

Meeting Point

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From the Editor

It was a great shock to learn that Peter Wike, Headmaster of Olveston School, died last week. Meeting Point would like to send sincere condolences to his family, the School and all close to him. There will be more in the next issue.

I hope everyone has enjoyed some sunshine this summer and a break from the usual round of activities. As you can see in this issue, autumn is gearing up to be very busy indeed with plenty of functions to support: harvest festivals, fundraising fairs, sponsorships for charities, walks and outings, concerts, a barn dance, amateur dramatics, art and craft shows and even a 'flu clinic!

As I write a problem seems to have developed with the usual editor@parishpump email address. I have therefore included my personal email address as an alternative. I will always acknowledge your emailed contributions to Meeting Point so that you know they have arrived safely.

PThis month's cover is by Keith Richards

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

Village Person: Pete Harse

Pete grew up in Severn Beach, and at the age of five set off on his bicycle for Pilning Junior School each day, a journey of three miles in each direction. He went on to Patchway High School and then started an apprenticeship at ICI, as an instrument artificer – with Trevor Cook, (ex editor, profiled in the June Meeting Point).

Pete met his wife Sally at a mutual friend's birthday party. They were married in Bristol in 1971, and lived there briefly until they moved to Pines Lane, Old Down, with their son Stuart, in 1974. Their second son David was born there and three years later Pete left ICI and the family moved to Cobh for a year. Cobh is an island in the bay outside Cork, in Ireland.

Pete says it was more like a holiday than a job. The only questions asked at his interview were 'did he like fishing and beaches?' The boys went to school and playgroup, and life became very relaxed, in an Irish way. Sally once left her car outside a shop, and came back to find it double-parked by a hearse complete with coffin! Pete worked shifts and one of those not on the shift would collect bait, and then they would sit and fish from the pier. They all caught decent sized cod, which Pete and Sally were able to cook, as the family was renting a cottage, whereas the other workers were in digs.

The next move was to Sullom Voe, the oil terminal in Shetland, a very different world. Pete rented a house, which seemed to have the only tree on the island in its garden. The winters were terrible and the summers not much better. The snow used to blow horizontally due to constant wind, and you could have three seasons in one day, spring, autumn and winter.

This time Sally stayed at home with the children, but one winter they all went up to Shetland for Christmas, quite a journey at that time of year. The high point of the visit was the Up Helly Aa festival. This ancient Viking ritual takes place in January, and takes a whole year to prepare. The main festival takes place in Lerwick, but there are several satellite festivals, and in Scalloway, where Pete was living, it was held after Christmas that year. The 'Guizer Jarl' is elected, and his chosen Viking warriors, bearing lighted torches, form a procession to haul him in a replica longship that has taken months to build. When they reach the town square, the warriors hurl their torches at the boat thus creating an enormous bonfire, singing ancient songs. They then go round village halls and private parties where each of them has to do a party piece; meanwhile copious quantities of alcohol are being consumed and the whole event takes twenty-four hours.

After three years in Shetland, Pete worked on a North Sea oilrig for a year. This was even more uncomfortable; they didn't even have TV in those days, and there was precious little to do other than work. So its not surprising that Pete decided to return to ICI in 1991, this time contracting in the pharmaceutical division. In 1996 he worked for Astra Zeneca, which had taken it over, although most of us still refer to the site at Avonmouth as ICI. After eleven years Pete took voluntary redundancy and joined the ranks of the leisured retired.

For many years he played football, playing for Severn Beach, ICI and Olveston United. When that finished he took up running and completed thirty half marathons and two full marathons. One was in Bristol and the other in Paris, which was jolly hard work as approximately eighty per cent of it was run on very large cobbles.

Pete was Chairman of the Countryside Group for several years, and is at present doing some long delayed DIY on their cottage. David married Amanda a few years ago and now Pete and Sally are looking forward to their first grandchild in December.

Music in the Church at Aust

Three Signs of Wisdom

Thor Ewing and Anne Marie Summers (known to regulars for her virtuoso piping in Misericordia) will present new translations of ancient proverbial triads from Ireland and haunting thousand-year-old Welsh wisdom poetry from the The Red Book of Hergest (the Mabinogion manuscript). The poetry is interwoven with ancient themes on harp, pipes, hurdy gurdy, pibcorn and other instruments, with songs and tunes from medieval Celtic tradition, including music from the famous Robert ap Huw manuscript dating from 1623.

Poems from the performance are included in a new book of translations by Thor Ewing, *The Wisdom of the Celts*, which will be available at the event.

Thor Ewing and Anne Marie Summers will be at Aust church on **Saturday 15th September at 8pm**. Tickets are £9 full and £6 concessions, available from Peter or Gina Dobbins on 01454 632306 or directly from the Boar's Head, Aust, or Olveston Stores.

Foster Care

Have you ever thought about foster caring ?

This is not a question you hear every day, nor is it a something that many people contemplate in their lifetime. The public perception is that it is an onerous task, an unnecessary life-changing event and definitely something that other people get involved with. So, how can I address all these points and present reasons as to why people should seriously think about foster caring and, once completely convinced, then make that first step by contacting me? I shall try to do this below:

Foster caring will always be regarded as an onerous task to those outside the process because it involves taking in a child or young person who needs care. It is, by its very nature, something extra that needs to be done. These children need to be looked after by people who can offer them a nurturing, positive environment. This is what we are looking for. In exchange we offer generous fees and allowances, structured training, interaction with existing foster carers and continuous, ongoing support.

Fostering a child or young person will change your life, as will introducing anyone, or anything different, into your lifestyle and household. This is why a carer, when assessed, will be as prepared as possible for the time when a child arrives.

I'm not going to tell you it's easy, or that it isn't challenging; what I will say is that the opportunities are there to not only help the children and young people attain their goals but, at the same time, develop your own fresh aims and targets in life, which are rarely easy or unchallenging.

If, after reading this article, you feel you want to take that first step you can either contact me on 01454 866423 and I will answer any questions you might have, or you might prefer to read our very comprehensive information pack which can be viewed online at www.southglos.gov.uk/fostering. Here you will also find further information on fostering.

Tony Bray, Recruitment & Marketing Officer, Family Placement Team
South Gloucestershire Council

WORK IN PROGRESS

A group of professional and semi professional dedicated local craftworkers have decided to demonstrate and display their skills together in one venue. This is not a craft show in the conventional sense; the exhibitors will show in detail: Fine design and making in wood, Decorative textiles, Traditional upholstery, Embroidery, Furniture restoration, French polishing, Curtain making, Decorative embellishments and other crafts.

11am – 6pm Saturday 8th September, Almondsbury Old School Hall, Lower Almondsbury.

Parish Council News

Valerie Tutin, Clerk: 613730

The Council is pleased to welcome Mr Allen Cogram from Tockington, who has been co-opted on to the Council for the next four years and thank others who were interested in becoming Councillors.

The Council has adopted the new Code of Conduct drawn up by the Government, which has slight variations to the one previously adopted.

The Council is hoping to make space available on their notice board by the Olveston Stores for details of meetings of local groups, advertising local events etc. If you are interested, please telephone the clerk. For a trial period, items will be displayed for up to two weeks before the event, preferably on A5 sheets, although A4 will be accepted over the trial period.

Scout Hut Update



Work on the Scout Hut is motoring on with some great support from the core team of helpers and people who take time out from their precious Saturdays to lend a hand. Many of the helpers have no links to the scouting movement at all, which makes the time they give even more appreciated. Big thanks to all who turn up to help with everything from skilled carpentry to clearing and tidying.

The core team is there every Saturday to co-ordinate the work and welcomes anyone who can spare some time to lend a hand - skilled or unskilled. All the Scouts, from Beavers through to Explorers are looking forward to having one central meeting place to share fun and activities. It would really be great to get the hut finished for them this year as the Scouting Movement is celebrating 100 years of Scouting.

So...if you have any time to give, even if it is only a morning, just turn up on site any Saturday, there is always someone there to organise the work. Please feel free to ring me on 07766653046.

Ian Knowles, chair to 1st Olveston Scout Group.

St Mary's Church Walking Group

The Group resumes its walks as usual on September 11th and the second Tuesday of each month at 10.00 a.m.

We restart by meeting at the Water Tower on the Downs and the general theme is to enjoy 'the countryside in the City'. The walk is morning only as usual. Further details from Dan on 01454 625313 or simply come and find out!



The
Jessie May Trust

Nursing care at home for children with a terminal illness

Cycling Challenge

Paul McQuaid of Orchard Drive in Aust, will be taking on a formidable cycling challenge in September to raise funds for The Jessie May Trust Precious Time Appeal. Accompanied by his neighbour Mark Petrie, he will be leaving Lands End on 1st September and cycling for 15 days to reach John O' Groats over 1,000 miles later. The pair have been training vigorously for over a year and a half in preparation for this challenge and Paul hopes to raise at least £1,000 for The Jessie May Trust. Both will be covering all their own expenses so that all sponsorship will go directly to the Trust

To sponsor Paul McQuaid visit: www.justgiving.com/mcquaid

To sponsor Mark Petrie visit www.justgiving.com/markpetrie

The Jessie May Trust is a local charity offering specialist respite and nursing care at home free of charge to local families with a terminally ill child in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. This is available to families 52 weeks of the year. For further information email info@jessiemaytrust.org.uk or visit website: www.jessiemaytrust.org.uk.

Homecare....A small price to pay for your independence at home!

Judith Tunnicliffe RGN RHV

But what exactly is homecare?

If you, your relatives or friends are looking for help so that you can maintain independence in the familiar surroundings of your own home, then homecare could be the answer. Homecare facilitates help in many different ways to people who, because of increasing age or disability, find it difficult to cope with domestic responsibilities and maybe their own personal care.

Help is usually offered in packages from ½ hour to 24 hour "Live In" care, where cleaning and washing, shopping and cooking, personal care, help to get up or go to bed, escorting to appointments, and care overnight is available.

Trained homecarers deliver a comprehensive, personal service of care within a person's own home and aim to promote the client's independence and personal dignity. Each client has an individually agreed care plan to help guide the carer in delivering continuity of care. All homecare businesses are required to be registered with The Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) where every aspect of running and managing the organisation is regulated and inspected.

New carers are interviewed and only employed after the candidates' suitability for the role of a carer has been assessed, references sought and a formal police check carried out.

If the thought of help and assistance in your home sounds like an option that you would like to consider more closely, then homecare could be the answer.

To find out more, or to organise a free assessment of your domestic or personal needs, call Premier Homecare on 0117 310 1344



News from Olveston Pre-School

We take 3-5 year olds 5 mornings a week from 9.15-12am, with possible lunch clubs until 1pm.

The Pre-School is run in the Parish Hall where there is also an excellent outside play area.

Helen Moorfield is the experienced leader who is working towards degree status and Fiona Rogers is Deputy Leader with many years of working at the Pre-School behind her.

In September they will be joined by Alex Hill who is currently level 2 NVQ working towards level 3, Nadine Nunn who has been a valued committee member for a number of years, also working towards level 3 and lastly Ursula Taylor who will be working towards her level 2.

You are welcome to come along and meet the team. For further details contact Helen on 07786 395414.

There is an **Auction of Promises** fund raiser for Olveston Pre-School on **Saturday 6th October** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Examples of promises could be anything from transport to the airport, a couple of hours gardening or dog walking to an offer of professional skills. Tickets £5 on the door to include a glass of wine and refreshments. Offers of promises and for advanced tickets contact Natasha Harrod on 613642 or email natashaharrod@hotmail.com.

Flower Arranging Classes

Classes will begin at Filton Community Folk Centre, Elm Park on Tues 25th September at 1.30pm-3.30pm & Thurs 27th September 7.00pm-9.00pm. If you are interested ring 01454 412087 for more information.

Award for Jane's Pond

2007 was the first time that Jane's Pond Ltd had entered the British Small Business Champions Awards and after becoming one of the eighteen southern area finalists, the company reached the national finals and became Area Runner Up in the Ethical Awards category. The award recognises the company's commitment to good working practices, care of staff, environmental education and work with the local community.

The aim of the British Small Business Champions (BSBC), launched in 2003, is very simple: 'To celebrate and recognise the achievements and importance of the UK's small business sector'. BSBC invited entries in January for its 2007 awards from established, thriving businesses.

Jane's Pond Ltd, a local garden design and landscaping company based in Olveston, was established by Jane Bain in 1999 and now works in the public, commercial and private sectors including many primary schools.

Jane Bain, founder and director of Jane's Pond, said, ' This is a rewarding achievement for us and recognizes the hard work that the whole team has done to enable Jane's Pond to become the company it is today. I run Jane's Pond Ltd because I want to make a difference to my clients, to my staff and my local community. We don't just build gardens, we make dreams a reality. We are the customer's choice when quality matters!'

This year's southern area award winners and runners up were celebrated at a dinner held during the Bristol Balloon Fiesta on Friday 10th August 2007. The southern area encompasses 18 counties and runs from London to the Scilly Isles.

Thanks to everyone...

.....Chris Smart

On the 14th of July a Charity Ball took place at the Park Hotel, Falfield in memory of Luke Davey and to raise money for Asthma UK.

The event turned out to be an overwhelming success, made possible by the many people who attended on the evening and by the generous contributions and donations of so many people and companies who were unable to be there. The final total raised for Asthma UK is £ 3,362. Phil & Vicky and all the family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for supporting us.

It was a fantastic evening and a fitting tribute to Luke's memory.



Weather- July 2007

Marcus Bean

ITEM	DATE RECORDED	ACTUAL READINGS 2007	ACTUAL READINGS 2006	LONG TERM AVERAGE
Max Temp °C	20 th	24.7	36.4	28.2
Min Temp °C	31 st	7.9	9.9	7.7
Max Press. millibars	30 th	1024	1032	1030
Min Press. millibars	23 rd	997	1008	999
Max Wind speed mph	6 th	48	37	34
Days with Gales(39mph +)	6 th	1	nil	nil
Max Day Rainfall mm	20 th	26.92	56.62	14.04
Rainfall in month mm	—	132.85	73.51	49.12

Summary

Monsoon conditions continued for the first six days of the month with two electrical storms occurring during this period. Mixed sunshine and showers followed but on St. Swithin's day rain fell almost continuously. Low pressure systems, channelled over or near the British Isles by the jet stream on a more Southerly track than normal, continued to dominate the weather. This resulted in very wet conditions and almost continuous cloud cover, which continued until the last two days of the month when the pressure built up and the sun shone. Saturation point of the ground was reached by mid-month and the continuous subsequent rain caused severe flooding in many neighbouring counties of the West Country.

Rainfall for the month was approaching three times the long term average and, for England and Wales, it was the wettest since records began in 1766. Average pressure, temperature and sunshine levels were all significantly below normal. We had four electrical storms in the month.

In summary, a very wet, cool and dreary month contrasting sharply with last year's heat and sunshine.



Parish Players seek new members for 'My Fair Lady'

Following their successful production of 'White Horse Inn,' the Parish Players are pleased to announce that they are moving away from the Austrian lakes and mountains and will be taking up residence in Covent Garden and Wimpole Street in London for their March 4th-8th 2008 production of Lerner and Loewe's 'My Fair Lady'.

Probably the greatest musical ever – awaited with fervent anticipation before its New York opening in 1956 and greeted with rapturous notices, 'My Fair Lady' has become a legend in theatre history.

Somehow Alan Lerner and Frederick Loewe contrived to create a perfect musical out of a flawless play – an achievement unmatched before or since, they retained the plot, colourful characters and many of the lines from Shaw's Pygmalion and arranged them with a sparkling score. Every song is a show stopper and some are now world famous set pieces such as 'Wouldn't it be louverly', 'With a little bit of luck', 'The rain in Spain', 'I could have danced all night', 'On the street where you live', 'Get me to the church on time', 'The Ascot gavotte' and many others that never lose their magic.

Preliminary rehearsals begin on Thursday September 20th, 24th and 27th, in the **Tockington Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm.**

Auditions for principal parts will be held on Wednesday October 3rd in the Tockington Parish Hall at 7pm with subsequent rehearsals taking place on Mondays and Thursdays in the Parish Hall from October 15th.

New members are very welcome. Details from the secretary, Lynn Shelley, tel: 01454 612201 or Director, Linda Evans, tel: 01454 413887.

'STEPPING OUT' to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support

Sue Smith

This will be in the Armstrong Hall on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th September. Performances start at 7.30 pm and there is plenty of free parking nearby. Unreserved seats cost £6 on the flat or £7 on the raised seating. This will undoubtedly be a popular charity event, so be sure to get your tickets in good time. Ticket enquiries can be directed to 01454 857283. The Box Office will be open weekdays from Monday 3rd September at the Town Hall in Thornbury. On Saturdays 8th, 15th and 22nd September the Box Office will be at Wildings in Thornbury High Street between 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We do hope you'll come and support this event.

TADS Play Readings

Thornbury Amateur Dramatic Society began in the 1930s, and we have recently celebrated our 75th Anniversary. We tackle a huge variety, of often challenging works, from Shakespeare to Alan Ayckbourn, with at least three productions a year, including one outdoors every summer.

TADS is open to anyone over 16 with any level of experience within the theatre, backstage, front of house, technical crew or acting - rehearsals take place in our own rehearsal rooms upstairs, at the Knot of Rope, in Thornbury. Standard membership costs £25 (£2.50 for associate members and students), and the first production is free. **We are always looking for more help behind the scenes in areas such as set design and building, props and publicity; if you would like to be involved within the society but don't really want to tread the boards, please come along to a reading or contact the society secretary.** Details below.

We are currently holding open reading evenings during the first week of each month, looking for new members. We will be reading different plays, with the possibility of performing one in the next production year.

The readings will be in our rehearsal room, meeting in the lounge bar of the Knot of Rope at 7.15pm.

Wednesday 5th September – “Confusions” by Alan Ayckbourn

Tuesday 2nd October – “Noises Off ” by Micheal Frayn

Thursday 8th November - “Under Milk Wood” by Dylan Thomas

Wednesday 12th December - “Seasons Greetings” by Alan Ayckbourn

Call Lisa Phillips, TADS Secretary (01454 202265) or email: secretary@drama-in-thornbury.co.uk for more info.

Cricket Club: Fixtures at The Park, Old Down

Sat 25th August 2nd XI v Bishopston

Sat 1st September 1st XI v Phoenix West Indians

Sun 9th September Sunday XI v Blagdon

Sun 16th September Sunday XI v Former Players XI

Senior fixtures commence at 1.30pm on Saturdays & 2.00 on Sundays.

Spectators are always welcome!!

Diary Dates

Sat 6th October Dinner & Dance at Cattle Country

Fri 16th November Race Day at Cheltenham

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Autumn Concert for Elberton Church

Peggy Oakhill

St Peter's Special Choir will be singing a concert to suit all musical tastes at Elberton Church on Monday 24th September at 7.30pm. Entrance is free but there will be a retiring collection.

The Mulberry Tree Steiner Kindergarten

This runs four mornings and two afternoons every week in Cromhall and also offers holiday care. It is fully OFSTED registered, receives nursery vouchers and is open for three to seven years olds. We also run a toddler group near Yate and one in Nailsworth. If you would like to find out more please ring Clare Benson on 01285 831463 or visit the website Mulberrytree.org.uk



Alpha 2007

Philip Rowe

Is there more to life than this? What happens when we die? What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today?

The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, non-threatening, low key, friendly and fun. We listen, learn, discuss and discover. And ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile.

To find out more with no obligation come along to the Alpha supper on Wednesday 19th September at 7.30pm in Sheepcombe House. For more information and to book a place email or phone Alison or me.

Men's Breakfast

Who said men could not organise a good do? Come along to our first Men's Breakfast in the Church Rooms (above the Doctors' surgery in Almondsbury) on Saturday 6th October from 8am. This is a social time for us to enjoy a girl-free zone. Men of all ages, shapes, religions and anything else welcomed.

Northern Uganda Secondary Education Fund

I am very grateful those who have donated £1,290 to this fund. We have received testimonies from some of the young people who have been assisted. I have posted an update in St Mary's Church porch.

Chat Meetings

"Why don't people vote?"

This was Chat Group's subject at its meeting on Monday evening, 16 July, which was opened by Paul Harrod, prospective parliamentary candidate for Bristol Northwest, who outlined the way the present political system works.

The Group saw themselves as "outsiders", not only because they were not involved in politics, but that they felt excluded from it and that it did not represent the voters' interests, which might be an indication of why people fail to vote. At the end of the discussion most felt that the system was failing the people and does not encourage the stronger, clearer leadership that the country needs.

All are invited to join with Chat to see the Al Gore film **An Inconvenient Truth** on **Tuesday October 9th at 7.30pm** in the new School Hall at Olveston.



Police Report for July

In July there were 13 reported crimes for the area. Aust services reported two 'making off without payment' incidents. Criminal damage occurred to vehicles in Aust Services, Aust village and Littleton-upon-Severn, offenders unknown. Theft of diesel occurred from a vehicle in Oldbury-on-Severn.

A vehicle stolen from Thornbury overnight was found partially burnt out in Passage Road, Aust which has now been recovered.

Criminal damage occurred to a property in Littleton-upon-Severn where an upstairs window was smashed.

On 24th July the Safer Stronger Community Group meeting was held at Oldbury Methodist Church Hall. There was a low turn out of people but those that did attend showed good community involvement. The committee is in the process of being formed. However, to reflect the wider community a representative from Olveston would be welcome.

Olveston Beat Surgery

Olveston Beat Surgeries are now being held at Olveston Stores Coffee Shop between 11.00 and 1200 on the following dates.

23rd August

1st November

27th September

20th December

PC 3404 Roger Hopes: 0117 945 5959, 07919 628625

Winterbourne Medieval Barn has been restored by English Heritage and occupies a unique place amongst our historic buildings. It was originally nearly as large as the famous barn at Bradford-on-Avon, and has a similar roof of raised cruck construction. This has been tree-ring dated to 1342, making it the same age as the Bradford barn. It was built by a secular lord of the manor, Thomas de Bradenstoke, and not by the church or a monastic institution. As yet only the main barn has been fully restored, and after much hard work charitable status was finally achieved at the end of 2005. More hard work is needed to realise the next step of rebuilding the former cow byres to form small craft and business units to rent out. In the meantime various events and open days are held from spring to autumn and working parties of volunteers assemble on site at intervals to clear weeds, restore the pond, remove rubbish and generally keep the site ship shape and Bristol fashion. For more details contact Richard Spalding on: richardspalding@blueyonder.co.uk.

STÖMP A BARN DANCE in aid of the Winterbourne

Medieval Barn

SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER 2007 at 7.30.pm

Winterbourne Community Centre, Watleys End Road, Winterbourne,

Stömp are a high-energy English Ceilidh band whose musical repertoire is based primarily on the traditions of England but who readily absorb influences from the rest of the British Isles, Scandinavia and Europe and over the Atlantic to New England and Canada. Concertina, flute, mandolin and fiddle weave an intricate and imaginative mix of marches, polkas, hornpipes and schottisches over one of the best electric rhythm sections in the land. A huge range of traditional and contemporary sources are brought together to create an excitingly infectious sound and the dance floor is guaranteed to feel the effect. But you do not have to dance to enjoy their music, which is equally enjoyable to people who just wish to listen.

To comply with the venue's licensing laws tickets (£10 adults, £5 for children) **MUST** be purchased in advance from Ed Reed, 115A Watleys End Road, Winterbourne, South Glos BS36 1QG 01454 773466, email edwardreedbristol@yahoo.co.uk. Cheques should be made payable to the Winterbourne Medieval Barn Trust. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your cheque.



2007 ALMONDSBURY ART SHOW

The 2007 Almondsbury Art Show will be held on Saturday 6th October from 10 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. and on Sunday 7th October from 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. at Almondsbury Old School Hall and our local MP Steve Webb will be opening the show for us at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 6th Oct. There will be 1½ hours of live jazz from the **T D Jazz Band** on the Saturday **and** 1½ hours of live jazz on the Sunday from **Jazz Sunday**. In addition to Almondsbury artists we have invited the Severnside Art Club from Easter Compton to join us as our Guest Group. Teas, coffees, drinks, cakes and lunches will be served on both days. Any profits from the show will be divided between St. Mary's Church, Almondsbury and the Jessie May Trust for home nursing for terminally sick children.

Classes

On Saturday October 6th Sue Gilmore Powell will be running a Mixed Media class in the Jubilee Room from 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. This follows on from Sue's very successful classes held at the last four shows. Participants should bring their own materials and a list of required materials will be sent out to participants. There will be a charge of £18 for the day. Phone Jos Gregson on 01454-613150 to reserve your place.

Entries

Participation in the Art Show is open to artists from Almondsbury only, the definition used for this is that they are in the Lich Gate distribution area. In addition to paintings and sculptures there will also be prints, Christmas cards, notelets and glassware for sale.

Admission

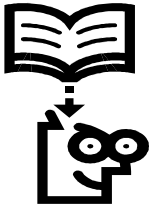
Admission to the show will be free after 12.30 pm on Saturday and 1.00 p.m. on Sunday. Prior to 12.30 pm there will an entry fee of £1 to cover the jazz. Children under 16 will be free.

Poster Competition

Almondsbury School pupils have been invited to enter a poster competition for publicity posters to be displayed around the village and the work of all entrants will be on display at the show. The work of the winners will be used for some of the posters.

Enquiries

If you would like to take part in the Art Class or would like tickets for the jazz, please contact Jos Gregson on 01454-613150. Jazz tickets will also be on sale at the door.



News From Thornbury Library

i-POINT

This careers advice service has just been set up on our library computers. It gives you quick, easy **and free** access to the best resources to help you:

- Write a CV
- Find a course
- Look at career profiles
- Get help with job-hunting
- Match your skills and interests to jobs
- Get careers and training advice by email

Pre-school story-time *and* musical rhyme time (2.15-2.45)

The weekly Monday afternoon story-time restarts in September after the summer break. We have also introduced a monthly ***Musical Rhyme Time*** for younger children on the last Monday of each month. All pre-school children and their parents and carers are warmly welcome to these free activity sessions.

Home Library Service

Are you having difficulties getting to your local library? Do you have no-one who can visit the library for you? South Gloucestershire Libraries can help. Our Home Library Service matches carefully chosen volunteers to people who are unable to visit their local library due to ill health, disability etc. The volunteers will discuss what is required with you and then choose books, spoken word tapes, CDs or DVDs, which are brought to you by the volunteer on a regular basis. Thornbury Library has recently recruited more Home Library Service volunteers who are keen to start delivering books and other items to Home Library Service customers.

Do you know someone who would appreciate this free service or are you housebound yourself? Please ring Thornbury Library on (01454) 868006 and ask for Nicola or Bob.

Pensions and Carers Surgeries

Pensions surgeries are held every Friday morning from 10.00-12.00 noon. Carers surgeries are held once a month also on Fridays (please ask for details).

New Book Club

A few of us want to set up a book club in the Tockington / Olveston / Old Down area and are looking for some other keen readers who might like to be involved. There are three of us at the moment and we are looking to form a group of no more than eight/ten in total.

We would like to make it fun and relaxed – and would probably aim to meet once every two months or so – the group can decide on a structure when we have enough participants. Do give me a ring if you are interested and we'll arrange an initial get-together to get the ball rolling.

Vicki Hinks tel 01454 619856

AUST CHURCH FETE

Maria Livingstone

There was great excitement in Aust on July 28th when a police helicopter landed at the fete. The crew spent about 45 minutes chatting with fete-goers before flying off to continue their work, leaving those of us on the ground to enjoy the many delights of the afternoon. These included plate and biscuit decorating, a bouncy castle, skittles, the Landrover challenge and a bottle stall.

Visitors could also browse through the book stall, plants and produce, cakes and bric-a-brac, try the lucky dip, and then enjoy a cream tea, burger or ice-cream before entering the dog show. During the evening there was a rounders competition, followed by live entertainment provided by the excellent Charlotte Cameron Band. The barbecue and bar continued, and the raffle had some unusual prizes, including a glider flight.

Many thanks go to everyone who helped to make this year's fete such a success, and over £1,900 was raised which goes towards the maintenance of St. John's church.

Organ Concert at Wickwar

Mark Lee, organist at Bristol Cathedral, will play at Holy Trinity Church, Wickwar on Friday 7th September at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 and include drink and refreshment.

Available from: Charles Hiscock tel 01454 885654

Anne Mudge tel 01454 294613

OLVESTON PARISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Programme: October 2007 – April 2008

All events will be held at the Methodist Hall, Olveston at 7.30 pm, unless otherwise indicated.

Wednesday, October 3rd

The Society will be holding its AGM, so please do come along and “have your say”. This will be followed by the showing of a DVD of local interest.

Wednesday, November 7th

We will be putting on an exhibition of pictures and archives of local interest. Also on this evening the Society will be launching a book about Basil Harwood, local landowner and composer of church music. **Please note**, this event will be held at **St Mary’s Church**, Olveston at the usual time, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday, December 5th

Many members will remember James Bond as an excellent and popular speaker from his previous talks to the Society. This time his subject will be “The Making of the English Landscape”.

Wednesday, January 2nd

Eric Garrett will give another of his interesting talks about local history, this time on “Olveston Buildings”.

Wednesday, February 6th

John Bartlett, the co-creator of the Fishponds Local History Society, will give us an insight into “The History of Fishponds”.

Wednesday, March 5th

“To serve this present age” (*Charles Wesley*)

Jennifer Bone will talk to us **at the Tockington Chapel** at 7.30 pm on “The Story of the Methodist Movement in Olveston and the neighbouring locality”.

Wednesday, April 2nd

Roy Gallop and Ken Griffith are new speakers to our Society and will be covering an intriguing subject: “The Lost Parts of the Severn and the Bristol Channel”.

Thornbury Methodist Church Rainbow Fair

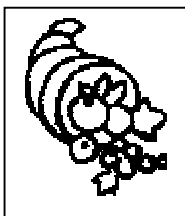
There will be every colour of the rainbow at Thornbury Methodist Church on Saturday 29th September at 10am. The colourful stalls will have lots of wonderful bargains – from home made cakes, jams, chutneys and handmade goods to bargain toiletries and books galore. Toasted teacakes, tea, coffee and home made cakes will be served all morning in the Rainbow Café on the ground floor. Why not come along – there will be something for everyone. Saturday 29th September 10am to 12.30pm. Don’t miss it!

Autumn Gift Fayre for St Peter's Hospice

This is to be held in the Courtyard Room at Thornbury Golf Course on Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th November 11am – 4.30pm

If you are interested in booking a table then please contact Mary Slader or Rachel Knowles on 07747 562267 or email us at treasuredfriends@hotmail.co.uk.

We would particularly welcome enquiries from local craftsmen & women.



Harvest Time at Aust

The Harvest Fayre will be held on Saturday 8th September outside the church (weather permitting) at 10am. You can expect the usual excellent locally produced jams, chutneys, cakes and pies. The Church will be open and decorated for harvest, so come and look around or have a trip up the tower.

It always looks beautiful.

The Harvest Service will be held the next day 9th September at 10am in the Chapelry of St John.

Free Singing Course

This is sponsored by the Bristol's Great Western Chorus and run by the Musical Director, Linda Corcoran. The course will take place on Wednesday evenings starting in October at Grange School, Warmley. The course is open to men of all ages who would like to start from scratch, improve or return to singing and have fun in the process.

For details contact Kevin Willis on 0845 8380683 (local call charge) or 01179564596 or email Kevin.willis@singbristol.com

From the Registers of Tockington Methodist Church

22nd July

Baptism at Tockington of Salome Ceyvonah Tuliakiono
daughter of Owen Sifa and Telesia Fa'uhiva Tuliakiono

Running for Tiny Lives

On Sunday 9th September Katy Peacock and friends are running the Bristol Half Marathon to raise money for 'Tiny Lives', the charity which helps support the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Southmead Hospital.

Every year the unit provides care for over 500 sick and premature babies in need of Special Care, High Dependency Care and Intensive Care.

This charity is special to Katy because her younger son, George, was cared for by the Southmead NICU for a brief period this time last year.

If you are interested in sponsoring Katy, please call her on 626862.

A Date for your Diary

What: 'WALK IN' FLU CLINIC – no appointment necessary

Where: Almondsbury Old School Hall

When: Saturday October 13th 9am – 12am

THIS SESSION IS ONLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE REGISTERED WITH THE ALMONDSBURY PRACTICE.

AND WHO ARE ENTITLED TO FREE VACCINATION

These include:

- Registered patients 65 or over
- Registered patients under 65 who have chronic disease including:
 1. Coronary Heart Disease
 2. Diabetes
 3. Asthma requiring repeated inhaled or systemic steroids or previous exacerbations requiring hospital admission
 4. Chronic Renal Disease
 5. Chronic Liver Disease
 6. Chronic Respiratory Disease
 7. Immunosuppression
 8. Stroke or TIA

If you are unsure if you fall into the 'at risk' category please call the surgery for advice.

Please wear something that allows a sleeve to be rolled up without being removed as there will not be the facility to undress.

Following your immunisation you will be asked to remain on the premises for 10 minutes to ensure that you have no adverse reaction

Refreshments will be available to buy courtesy of Almondsbury WI.

Once again Avon Fire and Rescue will be in attendance, offering advice on home safety, free home visits and free smoke detectors

Hope for the hopeless

There are many paradoxes that exist within the Church and amongst its members and one I identify with is the knowledge that good things always come from a good God and the BEST is yet to come, but none of us, good or bad, righteous or unrighteous, faithful or faithless, are exempt from the realities of life.

One might ask the question, What can make the difference for men and women of faith? The answer, I would suggest, lies not in the 'What' but the 'Who'!

The psalmist in the Bible, King David, was often under threat and in danger, even from those close to him; he knew what it was to go hungry, to be fearful, and even to despair to the point where his soul (his mind, his will and his emotions) was totally downcast. At that time he said, 'Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.' [Psalm 42:5]

To those who have learned that God is totally dependable, even when circumstances, feelings and events seem to deny this, there is a hope that is steadfast.

The apostle Paul, in the New Testament of the Bible, himself no stranger to extreme hardships and problems, wrote, 'For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope'. [Romans 15:4]

Hope in the Bible, can be the confident expectation, even the happy anticipation of the good that is to come, because of the One upon whom that hope is grounded.

So whatever your circumstances at present, 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' [Romans 15:13]

And if you are feeling alone, despondent or even desperate, why not seek out help from Christians near you.

Mike Matthews, The Vine, Awkley

From the Registers at St Mary's

16 th July	Thanksgiving Service for Meg Lester
23 rd July	Burial of Ashes of Dora Marion Fulfitt
13 th August	Burial of Ashes of Michael Charles Parker
14 th July	Marriage of Richard Hill to Katherine Peachey
10 th August	Marriage of Kevin Taylor to Sharon Summers
11 th August	Marriage of Matthew Stephens to Jessica Scott
11 th August	Marriage of Graham Gingell to Natalie Hopes
11 th August	Marriage of Ian Roberts to Jacqueline Latham

Church News: ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

September 2nd The 13th Sunday after Trinity	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong – Choir	Rev. Philip Rowe Rev. Philip Rowe Rev David Bone
September 9th The 14th Sunday after Trinity	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion(BCP) Choir Morning Worship Evensong	Canon David Sansum Poarch/ Pendlebury Rev. Philip Rowe
September 16th The 15th Sunday after Trinity	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion - Choir Holy Communion Breakfast Club Evensong	Rev. Philip Rowe Rev. Philip Rowe Team Rev. David Bone
September 23rd The 16th Sunday after Trinity	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Exploratory Service Breakfast Club Harvest Festival - Choir	Canon David Sansum Mrs Janet McBride Team Methodist
September 30th The 17th Sunday after Trinity	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Breakfast Club Holy Communion (BCP) Choir	Canon David Sansum Mrs Janet McBride Team Canon David Sansum

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

CONTACT PERSONS:

The Rev Philip Rowe, (01454 613223); email: office@stmaryssevernside.org

Please contact Philip about Baptisms, marriages, funerals or other matters at any time, but please try to avoid Thursdays except in an emergency.

Mrs. June Robbins, Verger 01454 617491

Internet: www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 3.00pm in the Church (except third Monday)

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

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Sept. 9th	10am	Harvest Festival	Rev. David Bone
Sept. 23rd	10am	Matins	Rev. Jones

Assistant Curate: Rev David Bone (01454 614601)

Church Wardens: Jo Jenkins (01454 632838) and Maria Livingstone (01454 632557)

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Sept. 2nd	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Pole
Sept. 16th	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield

Contact person: Rev. David Pole (01454 414810); www.sthelensalveston.org

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Sept. 9 th	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Pole
Sept. 23 rd	6.30pm	Harvest Festival	Rev. David Pole

Contact person: Rev. David Pole (01454 414810); www.sthelensalveston.org

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sept. 2 nd	10am	Tockington Ch.	Morning Worship led by Miss Rosemary Clews
	6 pm	Olveston Ch.	Evening Worship led by Mr John Hopper
Sept. 9 th	10am	Olveston Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr.David Bainbridge. The Breakfast Club will join us later in Service
	4pm	Clifton Cathedral	United Inter Circuit Celebration Service
Sept. 16 th	10am	Tockington Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev.I.Vunipola. Junior Church in the Wesley Rooms.
	6 pm	Olveston Ch.	Evening Worship led by Mr.Glyn Varney
Sept. 23 rd	10am	Tockington Ch.	PARADE HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE led by our Superintendent Minister Rev.Peter Mortlock
	6 pm	Tockington Ch.	Evening Harvest Festival Service led by Rev. IesingaVunipola.
Sept. 30 th	10am	Tockington Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev.Iesinga Vunipola Junior Church in the Wesley Rooms
	6 pm	Olveston Ch.	Evening Worship led by Rev.Iesinga Vunipola

LIGHT LUNCHESES: Thursday 6th September at 12.15 – 1.30pm in the Tockington Wesley Rooms. To book your lunch please ring 01454 416056.

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 12th September. To book your lunch please ring 01179696387.

PRAYER MEETINGS: Thursdays at 2.15pm in the Olveston Vestry.

COFFEE MORNINGS: Saturdays, 10.30am to 12 noon, in the Olveston Methodist Hall.Saturday 15th September will be organised by the Royal British Legion Women's Section.

HARVEST FAYRE: Will be held on Saturday 15th September. (See separate notice).

CONTACT PERSON: Rev.Iesinga Vunipola. 01454 412269; Iesinga@hotmail.com

THE VINE, AWKLEY

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer and conversational Bible studies, incorporating Communion of Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm. You are welcome to call in at anytime.

Mike Mathews, 35 Salthouse Farm Park, Severn Beach, Bristol BS35 4NH

CONTACTS: Mike and Barbara Matthews, The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley;

tel: 07840 793772 or email: thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLDOWN

Sept. 2nd	6.30pm	Munir Din
Sept. 9th	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Sept. 16th	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies
Sept. 23rd	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies

For further information please contact Olwen Wonnacott (412141) or Paul Ashford (07774-110814/email: Paul@CalebGroup.net)

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH offers a warm welcome to Family Worship at 11.00am and to Evening Worship at 6.30pm. For more details, please phone 613134 or 632564. 'Happy are the people whose God is the Lord'.

BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN OLVESTON - well not so much in Olveston these days as we concentrate on serving the community primarily in other areas of Bristol and Thornbury. As followers of Christ our heart is to be where the Lord wants us to be most effective and currently we are establishing our presence in North and East Bristol as well as continuing to work with the other local churches in Thornbury and in the heart of Bristol amongst the most needy. Our Sunday morning meetings are held at The Grange School in Warmley at 11 am, but the life of the church continues in a variety of forms, locations and styles throughout the week. Please contact the Fellowship Office in Almondsbury on 01454613305 for more information or on the internet at www.bcfnet.com

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury - each Sunday
8.30am - Mass 11.00am - Family Mass 6.30pm – Mass

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury - Meeting for Worship Sundays
10.30am The Chantry, Castle Street. For further details please contact Elizabeth Sidwell on 01454 412975

Diary Dates for September 2007

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

Sat 1 st	Cricket at The Park	2pm	
Sun 2 nd	Thornbury Rambling Club- Short Tel: 613531 ACT Tea and Trio Tel: 416518	9.30am 3.30pm-6.00pm	
Tue 4 th	Tockington Toddlers RBLW in Olveston Tel: 632135	10-11.30am 7.30pm	WR DGCL
Wed 5 th	Thornbury Orchestra Rehearsal TADS Play readings see p 21	7.45 – 9.45pm	URC
Thu 6 th	Light Lunch at Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church Tel: 416056 Olveston Baby and Toddlers	2.30-4.30pm	MH
Fri 7 th	Organ Concert by Mark Lee - Holy Trinity Church Wickwar- Tel: 885654/294613 Thornbury Picture House Film	7.30pm 7.30pm	AH
Sat 8 th	Aust Harvest Fayre Work in Progress see p7	10am 11-6pm	
Sun 9 th	Late Summer Party	7pm 'till late	
Mon 10 th	Aust Harvest Service	10am	
Tue 11 th	Tockington Toddlers WI – 'Clown and Priest' – Roly Bain St Mary's Church Walking Group see p9	10-11.30am 7.30pm	WR PH
Thu 13 th	Thornbury Rambling Club- Leisurely 01453 511931 Olveston Baby and Toddlers Thornbury Flower Club Demo - The Big Top, M. Walker	10am 2.30-4.30pm 7.30pm	MH TMH
Sat 15 th	RBLW Coffee Morning Tockington Harvest Fayre Music in the Church at Aust see p5 www.aust.music.btinternet.co.uk	10-12noon 8pm	MH
Sun 16 th	Thorn. Ramb. Club- 9 miles Nem. Thrubwell 0117 877613	9am	
Tue 18 th	Tockington Toddlers	10-11.30am	WR
Wed 19 th	Severn Valley Flower Club – Harvest Lunch Bosom Buddies Tel: 884177 Thornbury Orchestra Rehearsal Alpha Supper see p 23	12 for 12.30pm 7.30pm 7.45pm-9.45pm	URC
Thu 20 th	Olveston Baby and Toddlers Parish Players Rehearsals begin see p 19	2.30-4.30pm	MH
Sun 23 rd	Thornbury Ramb. Club- medium Old Sodbury 0117 9560869 Tockington Harvest Festival	9am	

Tue 25 th	Tockington Toddlers Flower Arranging - Filton Comm. Centre - T: 412087 Fibromyalgia Support Group- Yoga Tel: 418882	10-11.30am 1.30-3.30pm 7-9pm	WR AMC
Wed 26 th	Severn Valley Quilters – UFO's (Unfinished Objects)	7.30pm	CH
Thu 27 th	Police Beat Surgery at Olv Stores Coffee Shop Olveston Baby and Toddlers Flower Arranging - Tel: 412087 Thornbury Flower Club – 'Country Living'	10.30am-12noon 2.30-4.30pm 7-9pm 7.30pm	MH TMH
Fri 28 th	'Stepping Out'		AH
Sat 29 th	'Stepping Out' Rainbow Fair see p 35	TMH 10-12.30	AH
Sun 30 th	Thornbury Rambling Club – Long Tel: 616344 Marlwood School Car Boot Sale	9am Set up- from 9.30am	
Looking Ahead To October			
Wed 3 rd	Olveston Parish Historical Society AGM	7.30pm	MH
Sat 6 th	Men's Breakfast see p 23 'Auction of Promises' at Olveston Pre-School Almondsbury Art Show see p 29	7.30pm 10-6pm	MH
Sun 7 th	Almondsbury Art Show see p 29	10-6pm	
Sat 13 th	'Flu Clinic – Almondsbury see p 39 Stomp at Winterbourne see p 27		

Key: **ACR** – Almondsbury Church Rooms; **AH** – Armstrong Hall, **AMC** – Alveston Methodist Church; **AMH**- Alveston Methodist Hall; **AP** – Alexandra Pavilion, **AVH** – Aust Village Hall; **CCCP** – Castle Court Car Park; **CH** – Cossham Hall; **Chy** – Chantry; **DGCL** – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; **EVH** – Elberton Village Hall; **MH** – Olveston Methodist Hall; **OS** – Olveston School; **PH** – Olveston Parish Hall; **StM** – St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church; **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; **URC** Thorn United Reform Church; **WR** – Wesley Rooms.

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