www.stmarysolveston.org.uk)

WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION: At 9.15am, except 4<sup>th</sup> Wed when it is at Olveston Methodist Church 9.15am

Morning Prayer: 8.30am daily ex. Wed

### CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Sep 8	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev Ann Parker
Sep 22	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Parker

Focal Minister: Rev Ann Parker, 01454 632329

e-mail [annatdibley@btinternet.com](mailto:annatdibley@btinternet.com)

Church Wardens: Jon Burnett 633835 & Jenn Dickens 632035

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

Sep 8	3pm	Harvest Service	Mrs Tracey Black
Sep 22	8am	Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Sep 8	9am	Morning Worship	Judith Heybyrne
Sep 22	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs Judith Heybyrne 01454 616725

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sep 1	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Rev David Deeks
Sep 8	11am	Th'bury Meths	United Service led by Rev Simon Edwards
Sep 15	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev John Emmett
Sep 22	10am	Tock Ch	PARADE HARVEST FESTIVAL Service, Rev Simon Edwards
Sep 29	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Dr Victoria Davies

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 11 Sept. To book your lunch, please ring 416528.

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP:** 12.15 Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> September at the Swan.

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

**PRAYER MEETINGS:** Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 in Olveston Methodist Church.

**HARVEST FAYRE, Saturday 14 Sept**

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## 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. 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.

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## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Sep 1	6.30pm	Jonathan Brain, Wiltshire County Evangelist
Sep 8	6.30pm	Peter Price
Sep 15	6.30pm	Mike Dorgan
Sep 22	6.30pm	Neil Mobbs
Sep 29	6.30pm	Vision of Hope

Each Thurs at 6.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

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Sue Tett [stett56@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stett56@hotmail.co.uk)

## AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact Danny Bamfield 01454 419324.

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## 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](http://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:** Brian Hawkins, [hawkinsb863@gmail.com](mailto:hawkinsb863@gmail.com) 01454 854867

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# Diary Dates for September 2019

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Sun			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Tea/Coffee & Biscuits 50p Monthly Raffle Macular & Low Vision Support Group British Legion Women's Section: Bingo	10.30-12  10.30 7.30	DGCL  TMH DGCL
4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Holy Communion followed by tea & cake Table Tennis every Wednesday	2.30 7-8.30	DGCL PH
5 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	Thornbury Farmers' Market Olveston Playgroup Coffee Shop	9-1.30 9.30-11.30 9-12	MH OSt
6 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Haven Memory Café Thornbury Carers' Support Group CRUK Quiz, Marlwood School, 07707 159645 Tockington Archers: Have-a Go session by arrangement: email secretary@tockingtonarchers.co.uk	10.15-11.45 1-3pm 7.30 6-8pm	URC Chy
7 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning MARLWOOD ROCKS: bands, hog roast, bar	10.30-12 7pm-midnight	MH School
8 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
10 <sup>th</sup> Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Aust Parish Council Thornbury Memory Café WI. Talk on the Land Army	10.30-12 7.30 10.15-11.45 7.30	DGCL EVH TMH PH
11 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Table Tennis every Wednesday	7-8.30	PH
12 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	10-12 9.30-11.30	OSt
14 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Tockington Harvest Fayre Castle School DIY & Gardening day	10.30-12 10.30-12 2pm 09.30-3pm	AVH MH
17 <sup>th</sup> Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12	DGCL
18 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Jazz at The White Hart Olveston	8-10.30	
19 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	Thornbury Farmers' Market Olveston Playgroup	9-1.30 9.30-11.30	

	Coffee Shop	10-12	OS+
20 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Haven Memory Café Castle School Quiz Night enquiries@castleschoolfriends.org	10.15-11.45 7 for 7.30	URC
21 <sup>st</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Parish Council Surgery	10.30-12 10.30-12	MH MH
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	Rosie Evans soprano singing Mozart Brahms, Schubert, St M, Thornbury	4pm	StMTh
24 <sup>th</sup> Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Thornbury Memory Café Olveston Parish Council	10.30-12 10.15-11.45 7.30	DGCL TMH AP
25 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Jazz at the White Hart Olveston Alveston Local History Soc - 'Tyntesfield'	8.00-10.30 7.30	AMC
26 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
28 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Community Recycling meeting	10.30-12 09.30-12.30	MH StM
30 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
<b>Looking ahead to October</b>			
18 <sup>th</sup> Fri	OPTA Evening party with entertainment for all ages.	6.30 - 9.30	PH

**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** – Oliv.Meth.Hall;**OMC** Oliv Meth Ch **OS** – Oliv. School; **Ost** – Oliv. Stores; **OSH** Old Sch. Hall Alm; **PH** – Oliv Parish Hall; **StM** St Mary's Church, Oliv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church **StMT Mary's Thorn** **TCh** Tock Chapel; **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; ; **TMS** Tock Manor Sch..**URC** United Reform Ch Th

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