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From an even grumpier Editor!

One month on and I have no landline or email at all, though there is a distant prospect that a new line may be laid under Hazel Lane to my house, by a subcontractor to a subcontractor of a branch of BT! I am very grateful to Angela Williams for letting me have free use of her house and computer to put this issue together.

There was such a large number of contributions to go into the June Meeting Point that some will appear in the July issue. As well as concerts, fetes and teas to attend there are opportunities to visit gardens in Tockington, Olveston and Littleton. What a very active community we live in! Just now all we need is a bit more of that lovely sunny weather we had in April so that we can enjoy the outdoor events and our gardens properly.

Our cover this month is by Rosemary Wilson

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Walter Ford of Elberton

Pat Thirkettle

Walter Ford (known as Walt) has lived and worked on the family farm in Elberton most of his life, but originally his father and grandfather farmed Home Farm, opposite Tockington Manor, where Walter and his siblings were born. He first attended Old Down Infants School, before going to Rudgey School on the A38 opposite the turning for Yate, now a private house. The children used to walk over the fields in summer, but in winter walked up Washingpool Lane and in the harsh winter of 1947 Walter and his sister walked when the snow was level with the top of the high banks, and on arriving at school were given some milk and sent home, because no other children had made it. During the war American soldiers used to throw them chewing gum as they walked along the A38 and he remembers bombing raids when the Germans were aiming for Avonmouth fuel depot and the railway tunnel under the River Severn. There used to be a searchlight on the farm which was trained on the enemy aircraft during a raid in order to help our RAF fighter pilots.

Tockington Manor estate was sold in 1947, the house becoming Tockington Manor School and Walter's father having the option of buying Home Farm, which he declined as too expensive. He then bought the somewhat derelict Redhill Farm, Elberton in 1949 when Walter was thirteen, and three years later he left school to work on the farm. He still does today, only it is vastly different and its development is typical of farming's changing face over the last sixty years.

For many years the one hundred and forty acres were a mixed farm with a milking herd of Friesian cows, electricity and mains water only arriving in 1952. Walter, his father and his brother Ashley renovated and built everything they needed themselves, until his father died in 1971. Meanwhile Walter had met Shirley Jones, from Vicarage Farm Dairy in Olveston, at a Young Farmers meeting in the Parish Hall and they married in 1962. Incidentally this was also a bad winter, the snow preventing the dairy delivering milk and Walter helped by delivering it by tractor to the village shops in Olveston and Almondsbury for people to collect. They lived in Aust for twenty four years on a smallholding in Sandy Lane, where their children Donna and Adam were born and Shirley ran a hairdressing salon.

Back at the farm Walter's mother found living in a big farmhouse on her own very lonely, so she started doing bed and breakfast. In 1986, after she passed away, they sold up at Aust and moved into the farmhouse. Shirley ran the B&B for twenty years, the first ten years with Pauline, Ashley's wife. Walter built a house in one of the fields fifteen years ago for their retirement; it took him five years working in the evenings and it stands on the corner of the Littleton turning from the Aust road.

The year 2000 brought many changes. Adam was working the farm with his father and uncle, who then decided to take early retirement. With the falling milk

price and the need to finance a retiring partner, they reluctantly decided to sell the milking herd after many years enjoyment. It was the year of the foot and mouth crisis and thirty Hereford beef cattle waiting for slaughter were unsalable, so they started a suckler herd with them. Now they have two herds: one Pedigree Longhorn and the other cross Hereford Longhorn and, with sixty suckler cows, making a total of two hundred cattle. They decided to diversify the dairy buildings, from which Walter and Adam have created five light industrial units and three offices. It was all immensely hard work but is now very clean and smart and separate from the farm.

Meanwhile Adam had married, has four children and is living in Paddock Edge, the house Walter built. Shirley needed a rest from early rising for the B & B, which had grown to six bedrooms, so Kevin and Fleur Tweehuysen now live in the farmhouse and Fleur runs the B & B. Adam and Walter have converted buildings adjacent to the farmhouse into a new home 'Dove Cottage', from where Shirley can help out when necessary. From the window they can see their three Highland cows, recently joined by a Highland bull. Unusually for a farm, there is a large garden equally well tended as the farm and offices. A few years ago they did away with the vegetable garden and Adam and Walter built Shirley a rockery and pond, so it has become a quiet secluded place to get away from it all.

Donna also has four children and her eldest Stephanie is a gifted musician studying at Bangor University and teaching the cornet, saxophone and clarinet in her spare time. Walter apparently shows no sign of stopping, even after sixty years. It is satisfying to have Adam equally happy to carry on and maybe his sons after that.

Central Band of the Royal Air Force Comes to St Mary's Church!

David Shaw



On Wednesday July 8th at 7.30pm St Mary's Church, Olveston will be privileged to host a concert by the Central Band of the Royal Air Force. This is one of the finest of all the British military bands. It will be a concert not to be missed.

Tickets, priced at £10 for adults and £5 for children 12 years and under, are on sale at Olveston Stores and from Rod and Angela Williams (01454 612850).

All profit from the evening will be divided equally between St Mary's Re-ordering Appeal and the RAF Benevolent Fund. Please buy your tickets early in order to avoid disappointment. This will be the band's final concert before their appearance at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

(The Band plays by permission of the Air Force Board of the Defence Council).

A Car-Sharing Scheme



Would you like some company on your journey to work? Would you appreciate help with petrol expenses? Do you want to do your bit for the environment by cutting down the number of cars on the roads?

Our community website for the Meeting Point area has details of a well-established car-sharing scheme which may be just what you need. The scheme covers the large area that used to be Avon – i.e. the local authority areas of Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol City, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

Check out the scheme at <http://www.olvestonandaust.com/car-sharing>. You can find out how it operates and how to register for free online.

Once you've registered, you'll be able to see whether anyone else travels your route and is interested in car-sharing. Or you can put your own journey details in and see whether you get any responses from others. If you work for a large local employer (hospital trust, council, university etc), you'll probably find that they already belong to the scheme. In that case, you can choose whether to register as part of their group (which contains journey routes of employees of that organisation only) or as a private individual, which allows you to communicate with people outside the employer's organisation.

The car-sharing scheme can be used for regular journeys or for one-off events. And you don't have to be a driver. You can be a passenger looking for a driver. Have a look and see whether it would be useful to you. It's free to join.

Film: "The Age of Stupid"

Will our grandchildren call us stupid? Sustainable Thornbury invites you to see this year's most talked-about environmental film at the Cossham Hall on Friday 19th June. 'The Age Of Stupid' is the new cinema documentary from the Director of 'McLibel' and the Producer of the Oscar-winning 'One Day In September'.

This enormously ambitious drama-documentary-animation hybrid stars Oscar-nominated Pete Postlethwaite as an old man living in the devastated world of 2055, watching "archive" footage from 2008 and asking: why didn't we stop climate change while we had the chance?

The screening starts at 7.45 pm and will be followed by a question and answer session with a panel of local experts including Steve Webb, MP. Admission is £3.



Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones is a small friendly pre-school in Olveston whose motto is "When the environment is small and friendly the learning comes naturally". We offer a wide range of activities for children age two upwards and are now taking bookings for September.

We are Ofsted inspected and from the term after your child is three you will get five free sessions a week funded by the Nursery Educational grant. We take children from a wide area and have good links with all our local schools.

For more details, please phone Gill on 01454 632828 or visit our new website www.steppingstonesolveston.co.uk

St Mary's Appeal Update

Roly Bain

The Appeal seems to be going remarkably well! At the end of April we had £174,000 of a target of £200,000 - we had £120,000 in the kitty when we started which was reserved for building works. More than sixty people responded to our personal appeal packs, and most of those were bolstered by Gift Aid from the taxman, but those were beginning to peter out as we went to press. If you've not sent your cheque yet, it's not too late to do so! The big event on the horizon is the St Swithun's Eve Ball on July 14th, which is a sell-out, and a new feature of this will be the Silent Auction. A whole host of exciting things are up for grabs - you just have to bid for them! Lots range from holidays in Portugal and the Gower, a day at the races including a morning at Paul Nichols's stables, a sightseeing trip on a plane, go-karting, paintballing, a five course meal for eight at The Anchor, a meal from the Head Chef at Fishworks, a meal for eight from Napier Catering, lunch & tea on a canal boat trip, a 4 ball round of golf at Bristol Golf Club, a signed Bristol Rovers' football, and a six cubic yard skip. The auction will open this month and bids can be made online or at Olveston Stores. Bids will finally close on the night of the Ball at 10pm, but you don't have to be at the Ball to bid for them in advance. Meanwhile the building work will begin in the summer, hopefully next month.

Summer Concert at St John's

Peggy Oakhill

St Peter's Festival Choir will be holding a summer concert at St John's Church, Elberton on **Saturday 20th June** at 7.30pm. The theme this year is WATER and there will be refreshments on the lawns afterwards. There is no charge but there will be a retiring collection. Do come along and have an enjoyable evening.

Exciting New Venture:

Come and Learn in Olveston C.E.V.C. Primary School's New Computer Suite

As part of Olveston Primary School's vision to serve the local community it is opening its doors and inviting people on a Computer Essentials Course. By allowing access to the School's latest Interactive Whiteboard and fast Internet links, a dynamic teaching facility becomes available to local residents for the first time.

This 10 session course will benefit tentative and novice computer users. So if you feel you are not making the most of your home computer this is for you. The practical teaching techniques employed will quickly evaporate any initial reluctance you have and encourage the necessary Key Skills and best practice to achieve confident use of your home computing equipment.

During the evening course members will be professionally guided through practical demonstrations, lively group participation and one-to-one direction, all of which are designed to give an enjoyable learning experience.

The course run by AbileneTT covers all the basics in the introduction module, followed by specific application training in 'Excel', 'Word' and 'Internet Explorer', to help course members gain confidence in using spreadsheets, word processing and websites. With interactive activities course members can test their knowledge effectively, allowing them to reinforce their learning.

If sufficient individuals respond the classes will start on **Tuesday 2 June**, with charges being determined on class size. Budget for £15 per 1½-hour session to include coffee and biscuits during the mid-session break.

Ring 614120 or Email abilenett@aim.com for application form.

Open Gardens in Littleton on Severn 7th June 2009

Gloria and Ernie Baker

Two gardens will be open for the National Garden Scheme in Littleton with refreshments available at the Village Hall:

- The Lintels, with award winning Japanese and cottage garden.
- Sunnyside Cottage, with roses, herbaceous and vegetables.

Both are open from 1.00pm until 5.00pm.

Oveston Parish Historical Society Visit

Any member of the OPHS who missed our last meeting on 1 April can obtain details of our summer visit to Cromhall (18 June) by telephoning John Shepherd on 412254 or Les Harper on 612304. Members may bring guests if they wish.

Orchestra Welcomes Budding Soloist

On **Saturday 13 June 2009**, Thornbury Orchestra will be welcoming Elin White as guest soloist at its summer concert which will take place at 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Berkeley.

In her first appearance with Thornbury Orchestra, Elin White will be performing Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. The 17-year-old first started playing the piano aged four before taking up the violin three years later. The violin soon became her main instrument and she is now the leader of Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra. Elin was also a finalist in the Gloucestershire Young Musician competition where she was praised for her 'engaging performance.' In September Elin will be taking up her place to study violin at the Royal College of Music.

The concert will also feature a piece by local composer Jonathan Trim and will culminate in the performance of Symphony No 2 by Sibelius.

For those who are inspired by Elin to join in local music-making, the orchestra is also offering two open evenings on Wednesdays 17 June and 24 June at 7.45pm. The free-of-charge sessions will take place at the orchestra's usual rehearsal venue of the United Reformed Church in Thornbury. Prospective members will have a chance to join the orchestra for a relaxed and informal play-through of Finlandia by Sibelius and Tintagel by Bax. Thornbury Orchestra is particularly keen to hear from trumpet and trombone players and musicians from local schools. Players need to be of a good standard and wishing to improve.

Tickets for the concert, which is in aid of Church Restoration Funds and the charity CLIC Sargent, cost £6, concessions £5, children under 16 £2. Tickets may be purchased in person at The Berkeley Arms Hotel in Berkeley (pre-concert meal available to book) or by calling the concert organisers on 01453 811833. Please note that there are limited facilities at the church. For more information visit: www.thornburyorchestra.org.uk

Oveston and District RBLWS

Peggy Oakhill

In September I am hoping to arrange a coach trip to the Poppy factory in Surrey to see how poppies are made. This should be of interest to all Poppy Sellers and ex-members of the Forces. Please contact Peggy on 201091 or Judy on 619065 if you would like to join us.

Alveston Singers' Concert

Joseph Haydn, the celebrated Austrian composer, died on May 31st 1809. Two hundred years (and a couple of weeks) later, the Alveston Singers bring you his oratorio, "The Creation", considered by many to be his finest work. The performances will be on **Friday 12th June** at St Mary's Church, Thornbury and on **Tuesday 16th June** at St Helen's Church, Alveston; both concerts begin at 7.30pm. As is customary with the Alveston Singers' concerts, there is no charge, but a collection will be made, all proceeds from which will go to Great Western Air Ambulance and the Alzheimer Society.

Friends of St. Mary's Prizewinners

Results of draw held on 19th January 2009:

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Number</u> | |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| £150 | 408 | Mrs. B. Phillips, Patchway |
| £75 | 420 | Mr. R. Bush, Bristol |
| £25 | 238 | Mrs. P. Vincent, Alveston |
| £20 | 461 | Mr. & Mrs. R. Smith, Olveston |
| £20 | 276 | Mrs. L.J. Evans, Alveston |
| £15 | 293 | Mrs. L.J. White, Olveston |
| £10 | 337 | Mr. R. Hicks, Cornwall |

Results of draw held on 16th February 2009:

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Number</u> | |
|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| £150 | 499 | Revd. D. Bone, Tockington |
| £75 | 438 | Mrs. D. Gingell, Awkley |
| £25 | 259 | Mrs. P.R. Kerrison, Olveston |
| £20 | 390 | Mrs. S. Shaw, Tockington |
| £20 | 204 | A. Dix, Olveston |
| £15 | 450 | Mrs. I. Anderson, Olveston |
| £10 | 436 | Mr. G. Clark, Olveston |

Results of draw held on 30th March 2009

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Number</u> | |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| £150 | 317 | Mrs. Y. Williams, Olveston |
| £75 | 280 | Mr. & Mrs. A.G. Bryan, Tockington |
| £25 | 470 | Mrs. J. Dawes, Olveston |
| £20 | 330 | Mr. & Mrs. K. Lazell, Tockington |
| £20 | 352 | Mrs. V. Brown, Olveston |
| £15 | 231 | Mr. & Mrs. A. Gardner, Olveston |
| £10 | 156 | Mr. B. Brown, Olveston |

Results of draw held on 20th April 2009:

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Number</u> | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| £150 | 364 | Mr. R. Newley, Olveston |
| £75 | 449 | Mr. & Mrs. G. Chappell, Olveston |
| £25 | 165 | Mrs. P.A. Kemp, Stoke Lodge |
| £20 | 424 | Mrs. E.M. Screen, Rudgeway |
| £20 | 385 | Dr. R.R. Slade, Littleton upon Severn |
| £15 | 238 | Mrs. P. Vincent, Olveston |
| £10 | 377 | Mrs. J. Jones, Olveston |

Oveston School News

Basketball Triumph!

On Saturday 25th April, Miss Plews took a basketball team to 'The Festival of Youth Sport.' Here is a report from the basketball team...

We arrived at the Festival of Youth Sport at Filton College. We were taking part in a basketball tournament. The day started off with the parade and Coggy would not stop singing the National Anthem! We then listened to the opening speech.

We all went inside to the basketball courts and got ready to play our first game. We got off to a good start with Tristan tipping it off to Tom who scored the first points for Oveston. We went on to win 8-7 against St. Peter's with two from Tristan and one from Tori.

Next we had Alexander Hosea whom we beat comfortably 6-2 with another two from Tristan and Isobel's first in the tournament.

We were all excited to play our third game which was against Longwell Green, whom we smashed 14-0. The points were scored by Kathryn, Tristan, Tori and Isobel.

After that we had Kings Court which we won (again) 12-2 with hoops from Tori, Coggy, Matt B (scoring 2) and the same amount for Tristan. That was all the matches in our pool.

We went through to the final against Frenchay Primary which we won 12-2, with more points scored by Isobel, Tori and Tristan. We had won the tournament and we were really happy! We all enjoyed our day out!

Congratulations to you from Meeting Point

Road Safety Show

On Thursday 30th April, Key Stage 2 went to the hall for the second time because... we were going to learn about road safety. We thought Mr Bonney was going to teach us road safety but we were wrong.

It was actually a Toucan teaching us road safety! First he invited Charlie S to come a bit closer. He said to Charlie, 'Come a bit closer, a bit closer, a bit closer.' Then he said, 'I like you, Charlie.'

He then said to Charlie, 'Put this silver helmet on.'

Charlie sat down in his seat. The Toucan explained the importance of wearing a helmet when riding a bike as it protects your head.

He then invited Lauren W up to the front and talked about the importance of being bright in the dark. If you wear bright clothing when you are out at night, vehicles can see you clearly. People riding bikes wear reflective clothing and always ensure they have bike lights.

We had a great time at the road safety show and we then went back to our class.

By Olivia B, Caitlyn & Emma—Year 4



The Wigan Girls are coming!

Lyn Bedford

ACT's exciting and eagerly anticipated community production of *The Wigan Girls*, written by former Alveston inhabitant: Janet Halfyard and orchestrated by Nigel Davies, well known organist and former Head of Music at Marlwood School, Alveston, and now Director of Music at Redland High School, is rapidly gathering pace in these last weeks!

Under the expert guidance of Director, Barbie Davies, a cast of 300 of all ages have been frantically swotting up their lines, warbling their songs and getting remarkably fit while practising their clog dances and ballroom twirls and even a pit pony is being put through its paces! The experienced baton of Kate Phillipson-Masters is guiding the multitude of singers and the 12 musicians through their paces, while the costume team is busy organising a range of outfits from the rather unglamorous pit girl outfits, plus the manly miners, to the elegant ballgowns and tailcoats of London society. It is marvellous that so many local arts groups have generously loaned items to help with the enormous cost of kitting out such a large company and rehearsal space has been given at greatly reduced rates or even free of charge!

A massive lighting rig is being assembled for the huge stage area, made available in the Severnside Hall of the Thornbury Leisure Centre, which will illuminate scenery, currently being prepared on a colossal scale for the realistic pit brow scenes, plus the elegant backdrop of our capital. Many local firms have contributed sponsorship 'in kind', such as paint, sign writing and building materials, which has been invaluable to the project. A sophisticated sound system, complete with specialist sound effects, is being rigged around this huge space and personnel behind the scenes number over 200 volunteers, without whom none of this would be possible. There is even a special Dolly Peg project, which involves elderly local residents, many of whom are house-bound, but who wanted to contribute to this marvellous community project.

With family entertainment in the form of a true, spine-tingling tale of a realistic fight for recognition, memorable melodies and a cast of local people aged from 6 to 86, tickets are bound to be at a premium, so either ring 01454 416291 or call at Thornbury Town Hall (from 16 June) for tickets, which cost £8 and £6 for Concessions and FACTs. The show runs from **Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 July at 7.15 pm** nightly and all profits will go to ACT.

Midsummer's Day Cream Tea Afternoon

On **Sunday 21st June, 2pm - 5pm** at Tockington Methodist Church and Village Green in aid of various charities

Thornbury Camera Club News & Tips

Peter Haworth

NEWS

The club Spring Photographic Exhibition, in the library, closed in mid-May. Many people viewed the exhibition and complimented on the quality of photographs on display. Congratulations to all members who exhibited.

The AGM took place recently and the Chairman, Anne Casey, and all the committee were re-elected for the coming year.

There are two meetings in June, both outdoor photo sessions: on the 15th "Around Thornbury", and on the 29th a walk around Portishead Marina.

TIPS

Sports and Action photography can be challenging and exciting because it captures a moment in time. During the summer months there tend to be more outside sporting activities and I suggest you find top quality competitions in a variety of minor sports. Usually you can get very close to the action and capture facial expressions as well as the wider picture.



You often only have one chance so research a sport before you go, on arrival choose the right subject, find the best locations, and consider the light conditions. Become sensitive to the rhythm of the sport and learn exactly when to take advantage of peak action at the most decisive moment. The long jumper just landing in the sand, the wild water kayaker at the top or bottom of a waterfall, the tennis player poised at the net for a smash, are examples of

the moment. You can take action pictures using faster shutter speeds to freeze action or slower speeds to allow a little blur to provide a feeling of motion. Experiment by panning your camera, moving it in the same direction as the motion; this should produce a background blur.

Set your camera on continuous shooting mode and shutter priority AE, take some practice shots, as the speed of action will vary with the sport, and the light will change in different locations. A monopod could be useful but with certain fast action sports it will not be practical.

Go out and enjoy yourself and capture the action.

Coffee and Cake Sale in Aust

On a lovely sunny St George's Day many attended the coffee morning in aid of the Children's Society and hosted by Adrienne Lucker. We all had a fabulous time sampling the delicious cakes in the garden and as a result the grand total of £148.95 was sent to the Society. Adrienne would like to thank everyone involved.

Olveston Parish Council Annual Report

Clerk to the Council, Valerie Tutin

Thank you to all those who attended the Annual Parish Assembly at the end of April. It was an interesting meeting, followed by an excellent talk by Richard Lloyd on "Harnessing the power of the Severn". The following is a précis of the Chairman's report:

"It was my privilege to report on the year's work of the Parish Council, which has a full complement of Councillors. The newest Councillors have fitted in well. We have also had advice and help from Matthew Riddle, our District Councillor, who attended nine meetings.

Two parishioners attended our meetings, to discuss problems with the Murco Garage, and the proposed upgrading of facilities at the Woodhouse Down Scout Camp. The Council is keeping a careful watch on the piecemeal planning application coming in to South Gloucestershire Council.

Mr Cabban, our footpaths warden, also attended to update the Council on the footpaths.

The Council has not increased the precept this year. The clerk's hours have been increased to 35 per month. Some things have caused frustration this year:

- 1) There has been no advance with affordable housing. None of those approached were willing to sell land, all current options are exhausted, the core strategy may well alter policy, and our housing needs survey will have to be updated.
- 2) Helping our young people: after dangerous vandalism at Vicarage Lane play area, attempts have been made by the Council and Police to have youth activities in the villages. We hope there will be some progress.
- 3) We have concerns about overflowing ditches and blocked drains; we have asked for verges to be cut back and are waiting for help with the play areas but there has been little progress.

Other things have elated the Council: the new Scout hut; the refurbished Hall at the School to provide a library and computer suite; the local garage has reopened; the Country park reopened and our telephone boxes are staying in use at present. Meeting Point magazine has continued its beautiful presentation and interesting information, a credit to those who make it possible. Our local police beat officer, PC Roger Hopes, continues his monthly report on break-ins and advice; especially this year with youth vandalism and rural crime. Thanks to PC Hopes and his colleagues for their diligence over the past year.

Recreation and Leisure Committee: this committee looks after the play areas, including regular weekly safety checks by Councillors and an annual official inspection. The Committee also monitors the grass cutting, and a three year contract has recently been agreed. Leases have been updated for the Tennis Club, the Scouts and the Allotments. Remedial work has been carried out at Old Down on the boundary between the Football club land and the Scouts land, with a

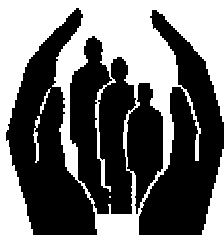
new hedge and fence. Thanks to John Hughes for liaising with the Police over the vandalism in Vicarage Lane play area. The Queen Alexandra Memorial Pavilion at Old Down has been broken into three times, the notice board at Old Down vandalised beyond repair, and the new picnic table at Vicarage Lane damaged. We are grateful for the help received from Matthew Riddle, and are hoping to get greater collaboration with various parties within the Parish and outside bodies to meet the needs of the youth of the Parish by making better use of the facilities we have and hopefully getting new ones.

Planning Committee: The role of the committee is to safeguard the environment in which we live. We try to maintain a balance of having a vibrant community of mixed ages including all the services we require, and protecting the environment. We have received 65 planning applications, including house extension, work to trees, change of use from agricultural to residential garages and carports, agricultural buildings and new houses. The number of applications is slightly down this year. We are closely monitoring the Scouts complex at Woodhouse Down with their planning application for toilets, a caving complex, and a climbing wall. We have asked for them to be used for scouting facilities only and have concerns regarding commercial use.

The Council has also been supporting the Olveston Parish Hall Management Committee in its work to secure the future of the Hall as a central and thriving amenity for the Parish, and are exploring with them the possibility of becoming the holding Trustees.

Sadly in October the death was announced of Rowley Jackson, who having lived most of his life in Olveston, played a major role in the Parish, and became a Parish Councillor in the 70's. He oversaw the extension and then the rebuilding of the QAMP in the 80's and 90's, sourced grants and planned budgets. He later became our District Councillor.

Being Chairman of the Parish Council this year has been a pleasure, due to the dedication of my fellow Councillors and our clerk. Everyone has played an active role in the congenial running of the Council. We have tried as always to provide the Parishioners with the amenities they expect and make our Parish an aesthetically pleasing group of villages in which to live."



St Peter's Hospice - Tea at Three

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to Tea at Three, to be held on **Friday 12th June** in the garden of the Wheatsheaf Public House in Thornbury (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs R Camp). Teas are available between 3.00pm and 4.00pm

and there will be a Raffle and stalls.

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



St Mary's, Olveston

St Mary's Church Summer Fete 2009

Don't forget this **Summer's church fete** will be held again at Church Farm, Olveston on **Saturday 20th June at 2.00pm** by kind permission of Mr John Cryer, and in St Mary's Church. It will be opened by Ms Faye Bertham, head of St Mary's CEVC School, Olveston.

There will be lots of interesting and traditional stalls, many provided by the youth organisations who are so active in our community; please come along and support them in the grounds of Church Farm, just 1 minute's walk down the hill from the church. Additional fun activities have been organised to entertain all ages. Displays organised in the church building include work by local artists, floral decorations, a crèche and teas.

A grand raffle for excellent prizes, kindly sponsored by local people, will be held. Please buy your tickets early, they will be available outside the village stores on Saturday mornings for two weeks before the fete.

Contact Sian Slade 419162 or Pauline Wright 616312 if you require further information.

WI Report

Anne Boulton

Eight members recently visited the Children's Hospice South West at Charlton Farm near Wraxall. Kate Hickman, reporting, said that everyone had been amazed by the tour. The facilities could not be better, especially the rooms for parents which were wonderful. Our speaker for the evening was Jane Powell, community fundraiser for the Children's Hospice, and she was very happy to endorse Kate's views. She spoke enthusiastically, but often movingly, about the ideals of the organisation.

Rita Garlick will be our representative at the AGM in the Albert Hall when there will be only one resolution: SOS for honeybees.

The topic for June is *My Life* by Mrs Garrett. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

Thornbury Hospital League of Friends

Catherine Wilkins

The Thornbury Hospital League of Friends will be holding a Strawberry Tea on **Saturday June 20th 2009** at St. Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Road, Thornbury beginning at 2.00pm. There will be Raffle Prizes, a variety of Stalls e.g. White Elephant, Bric-a-Brac etc., and country dancing by children from Crossways School. Proceeds will go to supporting Thornbury Hospital.

Police Monthly Report for April

Roger Hopes

This month we received a total of 57 calls for the Severn Beat and a total of 10 reported crimes.



12/4 Criminal Damage caused at Scout Park, Woodhouse Down.

16/4 Theft of Diesel – Aust Services.

17/4 Theft of gates from a property in Tockington.

17/4 Criminal Damage to a vehicle in Bramley Close, Olveston.

29/4 Burglary – access was gained via a downstairs window to a property in Aust where a vehicle and TV were stolen.

29/4 Attempted Burglary to a property in Aust – offender(s) tried to gain access to a door via the cat flap but were disturbed by the pet dog.

The priorities for the SSCG Severn ward remain as horse and cart racing on the A403 and speeding vehicles and HGV's on B4461 Elberton.

At the end of April Roger attended the Old Down NHW Meeting and the Annual Parish Assembly for Olveston and Tockington and it was nice to see so many people at both events.

We have recently had stolen 4x4 type vehicles abandoned in Olveston and Aust; these were stolen out of the force area. Both vehicles had been parked up for quite sometime so I would ask people to report any vehicle which looks suspicious.

I have mentioned this before but it is worth mentioning again, not to leave car and house keys on hooks in the hallway or near to the door, always take them upstairs with you as a recent attempted burglary saw the offender(s) try to gain access through a cat flap and in another burglary the offender entered the house through a window and then searched for the keys in the hallway.

The majority of our Community Speed Watch volunteers for Elberton have now been trained by the Road Policing Unit and the equipment has been passed over and is now fully operational.

TO REPORT ANY CRIME PLEASE PHONE 0845 456 7000.

PLEASE DO NOT PHONE ME OR KELLY

Thank You

The family of Mary Frost would like to say a sincere “thank you” for all the cards and messages sent following their sad loss and also for all the help they received before and after the funeral. Thank you also for donations in lieu of flowers.

Olveston and Tockington Parish Hall

Having a wedding, children's party or meeting? The Parish Hall has undergone quite a transformation over the last year with the introduction of a garden area, improvements to the kitchen and utility area and decoration of the interior. The hall is available for hire by the hour, evening or day, with special rates for children's parties. Further details can be found at www.olvestonparishhall.co.uk or by ringing Geoff on 01454-615806. All proceeds of hire go to further improvements to your hall.

Tockington Methodist Church

Coffee Morning Saturday, 13 June 10.30-12 noon:

Are you planning a holiday this year? The proceeds from the coffee morning in June will go to the **FAMILY HOLIDAY ASSOCIATION** which funds a week in a caravan or a day out for families who cannot afford them. There will be an exhibition describing FHA's work, plus leaflets and balloons.

Thornbury Summer Food Fair

June 20th 2009

Come and celebrate summer at Thornbury's Summer Food Fair in Castle Street on Saturday 20th June 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. The Fair is once again bringing together the best of local and slow food produce in a lively street market. You can shop for a wide variety of food and drink items whilst meeting up with friends, old and new, for a chat and catch-up. Refreshments are available both from some stalls and also at Christ The King Church. Of course the rest of Thornbury with its shops and restaurants is on the doorstep too! So add the date to your diary, invite friends to come too and keep fingers crossed for summer sunshine.

Sustainable Thornbury

Give It Away/Take It Away Day

Give It Away/Take It Away Day is on **Sunday June 7th** at Rock Street Car Park from 8 am – 4 pm, admission free.

Many people told us how much they enjoyed the day last year so we are doing it all over again!

Have you a surfeit of seedlings or books that beleaguer you or what about those bits and bobs gathering dust in the corner that annoy you? Whatever it is, bring all those things along you no longer want and help them find a new home. Make friends, have some fun – and maybe pick up that little something you've always wanted. But please - no traders, no rubbish and nothing hazardous!

Help your community - help yourself – help the planet!

Le weekend - French style

Jackie Cavanagh

Lo in the distant valleys of Olveston parish I heard the OPTA committee members murmuring several weeks ago "The French are coming, the French are coming." At which point those intrepid OPTA folk started planning all the fun. And boy did they put on a good weekend for the French and for us English on the Bank Holiday weekend. What a fabulous and fast weekend it was. As with all things OPTA, the food was so good that, for most, several weeks of dieting followed! Every minute of the sunny bank holiday weekend was filled.

Starting with a real English cream tea in the hall on the Friday afternoon when they arrived, our guests were then guided to their respective hosts rooms/houses where there was just time for all to wash down and change before getting together in smaller groups for meals and conversation that even Egon Ronay would be speechless for.

Up bright and early next morning to see the Clifton Suspension Bridge, then into town for a river cruise around Bristol Docks and down the Avon with a picnic Gordon Ramsey would have been proud of.

After all that lovely food was a specialist trip down Redcliffe Caves and then onto St Mary Redcliffe Church, (theoretically walking a few calories off) then to the Ostrich Pub followed by the SS Great Britain gift shop. A few who shall remain nameless who couldn't quite keep up with the pace showed some of our French guests Cabot Circus instead! Ahh shopping!

Then it was off home for a quick shower before the evening's dinner dance. That was one fit for the good and the great! Starting with a choice of traditional pork or beef followed by not so traditional but very lovely Tiramisu and Sticky Toffee pudding. Wine flowed just as it did at the wedding in Cana and the pièce de resistance had to be the band, Rock of Ages, that played a wonderful smorgasbord of music ranging from the Beatles to the Stones, so every one had a chance of getting jiggy with it.

All in all, although the weekend flew by, it was fabulous and very warmly received by our French friends, some of whom we had met before, others being brand new friends. Our French pals reminded us yet again that what is important to them is important to us, i.e. good company, good food, good wine and great entertainment which we all shared in abundance.

No one of any age has the opportunity to feel left out or excluded, lonely or shy in these OPTA events. Even the kids have the universal language of the Nintendo DS! So just turn off that television set and come and do something more fun and interesting instead, join us at OPTA, by phoning Jan on 612641.

Cricket Club News

150 Club Winners May:

£50 Lesley Clarke
£15 Chris Collins
£ 5 Peggy James

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

11th April Malcolm Grosvenor
2nd May Andrew Rowen

June Fixtures at The Park:

6th June 2nd XI v Hambrook A
9th June U17s v Rockhampton (6.00pm)
13th June 1st XI v Phoenix West Indians
15th June U13s v Thornbury Red (6.00pm)
16th June U15s v Thornbury Red (6.00pm)
20th June 2nd XI v Frampton Cotterell
23rd June U13s v Coalpit Heath (6.00pm)
27th June 1st XI v Long Ashton



All matches start at 2.00pm. unless otherwise stated. Spectators Welcome!!

Diary Date:

Friday 26th June: Race Night at Olveston Sports & Social Club (7.30)

Tony Gardner 07889 727729 www.olddowncricketclub.co.uk



Volunteer Centre
Thornbury

You are invited to their Annual General Meeting to be held in Thornbury Community Garden at Turnberrie's, Thornbury, (if wet to be held in Turnberrie's), on **Thursday 18th June** 2009 4pm-6pm

The Guest speaker will be Adrian Jones, Chairman of Thornbury Community Garden. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Annual Rounders Match

Caroline Taylor, Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Olveston Scouts

In anticipation of a repeat of last year's win, 1st Olveston Scouts gathered at Old Down football pitch to await their worthy opponents, 1st Olveston Guides, for their annual rounders match.

Undeterred by rumours that the Guides had been practising for the event, the Scouts, captained by Nick, soon took the lead with a rounder by Caleb, but with some nifty fieldwork by Guides, Charlie and Jessica, the Scouts were soon all out.

Referee Claire struggled to keep order as the Guides protested that it was unfair that there were more Scouts fielding than there were Guides in the Guide team! But the Guides, captained by Robyne, soon broke their duck with a rounder from Kathryn, with a nice shot landing squarely on Caleb's head (pay attention next time lad!)

The match was an honourable draw at 1-1 and so the players retired for refreshments, beautifully served by John and Stuart. Scout Leader Lynda took the opportunity to give the Scouts a serious pep-talk, while the Guides took the opportunity to relax and network amongst themselves.

Just enough time left for another short match. The Guides lost their concentration as three rounders were scored in quick succession by Will, Jacques, and finally Tom with a victory somersault on the line! The Guides were too busy chatting and their Leaders Sally and Julie could only look on in dismay! And so the final score was 3-0 to the Scouts.

Fancy a repeat match next year, Guides? A word of advice – skip the squash and biscuits at half-time and avoid the sugar rush!

1st Olveston Scouts

1st Olveston scouts are on the move and want to go hiking. We wondered if there was any old kit that you no longer used? If so, we will gladly take it off your hands!

Wanted

Second hand walking boots, any sizes from 3 up to 10's. Rucksacks, from day sack to 65 litre expedition ones and compasses.

Also old uniforms (the modern type) to increase our second hand stock. These include Beaver/cub/scout tops, activity trousers and grey neckerchiefs.

All donations gratefully received.

Lynda Spratt- Scout Leader 01454 632484



Olveston and Tockington Open Gardens In aid of 1st Olveston Scouts

Nikki Clarke

For a truly inspirational outing you can do no better than popping along to the Olveston and Tockington Open Gardens day on **Sunday 5th July** between 1 and 4.30pm

The garden trail lets you peek into the back gardens of some of the village's most interesting and inspirational green spaces - from informal family gardens, traditional cottage gardens and productive allotments, to mature formal gardens.

There will be teas and cakes, plants to buy and a stall selling just the prettiest hand made bird and insect boxes, to help encourage wild life to make your garden 'home'.

Take a leisurely walk around the gardens - the trail is little more than half a mile and we guarantee that you will see gardening delights that are otherwise hidden from view. So, whether you are green fingered or not come and share in the pleasure of someone else's hard work!

Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Barnardo's Big Toddle

Olveston Baby & Toddler Group are helping to make a big difference to other little children by taking part in the Barnardo's Big Toddle 2009. By doing a short sponsored fancy dress toddle in Olveston Play Area on **Thursday 30th June 2009** from 3.30pm with a picnic afterwards, our toddlers will be raising money for Barnardo's 'Early Years' work with disadvantaged and vulnerable under 5s in local projects throughout the UK. If you would like to take part in the Big Toddle 2009 or sponsor our toddlers please contact Fleur Tweehuysen on 0788 418 6121.

Olveston Baby & Toddlers meet every Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm until 4.30pm at Olveston Methodist Hall. Parents, Grandparents or Carers come along for a chat and a drink whilst your baby or toddler plays we end the session with a sing along of the children's favourite songs.

Thanks

from Sharon, Charley and Alex Lapworth

We would like to thank friends and neighbours for making the St George's Day Tea Afternoon so successful. An amazing £160 was raised for Cancer Research.

Yours faithfully - Dealing with Guilt

Philip Rowe

I have just finished my holiday book 'Crime and Punishment' by Fyodor Dostoevsky. I enjoyed it despite finding nineteenth century Russian novels rather tricky because the characters have long inconsistent and unpronounceable names. Anyway, with apologies to any English teachers I share my reflection.

The plot centres around Raskolnikov who murders a rich old woman, on the grounds that her money would be better used assisting a large number of needy and more useful members of society. However his guilt grows, perhaps because during the course of the murder he also kills her daughter who returns home early and also because he never has the nerve to distribute the money.

So the novel is a journey through his increasing angst and the terrible effect it has on those around him. The people he loves the most suffer the worst. (I still do recommend it, despite this!). All human remedies fail to bring relief.

Anyway, without giving away the ending too much, he finds peace by receiving God's new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The author describes this as regeneration, a gradual transition from one world to another, an acquaintance with a new, hitherto completely unknown reality.

Guilt is something we cannot deal with just on a human level. This is because we are accountable to our creator God in addition to each other. When King David travels through a similar journey after committing adultery and murder, he says these remarkable words to God: 'against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done evil in your sight'. We need to find peace with God as well as each other. So we will ultimately only find peace when we trust in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By dying he has taken our sin and by rising to life gives us new life.

Our guilt is real. But relief can be found.

From the Registers at St Mary's

On 19th April Baptism of Toby Hawton son of James and Lucy West.

On 18th April Memorial Service for Valerie Margaret Craven Lamb followed by burial of ashes.

Thank you

Pat Ward and family would like to thank friends, villagers and neighbours for all their help, flowers and cards of good wishes during the period of Virginia's immobility due to her fall.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

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| Jun 7 | 8am 10am 10am 6pm | Holy Communion Holy Communion Breakfast Club Taize Service with Choir | Rev Philip Rowe Rev Philip Rowe Breakfast Club Team Rev. David Bone |
| Jun 14 | 8am 10am 10am 6pm | Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship with Choir Breakfast Club Evensong | Canon David Sansum Mr Denis Jones Breakfast Club Team Rev. Philip Rowe |
| Jun 21 | 8am 10am 10am 6pm | Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion with Choir Breakfast Club Evensong | Rev Philip Rowe Rev Philip Rowe Breakfast Club Team Mrs Janet McBride |
| Jun 28 | 8am 10am 10pm 6pm | Holy Communion(BCP) Fourth Sunday- Breakfast Club Evensong (BCP) with Choir | Canon David Sansum Rev. Roly Bain Breakfast Club Team Rev. Philip Rowe |

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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.

Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

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

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| Jun 7 | 8am | Holy Communion | Rev David Bone |
| Jun 14 | 10am | Holy Communion | Rev David Bone |
| Jun 21 | 8am | Holy Communion | Rev David Bone |
| Jun 28 | 10am | Morning Prayer | Rev David Bone |

Assistant. Curate: Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

Church Wardens: Jo Jenkins, 01454 632838 and Janet Ford, 01454 633300

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

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| Jun 7 | 9am | Holy Communion | Rev David Pole |
| Jun21 | 9am | Matins | Mr Don Streatfield |

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

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| Jun 14 | 9am | Matins | Mr Don Streatfield |
| Jun 28 | 9am | Holy Communion | Rev David Pole |

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

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| Jun 7 | 10am | Tock. Ch. | Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney Junior Church in the Wesley Rooms |
| | 6pm | Olveston Ch. | Evening Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Iesinga Vunipola |
| Jun 14 | 10am | Olveston Ch | All Age Worship led by Mrs Janet McBride. The Breakfast Club will join us later |
| | 4pm | St Albans, Westbury Pk. | District Service to welcome Korean Visitors |
| Jun 21 | 10am | Tock. Ch. | Morning Worship led by Rev. Iesinga Vunipola Junior Church in the Wesley Rooms |
| | 6pm | Daldry Gdns. | Evening Worship led by Mr John Trebble |
| Jun 28 | 10am | Tock Ch. | Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle Junior Church in the Wesley Rooms |
| | 6 pm | Olveston Ch. | Evening Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney |

LIGHT LUNCHESES: Thursday 4th Jun at 12.15 in the Tockington Wesley Rooms.

To book your lunch please ring 612112.

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 17th Jun. To book your lunch please ring 416528

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

COFFEE MORNINGS: Sats 10.30 - 12 noon in the Olveston Methodist Hall. - except 13th Jun when it will be in Tockington Chapel There will be a small exhibition on the work of the Family Holiday Assn. with proceeds for them.

Please bring items for the Harvest Fayre and receive a free cup of coffee.

Contact : Rev Iesinga Vunipola, 01454 412269; Iesinga@hotmail.com

THE VINE, AWKLEY The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, manner for worship, prayer and conversational Bible studies incorporating Communion, normally Sunday at 10.30am and Monday and Wednesday at 7.30pm. We also visit other churches and events, so please check our Notice Board or contact us. Prayer requests can be posted through the letterbox at The Vine or sent to us by post or email. Please add a name or initial to identify your request. **Mike and Barbara Matthews**, tel. 07840 793772 or email: thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

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| Jun 7 | 6.30pm | Dolfus De Chikera |
| Jun 15 | 6.30pm | Ken Payne |
| Jun 18 | 6.30pm | Roger Faulkner- Film- Ministry of 'Open Doors' |
| Jun 28 | 6.30pm | Mike Hawkins |

Each Thurs 7.30pm- Prayer Time

For further information please contact **Olwen Wonnacott**, 412141 or **Paul Ashford**, 07774 110814 or email: Paul@CalebGroup.net

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Family Worship 11am Evening Worship 6.30pm

Worship & Prayer for Severnside. Sat Jun 13th at 8pm. For more details, please phone 632564.

BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - Our Sunday morning meetings are held at The Grange School in Warmley at 11 am.

Contact 01454 613305 www.bcfnet.com

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury - each Sunday

8.30am Mass

11.00 Family Mass

6.30pm Mass

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: Elizabeth Sidwell, 412975

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

Diary Dates for June 2009

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

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| 1 st Mon | | | |
| 2 nd Tue | Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women -'Bees' | 10.00-12.00 7.30pm | WR DGCL |
| 3 rd Wed | Body Tone Exercise Class | 7.30-8.30 | PH |
| 4 th Thu | Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group | 10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30 | OS† MH |
| 5 th Fri | | | |
| 6 th Sat | Coffee Morning | 10.30-12.000 | MH |
| 7 th Sun | | | |
| 8 th Mon | Severn Vale Flower Club - Practice | 1.30pm | AH |
| 9 th Tue | Tockington Toddlers Women's Institute My Life Mrs W. Garrett Aust Parish Council | 10.00-12.00 7.30pm 7.30pm | WR PH EVH |
| 10 th Wed | Body Tone Exercise Class Royal British Legion - Men's Section | 7.30-8.30 7.30pm | PH DGCL |
| 11 th Thu | Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Th. & Dist. Flower Club Open Demo. | 10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30 7.30pm | OS† MH TMH |
| 12 th Fri | | | |
| 13 th Sat | Coffee Morning Easter Compton Carnival Open Gardens -Tockington Music in the Church at Aust-The Yetties Charity Quiz -Olv Sports & Social Club Thornbury Orchestra at Berkeley Church | 10.30-12.00 1.30 2.00-5.30 8pm 7.30pm | Tock. Ch AC |
| 14 th Sun | Open Gardens -Tockington | 2.00-5.30 | |
| 15 th Mon | | | |
| 16 th Tue | Tockington Toddlers | 10.00-12.00 | WR |
| 17 th Wed | Severn Vale Flower Club: When Irish Eyes Are Smiling- Lynne Hayes Body Tone Exercise Class | 2pm 7.30-8.30pm | AH PH |
| 18 th Thu | Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group | 10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30 | OS† MH |
| 19 th Fri | | | |
| 20 th Sat | Coffee Morning St Mary's Church Fete | 10.30-12.00 2-4pm | MH |

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| | Craft Fayre for Breast Cancer Research St Peter's Festival Choir Concert | 10.00-4.00 7.30pm | PH Elberton |
| 21 st Sun | Midsummer's Day -Cream Teas for various charities | 2-5pm | Tock Ch& Green |
| 23 rd Tue | Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Fibromyalgia Support Gp Hedgehog Rescue Olveston Parish Council | 10.00-12.00 7.30pm 7.00-9.00pm 7.30pm | WR AP AMH AP |
| 24 th Wed | Severn Vale Flower Club Strawberry Tea Body Tone Exercise Class | 2.30pm 7.30-8.30pm | Heneage PH |
| 25 th Thu | Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Th. & Dist. Flower Club- Practice | 10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30 7.30pm | OSt MH TMH |
| 27 th Sat | Coffee Morning Guitar & Recorder Concert | 10.30-12.00 7pm | MH StM |
| 28 th Sun | Marlwood School Car Boot Sale | 9.30am-1pm | |
| 29 th Mon | | | |
| 30 th Tue | Tockington Toddlers Olv. Toddlers-Big Toddle | 10.00-12.00 3.30pm | WR |

Looking ahead to July

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| 4th | Thornbury Carnival | | |
| 8th | Central Band of the R.A,F | 7.30pm | StM |
| 11th | Elberton Ch. Fete-Village Farm Music in the Church at Aust | | |
| 25th | Aust Church Fete | | |

KEY: **AC** Aust Church; **ACR** – Almondsbury Church Rooms; **AH** – Armstrong Hall; **AMC** – Olveston Methodist Church; **AMH**- Olveston 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; **OSt** – Olveston Stores; **OV** – Olveston Vicarage; **PH** – Olveston Parish Hall; **StM** – St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church; **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; **URC** - Thornbury United Reform Church; **WR** – Wesley Rooms.

Contact details for any clubs or organisations in the Meeting Point area can be found in the Meeting Point Directory on the community website: www.olvostonandaust.com. If you would like to update your organisation's details, please email: meetingpointsecretary@olvostonandaust.com

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