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From the Editor

Turn to the back of the magazine to read what fun everyone had celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Turn this page to find out what a Games Maker is going to do in the London 2012 Olympics. Yes, your magazine is moving seamlessly on from one major event to the next.

In between these national events, *Meeting Point* records and announces a very busy programme in our neighbourhood. With apologies to fans of Euro 2012, Wimbledon and the authors of items abbreviated or held over because there's simply too much going on to cram it all in.

"Enjoy!"

Our cover this month is by Lauren Brown

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Profile of an Olympic Games Maker

Pat Thirkettle

The Henniker-Heaton family used to live in Old Down; they now live near Winterbourne, but still keep very much in touch with their friends in the area. In 2010 Lindsey applied to assist with the Olympic Games, along with a quarter of a million other people. 70,000 volunteer jobs were available and the first hurdle was a massive questionnaire. There was little room for writing about oneself, but Lindsey made sure his sporting and management experience skills were represented.

He then heard that 100,000+ people were being shortlisted as potential Games Makers, a job description devised by Seb Coe, and that each one would be interviewed. At this stage Lindsey was identified as a possible fencing Games Maker, this was unsurprising given that he had fenced for Cambridge and England. He would, if finally chosen, be based at the ExCeL Centre in London's Docklands, but did not know exactly what he would be required to do.

In June 2011 he attended an interview where all the candidates on the day had a fencing background. There was then silence until November 2011 when he was invited by email to a Test Event at ExCeL London, which will host seven sports: fencing, table tennis, taekwondo, wrestling, boxing, weight lifting and judo. This is a vast hall, divided by black curtains separating the sports. An exact fencing arena was created with five pistes, scoring systems, etc to test volunteers and the event itself. By now Lindsey knew he probably had been chosen and his role was behind the curtains looking after the athletes. Amongst the volunteers, he found himself meeting people he had fenced against forty years ago, and at least one person was so keen to be appointed that she flew from Russia at her own expense for the training session.

Fencing Games Makers were not officially appointed until January 2012, when Lindsey's exact title became Athlete Services Team Member and he was invited to an orientation training session with 8,000 others at the Wembley Arena. This was generic training about how to interact with the public, including being inclusive with all and aware of potential security or safety issues. Eddie Izzard did a training video and previous gold medallists came to motivate the volunteers. They were encouraged to create an outstanding impression and help make the 2012 event the 'Best Games Ever'.

In May of this year Lindsey attended a final Role Specific training session for more generic training: do your best and more, be considerate to all and keep

smiling whatever the weather. He was introduced to his Team leader and other members of the Athlete Services team, picked up his accreditation badge, the official Games Maker uniform, (not to be worn before roles commence) and learnt which shifts he would be working. Two of them start at 6.00 am, which will be an interesting travel challenge from Highbury where he will be staying in his son's flat.

So there are 70,000 trained volunteers ready to give their services free, only receiving a daily meal and a London Oyster card. The fencing venue will receive two hundred and eight men and women from forty four countries contesting foil, sabre and epee with ten gold medals at stake. Lindsey reckons it will be very hard work, but rewarding, and is looking forward to being a small cog in possibly the greatest sporting event ever hosted in this country.

Mad Granny takes the plunge!

Jane Haworth

Recently you may have read a footnote in Meeting Point regarding our daughter in law, Jan. It is a year on from the initial diagnosis and subsequent treatment for breast cancer but Jan has emerged looking, and feeling good.

At the very beginning she was introduced to the Penny Brohn Cancer Care centre in Pill, Bristol. She and husband Rob were given much support, including a residential weekend to explore healthy eating which was really helpful. The Centre also offers counselling, healing and other complimentary services for people who are going through treatments for cancer. For us as a family we were so grateful that Jan could escape and just absorb the loving care provided by this unique centre. All this help allowed the family, which includes a toddler, to survive.

But it was all FREE. So, this mad granny is joining Jan's team and will be abseiling down the Avon Gorge on July 8th.

Why? To raise as much money as possible for this wonderful charity. And to raise awareness. Who knows what is round the corner in any of our lives!

How to help (if you feel so inclined); just go on to the website

<http://www.justgiving.com/Jan'sAdrenalineJunkies>

Or send a cheque made out to Penny Brohn Cancer Care via me at Hawkfield House, Haw Lane, Olveston. Thanks so much for reading this and I do hope that you can help!

Malmesbury Pilgrimage

Rev. Dave Pole

We were lucky with the weather for the Malmesbury Pilgrimage at the end of May. “What’s the Malmesbury Pilgrimage anyway?” you might well ask.

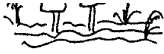
Truthfully, it’s an invention, a bit of inspired guesswork that tries to reconstruct the route that a monk might have taken when travelling from Malmesbury Abbey to St Mary de Malmesbury church in Littleton-on-Severn. That such journeys took place is the one historical fact we can rely on. Whether the accounts of the murder of one monk, and the theft of the silver he carried is legendary, we don’t know for sure. We don’t know either whether such a monk would have walked it in one go, although 30 miles would be a long and arduous journey to undertake.

In perfect conditions it takes nearly sixteen hours to walk, so you couldn’t do it safely in daylight for most of the year. The route by road is approaching fifty miles, depending which way you drive, and I plotted the most direct route I could find using as many field paths and bridle ways as possible. Adding in the old church of St Arild at Oldbury-on-the-Hill in Didmarton seems like a good idea because of the local connection, and in any case it only adds a mile and it’s about half way.

It’s hard walking, especially on the first day, and this year the weather was so hot it added materially to the difficulty. I’m not sure that there’s any merit ever in suffering for the sake of it, but all pilgrimages involve a degree of commitment and a willingness to embrace whatever comes along the way, be it blisters, thunderstorms, dogs or just the longing to be home. Pilgrimage gives us a living link to the past; to Christian lives lived very differently from ours. It reminds us that discipleship isn’t about easy options or obvious rewards. It gives us a lot of time to think. You’d be surprised how much time we walked in companionable silence, pondering whatever spiritual questions floated into the mind. The link to St Arilda reminds us that sometimes the price we pay for discipleship is very high. St Arilda’s Well and Wood Well in Littleton share the property of periodically appearing blood red. Scientists tell us it’s an unusual form of micro flora. We are reminded that in past ages even natural phenomena seemed to witness to a murder.

Each year is different. This year we saw a linseed crop that looked like the Mediterranean Sea, and a tangle of at least three stoats fighting or playing in the road. But away from the excitements I suspect that the real benefits of pilgrimage are more intangible. Something to do with that obscure phrase “the community of saints”; past, present and future gathered into a landscape and a slow, thoughtful walk.

The Garden Line



From articles (1991-92) by *Cecilie Turton*

July, the hottest month of the year [! - *Ed*]. The flower borders are bright with flowers, but it can also bring very dry days, and this is your chance to get on with construction work such as wall building, repairing and painting the greenhouse, treating wooden surfaces with wood preserver. Personally I am not very good at these jobs, but I do my best. In the greenhouse it is good advice to keep it as clean as possible, i.e. not leaving weeds and rubbish around which attract insects and mildew.

Irises which have not been disturbed for three years need digging up and dividing, select the best single rhizomes for replanting, leaving the tops of the rhizomes above the soil to ripen.

As soon as delphiniums and lupins have finishing blooming, cut flower stems back hard and a second blooming will often occur. If your soil is limey, lupins will appreciate good mulch. Do not cut back paeonies that have flowered, just remove the dead heads. The foliage is ornamental and paeonies need to die back naturally, this is part of the ripening process.

Make further sowings of parsley. I find you can't have enough of this. The first week of the month is often the best time to cut lavender for drying, don't wait for the flowers to open fully. Tie stalks in loose bundles and hang in the greenhouse or warm shed.

Don't forget before going on holiday to ask friends to keep the sweet peas picked, and also runner and French beans.

I have been loaned a book of old 'Gardening Illustrated Magazines', price one penny, dated 1881, and thought this small extract interesting:-

"Bad-flavoured strawberries: - Overdoses of liquid manure when the fruit is ripening will injure their flavour, especially if the solar warmth is shut out of the bed by heavy mulchings."

Mrs Lyons' (Olveston Parish Chairman) report to the 2012 Annual Parish Assembly, 26th April 2012 [abridged] Part 2

The Allotment and Gardeners Association continues to flourish, and Tockington Green continues to be used for hosting local events such as the Harvest Fayre, the Bank Holiday Cream Teas, and by 'Totally Locally' for their monthly produce and food market. The organising groups are to be commended for their care in making sure they leave the Green as they found it – neat and tidy.

The Tockington Bank, and the Aust Road Bank have now been identified as 'Wild Flower Conservation Areas' in the Parish, and thanks should also go to the parishioners who plant up the pump troughs, tend the Tockington ring, keep our bus shelters clean and smart, and to John Hughes who once again planted daffodil bulbs around the parish last autumn.

The Woodland Trust owns Wild Acre Wood, a small copse sited between the M4 and M48 close to Mead Farm, and has offered the Council access if it took over maintenance and associated costs. However the site is difficult to access and noisy so the Planning Committee has decided it was unsuitable as a Parish amenity.

Mrs Webb has continued to take responsibility for reporting any dangerous Stiles or footpath obstructions to the South Glos Footpath Warden. Rod Williams keeps an eye on the state of the footpaths and kindly agreed to attend the Severnside Environmental Link Group meetings on behalf of the Parish Council. Rod continues to organise his team of 'Litter Pickers' who meet throughout the year, and the Parish Council are most grateful for the work they do. Completion of further parts of the footpath between Old Down to Alveston is good news, and hopefully the final section will be completed this year.

South Glos Council funds are however limited, they only make a 25% contribution towards Stile repairs, and although they provide and regularly empty Dog bins the costs are passed onto the parish. The Parish Council only wishes dog walkers would show more consideration for the majority of people in the parish by clearing up dog faeces from our footpaths, paths and play areas.

The Recreation & Leisure Committee has met most months under John Hughes' chairmanship, and is responsible for inspecting all the play areas weekly to ensure they are kept clean, tidy, regularly maintained and conform to all the current safety regulations. The annual independent review has shown that the play equipment at Vicarage Lane is starting to show signs of wear, and that the play equipment at Old Down although weathered is in good condition. The Committee has also overseen the preparation of documents for the Council to become Trustees of the Parish Hall, prepared a new Lease for the Sports & Social Club and is in the process of reviewing the Football Club and Vicarage Lane Play Area leases which fall due in 2012.

The three bus shelters have been repaired and redecorated, as has the Bowls Club boundary wall (after some delays) with the Bowls club paying half the cost. Stella Chick, John Clayton and John Hughes have been helping Olveston School with their garden, and the Council recently agreed a donation to support this project. Quotes have also been obtained for repairing the War Memorial Steps and paperwork submitted to try and obtain a grant.

The Projects Committee has been involved in finalising the Lease arrangement with the Parish Hall regarding its land holdings, to complete the Pre-School Development Project. It is also obtaining quotes for new play equipment to be installed at Tockington in conjunction with the Pre-School. Other ongoing projects include securing land for a new burial ground and the feasibility of establishing an internet facility within the community.

The Parish Council is now recognised as an employer by the HMRC for PAYE and National Insurance purposes on the Clerk's Salary (which is in line with ALCA recommendations). The 2011/12 accounts have been audited by Mazars, and the results advertised on the Parish Notice boards for 14 days. Our precept last year rose by £3,000 to cover the cost of a possible election and has been retained to support the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; to undertake unbudgeted work to the Boundary wall at the Bowls Club; repairs to the roof at QAMP and to start funding towards the new play equipment at Tockington.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank the Leaseholder chairmen and committees who provide so many facilities in our Parish, such as the Parish Hall, Sports & Social Club, Allotments Association, Tennis & Football Clubs and the Scout & Guide organisations; Steve Worsley, Dave Webb and Jim Hallett our main contractors; the parishioners who run Neighbourhood Watch; the Parish Clerk; and Matthew Riddle for his continued help, advice and guidance over the year. Personally I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their continued support and for their commitment to the Parish.

Aust Parish Council Matters *Tim Pyper*

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Jubilee events

The Parish Council arranged a beacon on the look out at Aust Cliff as one of the 4000 or so beacons lit across the nation on Monday 4th June. The lighting was attended by over 100 people from all three villages in the parish. Other beacons were clearly visible at Oldbury, Hill, North Nibley and beyond, as well as on the far side of the Severn. The tide was in and the moon was full – a spectacular view. The beacon was lit by Mike Hawkins, Chairman of the Parish Council, and the venue was kindly provided by Mr and Mrs David Spratt.

Commemorative Jubilee mugs have been given to all residents of the parish under 18, and many others have been bought by residents.

Planning issues

Aust Parish Council has received two applications for planning permission at Littleton, but had not considered them at the time this note goes to press.

Further discussions have been held with South Gloucestershire planning department about enforcing the breaches of planning control at Greenacres landfill site in Aust and the land adjoining Quarry House, Littleton. The Parish Council continues to monitor these issues closely.

Highway matters

For some time your Council has been nagging South Gloucestershire Highways department to take down the sign obscuring the signpost to Thornbury at the top of the ramp leading onto the M48 eastbound at Aust – it was too easy for drivers to miss the sign. It is good to note that this has at last been done.

Littleton water treatment works

The Council has complained to Bristol Water about the discharge of waste water onto the highway.

Gardens open for charity

Saturday and Sunday 14th and 15th July 2.00 pm – 5.30 pm.

Holly Trees, Old Down and Brook Farm, Tockington; tea and cake available at Brook Farm. £4 joint entry in aid of NGS Charities.

Elberton Church Fête

Saturday 14th July at the Church: 2.00 pm.

Please come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon, with cream teas, tombola, skittles, cakes, and jams. Also an art exhibition in the church.

Aust Church Fête

Saturday 21st July from 2pm. Evening from 6pm

Start the Summer Holidays off with all the fun of a traditional fête!

Attractions to include: Vintage Military Vehicles, the ever popular Amateur Dog Agility – open to all, just bring your dog and have a go! And the Children's Favourite – Tractor Rides!

Stalls to include: Plants, Cakes, Bric a Brac, Books and Bottle

Plus! - Children's Picture Competition, Cream Teas, BBQ, Ice Creams, Lucky Dip, Raffle, Skittling for a Salmon and much more!!

The fun continues into the evening with a Band, Bar and BBQ. Or if you're feeling more energetic why not enter a team in the rounders competition or try your hand at Hay Bale Rolling – teams of all ages welcome!

Let's go for gold! Village of the Year competition is on *now*

During the months of June and July Olveston is being judged for the Best Kept Village of the Year within the Avonside area, as sponsored by Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

The competition this year is based solely on physical appearance. The judges will be looking at the standards of care, tidiness and the absence of litter, not the picturesque. Therefore it is important to support our local services and volunteers by all making that extra effort to improve our immediate area.

In this exciting year of the Jubilee and Olympics let's all do our bit for the community and environment and go for gold to make our village the best in the area for 2012.

Further details from Geoff Chappell 615806

New Chair of Friends of Daldry Gardens

Mike Lewis writes: "I have taken over the Friends of Daldry Gardens chair from Paula Farr. I was pleased to be proposed for the position by Paula and seconded by the secretary, John Ellis. Two luminaries indeed!

I am a retired local government manager from Bristol who also worked as an entertainment agent before I was retired early in 2009. I also present multi-media quizzes with my wife and son Rob, usually for corporate or charity events. My wife Maureen and I came to live in Daldry Gardens in September 2011. We love the village life and use the village shops and pub on a very regular basis.

Friends of Daldry Gardens is a social committee, as you know, and our plans for fund-raising are to provide funds for some events each year for all the residents of Daldry Gardens who pay their £1 a year. This takes the form of day trips, show trips and also some smaller events within our own communal lounge at Daldry Gardens.

As one of a band of senior residents, I think it is vital that we have a strong link within the Olveston community and I will be doing all I can to promote that status. We also have a link with the church, including a communion service at Daldry Gardens on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm. You can get in touch with me on my home phone number: 01454 610587."

Friends of Daldry Gardens' Wells Trip

The friends of Daldry Gardens are having a trip to Wells in Somerset on 11th July leaving Daldry Gardens at 11.00am and returning about 4.00pm. The charge will be £8 per person. If anyone would like to join us please contact John Ellis at 19 Daldry Gardens or phone 626280 for further details.

Christian Aid

Once again you have contributed to a splendid collection. The total of £1,901 was only £10 less than last year, with a slightly smaller area covered. Together with the Methodist collection of £54.50, a grand total of £1,955.65 has gone to Christian Aid. My thanks to you all, collectors and contributors alike.

Pat Thirkettle

In Memoriam - Grace Bracey

Grace died in May after a year long illness. She and her husband Mike lived on Tockington Green until they moved to Almondsbury about fifteen years ago. She ran the playgroup in the Parish Hall for many years in the 1980s, before working at Siblands Day Centre until her retirement.

As a family they were involved with the Bristol Unicorn marching band, which used to rehearse locally and performed on Tockington Green. Grace helped with their uniforms when they went to Holland and became World Champions.

Her funeral had to be hastened as her son was returning to Canada, and notice in the Gazette was omitted, so Mike is taking this opportunity to inform all those who knew her.



Royal British Legion

Death of Mr Raymond Vowles

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden death of Mr Raymond Vowles of Redwick Road, Pilning on Tuesday, 22nd May 2012. Mr Vowles acted in the role of

Secretary for the Men's Section of the RBL in Olveston and District for many years and only recently resigned from the post. Raymond and his sister, Nancy, for many years also acted in the role of Poppy Appeal Co-ordinators for this area.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Nancy and all Raymond's family at this sad time; he will be missed by all the members of the Men's Section of the Royal British Legion at Olveston.

Martin J Scott JP, Chairman, Lt Col (Retd).

News from St Mary's, Olveston

Curry & Quiz Night on July 7th at 7.30pm in the church.

Tickets are again only £5 each. You can join a team once you get there or organise a team in advance. There is a licensed bar, as always.

Strawberry Ball at Tockington Manor on July 17th.

Both these events are in aid of the Window Restoration Fund. We have to find about £12,000 to repair and replace the windows at the West and North West end of the church. One of them will become the Buttonhole Window in memory of John Crossley, with a few buttonhole panes inserted, following the very generous collection given at his funeral service.

Movies at St Mary's: July

Trevor Anderson



FOUR movies at **St Mary's Church Olveston** this month.

Everyone is welcome – no need to book! Refreshments are available and admission is FREE.

MONDAY MOVIES: Mon 2nd July at 7.30pm

A group of British retirees decide to 'outsource' their retirement to less expensive and seemingly exotic India. Star studded cast of veterans. *Cert 12*

MONDAY MOVIES EXTRA: Mon 16th July at 7.30pm

An extraordinarily gripping thriller from 1953. Four desperate men drive a consignment of nitroglycerine over treacherous mountain roads. *Cert PG*

CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB at 10.00am every Monday in the hols

Mon 23rd July: This hilarious new movie from Walt Disney Studios is a comic adventure for the whole family. Clever, charming and heartfelt. *Cert U*

Mon 30th July: Pixar's track record for creating astounding entertainment is unmatched. Dazzling, heart stopping and uproarious. *Cert U*

For copyright reasons we can't name the films here, but if you join our **mailing list** we'll send you titles and full details by email. To join, contact:

trevoranderson@btinternet.com or 613279.

Litter Picking

Rod Williams 612850

There will be a Litter Pick on Saturday 7 July. Please meet at the Parish Hall car park at 1.00pm. All kit provided. New helpers always welcome.

Raising the roof

Saturday July 14th at 7.00pm at St John's Church, Aust

A local concert in aid of the Roof Fund, with young musicians, local artistes, and some community singing of old favourites - ideas welcome! There will be an interval with a bar – with Pimms/wine and soft drinks available. Tickets £5 (to include canapés) available from Olveston Stores and The Boar's Head, David Bone (614601) or church members.

Cream tea on the Green

Sunday July 15th 3 – 5.30 pm

Hopefully July will bring some sunshine and what better way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon than a cream Tea on Tockington Green. Bunting and table cloths, teapots, china cups and delicious scones with lashings of cream & jam, or a choice of cakes.

After last year's successful 1940s cream tea afternoon, we wish to invite everyone to the Green on Sunday July 15th, 3 – 5.30 pm. Let's have a 1950s themed afternoon with music to entertain! In aid of my MA drama fees – looking forward to seeing you there – all welcome.

Joanna Sawyer

National Gardens Scheme - Daggs Allotments Open Day

Sunday July 15th 2 – 5 pm

Are you interested in growing your own dinner? On July 15, under the National Gardens Scheme, Daggs Allotments will be open from 2 -5 pm for everyone to come and see what it takes to grown your own. Entry fee £3.

Once again the Allotments will be hosting an open day and inviting all to inspect the superb display of vegetables being grown in an attractive setting on the edge of Thornbury. There will be something for everyone, a chance to chat to plot holders and pick up tips on which vegetables grow best in this area and how to cultivate them. The children are also catered for with a fascinating storytelling corner. There will be plant sales for you to stock up your own garden or you could just sit and admire the view over the Severn Vale with a cup of tea and a home made cake from the catering stall.

Olveston & Tockington WI report

Wow! What a busy month June was. On Jubilee Day, we made and served countless cream teas on Tockington Green – what a splendid day! Congratulations to all the organisers.

On 13th June we were busy baking scones and cakes again and running stalls for the coffee morning in aid of our charity of the year, the Thornbury-based Multiple Sclerosis Peoples Help (MSPH). Many thanks to all who helped us and all who came and supported the event. Later that same day, several members joined the Olveston Parish Historical Society on a guided coach-tour of the Docks at Portishead and Avonmouth – truly impressive.

Our June meeting was a Quiz evening which was great fun with lots of laughter as well as furrowed brows.

In July, our meeting will be different again. We have invited a Magistrate to come and tell us about her job and how a court case is conducted. Do come and join us – 7.30 on the 10th.

BCO Sinfonietta concert

with Jacob Warn at St Mary's Church, Olveston
Saturday July 21st 7.30pm

Bristol Concert Orchestra Sinfonietta returns to St Mary's for a fourth consecutive year, and for a fourth year running will feature the music of Mozart - this time the sparkling overture to *The Magic Flute*.

Jacob Warn, renowned local young recorder soloist and a previous winner of the Bristol Rotary Club Young Musician Competition, will join the orchestra for Vivaldi's *La Notte* Concerto, where he is sure to dazzle with his virtuoso playing. St Mary's Church Choir will also perform Vivaldi, including movements from his famous *Gloria*. The main work will be Beethoven's 1st Symphony.

These popular concerts have established a reputation for superb quality music-making, and the humorous introductions by Stefan Hofkes make for an evening of music and entertainment.

Tickets £7.50 from 616593 or 617491 or at the door (in aid of Church funds).



St Peter's Hospice Garden Party

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to Hill Court, Hill to a Garden Party to be held on Sunday 29th July, 2.30pm – 5.00pm (by kind permission of Mrs Jenner Fust). Entrance is £3.00 to include tea and cake.

Bring a picnic chair and listen to the music of "The Standing Stones". There will be various stalls and a raffle. St Michael's Church, within the estate, will be decorated with floral arrangements, well worth a visit during the afternoon. Please come along and support St Peter's, your local Hospice.



Dog Show - first ever South Glos Strays Support Group event

Advance notice: FAB DOG SHOW & DOG DISPLAYS plus 'HAVE GO' DAY coming up soon, to support our local strays on SATURDAY 25th AUGUST 2012 @ Gumhorn Lane, Pilning.

Something for all the family and dogs - starting 10am. See flyball, dog scootering, agility and much, much more.

COMPANION AND FAMILY DOG SHOW plus BBQ, refreshment tent, children's corner, stalls etc. Further details in August.

For more information see www.fosgs.com, contact JULIA on 01454 419304 evenings, text 07768 285009 or email fossgroup.info@gmail.com

Diamond Jubilee round-up: your impressions of a memorable celebration

see photographs at <http://www.olvestonandaust.com/photo-galleries/aust-parish-gallery>
and at <http://www.olvestonandaust.com/photo-galleries/olveston-parish-gallery>

Aust Village Jubilee Celebrations

Sunday 3rd June and Monday 4th June

Carol-Anne Surman

The festivities began with a “Celebration Songs of Praise” at St John’s on Sunday, with members of the congregation selecting their favourite hymn and, although the planned picnic after the service had to be put off because of the weather, no one seemed to mind as there was plenty of bubbly flowing and a warm toast was made to The Queen inside St John’s.

On Monday the main events took place and we certainly picked the right day to hold our village merriment! The sun shone and the village gathered and we kick started the festivities with a re-run of the classic “Great Aust Kart Race” which was last run during the Golden Jubilee, and whilst a few karts looked to have been resurrected from then, a number of new models looked to be extremely highly crafted. To such an extent in fact that it was deemed necessary to craft an equally technical chicane section made from hay bales. This certainly added to the entertainment factor, particularly for those karts with dubious handling.

The race fell into two parts - the “PRO” race, won by the Dyke family (once again!) followed by the slightly less serious “Family Fun” race which was won by father and son combo Justin and Finn Cottle. In true racing fashion trophies and champagne were awarded to the winners, plus prizes for the best turned out kart and the most spectacular “falling apart” of a kart.

We then moved into the garden where the children took centre stage with egg and spoon, sack and three legged races. These races were just as hotly contested as there were both medals and, more importantly, sweets at stake! Next was the Tug of War Competition, with trophies kindly donated by the Boars Head, and suddenly things went from a gentle picnic to the all out sound of cheering from the crowd and somewhat strained “heave” from the competitors.

With so many children looking on and cries of “can we have a go?” an impromptu children’s competition was swiftly put into place. While the races were taking place, others were tucking into their picnics in the bunting strewn gardens, while listening to music from the last six decades.

The evening culminated in the lighting of a beacon, one of more than 4,200 worldwide, with transport to the beacon for the youngsters aboard Aust’s infamous taxi service (comprising a flat bed trailer pulled by a tractor). Whilst this had been meant for the tired younger members of the village, there seemed to be people of all ages hitching a lift and it has to be said that I am not sure who enjoyed the ride more!!

It was fantastic to be at the lighting of the Aust beacon. The atmosphere was wonderful with everyone looking up and down the Severn to spot any other beacons and seeing fireworks going off in the distance. Knowing that you were part of a much bigger event and celebration was very special.

Elberton Jubilee Games and Barbeque

Saturday 2nd June

Mike Hawkins

Despite the weather the Elberton Village games and barbeque were thoroughly enjoyed by over 70 villagers who attended. Some games for the younger and fitter folk were possible before the rains came and, fortunately, the meal had been laid up in the village hall so the weather didn’t matter.

As ever, many hands made light work, although it is appropriate to commend our resident “barbiemaster” Ben Wilkinson, for the ½ pig which he had spent all day cooking. It was excellent, matched, but not surpassed, by the amazing range of sweets made by the rest of the village. It was a great event and an excellent precursor to the more parish oriented events that followed later in the holiday.

Littleton Ceilidh

Saturday 2nd June

Despite the downpour a good turnout danced the night away (or sat on a hay bale and cheered the others on!). The evening kicked off with a Jubilee Bonnet Competition won by Jasmine Cullen in a fetching creation in red, white and blue. The delicious ploughman’s which followed was washed down with local Littleton Lifesaver (protection against the rain) and then the Canney Band struck up. Fun and laughter was had by all in a great village get together. Thank you to the village committee and helpers for all their hard work in producing such a successful event.

Jubilee evensong at St Mary de Malmesbury, Littleton

Sunday 3rd June

Tim Pyper

We marked the Queen's diamond jubilee with a special Sunday service of evensong, using the 1662 Prayer Book service. We were especially fortunate that Kate Phillipson-Masters brought a wonderful choir, who led us in singing some well loved hymns, and gave us an anthem and the psalm for the day, and Ian Phillipson-Masters who got the best out of our organ. Our vicar, the Rev Dave Pole preached a thought provoking sermon about the need for the church to be a space in which we can find fulfilment, and likened the Queen's service to providing the civil space for us her people to flourish.

We rounded off with a rousing rendition of the National Anthem and a glass of champagne to toast Her Majesty. Our heart-felt thanks to Kate and Ian and their colleagues, and also to Dave.

Inter-village Diamond Jubilee Knockout

Tuesday 5th June

Danny Bamfield

The weather looked dodgy but thankfully it stayed dry and we had a fantastic fun packed evening. Aust, Elberton and Littleton villages were ready to battle it out. Each village provided two teams. It started at 7pm with the National Anthem as we celebrated our Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The games were:-

"Jubilee" - an obstacle course with the 'Queen' racing in her "carriage" (wheelbarrow), "7 legged trot" - three legged race with a difference!

"Building bridges" - the teams crossing a make believe river with two planks and some tyres, "Loo roll mummy" - one member of the team wrapped in loo roll and racing to the finish, "Egg toss, no yolk" - pairs from each team throwing and catching an egg until it broke, "Fill her up" - a race carrying water under a sheet to a bucket, "Greasy pole" - team members battle it out until knocked off.

Elberton yellow and green started off well with Littleton blue eventually catching up. Littleton reds played their joker on the 7 legged race and doubled their score to two points! Aust black put in an all women's team setting up a real challenge, especially on the greasy pole. Aust white won the loo mummy, but on the final game Elberton green came from behind with a win on their joker. The final scores:

Elberton green 41, Elberton yellow 38, Littleton blue 33, Aust white 25
Littleton red 19, Aust black 18.

It was an excellent turnout of approx. 200 people and popular demand for a rematch.... How about the Queen's 65th?

Thank you to all who took part and special thanks to organizers, Rob Shaw, Andy Watkins, Bryan Gee, Jim Turton, Shaun & Lisa Meachin, also to Littleton for providing refreshments, marquee and sound system.

1st Olveston Scout Group Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Sunday 3rd June - Monday 4th June

Roshan

We celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by having a sleepover at the Scout hut. We were joined by the Beavers, Scouts, Explorers as well as other Cubs. So there were lots of us and lots of noise! I was very excited because we were sleeping in the tepee which is huge!

When we arrived we were put into teams for "It's a knockout". We played lots of different games in our team. For one of the games we had to fill a bucket of water up by using a cup, sounds easy but we had to wear special goggles that we couldn't see anything out of.

Before we had dinner we iced some cupcakes and made them into the shape of a big Union Jack. After dinner we played lots more games.

The explorers had built a big bonfire, but unfortunately it was raining so much, that we couldn't light it. So we decided to have a pretend fire in the hall. We sang lots of funny songs around our indoor fire; my favourite was "The muffin man."

Later we watched the film, Puss in Boots; it was just like being at the cinema. I was in a tent with James and Tom, we shared some sweets together, but don't tell anybody. We had a great time in our tent, but we didn't get much sleep.

The next day we woke up quite early and had breakfast in the hall. After we packed up our stuff we played some party games, we did an egg and spoon race with real eggs! We played a game of rounders on the cricket field, I managed to hit the ball and make a run, Yippee!

We had our street party lunch inside the hall. Sadly it was almost the end of our camp. We put the flag down outside and waited for our parents to arrive.

When my mum collected me, we went straight to Olveston, to get ready for the parade through the village. I walked behind the Beavers, who were dressed up as a big dragon. After the parade I took part in the soapbox derby. I was the driver and Harry and Lucas were pushing me. It was great fun going down the hill but I had to get out and push for the final bit to make it across the finishing line. I had a fantastic day and can't wait for summer camp.

Olveston Parish Jubilee Decorated House Competition

Matthew Riddle

I would like to thank all those who entered the competition and thank my fellow judges Phyllida and Tim Pyper from Littleton. There were some excellent entries which made our job of judging very difficult indeed. There were sixteen entries and the winners were:

1st Prize - Fiona and Angus Macaskill, for their decorated gateway in Vicarage Lane

2nd Prize – Issy Phillips for a decorated window in Laxton Close

3rd prize – Nigel and Julie Dawes for a decorated window in The Street
High Commended:

- George, Allison & Calvin Dix for their gateway in Upper Tockington Road

- James and Stella Askey in Pilning Street for a decorated window.

What a Jubilee!

Yours Faithfully, Roly Bain

What a wonderful time was had by all as we celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. I'm sitting writing this just a couple of days after it's all finished, and my mind's a sea of images, not least the royal balcony at Green Lane Garage! On the Sunday evening we had our Jubilee Community Service at St Mary's, and lots of people came. The Monday was a triumph from start to finish, with June and Arthur, our Olveston royalty, kicking us off, leading the carnival procession. The street was lined with villagers and visitors, and so many different people took part. A huge team of helpers made sure everything went smoothly, but we are profoundly grateful to Nikki Clarke and her committee for their vision, energy and sheer hard graft. Attendance was way beyond any of our expectations, and it was wonderful. On the Tuesday morning we relayed the Jubilee Service from St Paul's, and eighty of us simply joined in the service.

One of the major images in my head is the inflatables that were sited in the playing fields of Tockington Manor on the Monday afternoon, where torrents of children risked life and limb on the kamikaze obstacle course, or bounced more sedately on the other two. Some kids spent hours on them, time and time again. I'm glad to say St Mary's sponsored them, and we had two people on duty at each of them throughout the afternoon. What a great way to spend our money – not on something solemn and serious, but on something truly delightful that was specifically for children, and for which they didn't have to

pay a thing. There was an awful lot of jubilation around the place, as well as the odd bruise and grazed knee!

There's a lovely poem that I used at a child's funeral last month, simply called 'Playground' by Adrian Plass. I'd love to quote all of it, but the following gives a taste:

“...As soon as you greet us in heaven,
And ask what we'd like, we shall say,
We just want a chance for our spirits to dance,
We want to be able to play.
Tell the angels to build a soft playground,
Designed and equipped just for me,
With a vertical slide that's abnormally wide
And oceans of green PVC ...”

Perhaps at Jubilee there was a vision, a glimpse of heaven on earth, just for a short while. Whether on the playing fields of Tockington Manor or in St Mary's Church, the invitation is simply 'Let us Play', as we forget at last to take ourselves too seriously, and instead join in the jubilation that is ultimately of God. The Christian gospel essentially asks us to muck in, that's what 'incarnation's all about - God became man and mucked in. Isn't it time we all started to muck in more often? The joy of Jubilee was that so many people did. Now let's do it again, and again, and again! The kids have shown us how

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From the Registers of St Mary's

May 27th	Baptism of Gabriel James McSweeney son of Alexander and Rachel McSweeney nee Bisiker
June 2nd	Marriage of Oliver Kirk and Shelley Sutton
June 10th	Interment of Ashes of John Towle
June 11th	Cremation at Westerleigh followed by Thanksgiving Service of Rosemary Wilson

Old Down Cricket Club

July Fixtures at The Park (2.00pm Start)

7th July 1st XI v Bristol Pakistanis
14th July 2nd XI v Hampset
21st July 2nd XI v Stothert & Pitt
28th July 1st XI v Bitton

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Jul 1	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Bone
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev R Bain & Mrs A Lloyd
Jul 8	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Rev Roly Bain & Canon Ray Brazier
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev R Bain
Jul 15	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Rev P Rowe & Rev D Bone
Jul 22	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Celtic Communion	Rev R Bain & Mr D Jones
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
Jul 29	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Janet McBride
	6pm	Holy Communion(BCP) with Choir	Rev R Bain & Rev P Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

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

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Jul 8	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Jul 22	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone

Hon. Curate: Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

Church Warden: Terry McLeavy 633680

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Jul 1	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole
Jul 15	9am	Holy Communion	Canon David Sansum

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Jul 8	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole
Jul 22	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Jul 1	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch St Andrews.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle United Service led by Rev H. Booth
Jul 8	10am	Olv. Ch.	All Age Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams. The Breakfast Club join us later
Jul 15	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosemary Shaw
Jul 22	10am	Olv.. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sandy Williams
Jul 29	10am	Tock. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mrs Gwyneth Dean

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 11th July. To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 19th July To book please ring 613241, or 612112

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

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THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

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

Mike and Barbara Matthews, tel. 07512 917229 or email:
thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Jul 1	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Jul 8	6.30pm	David Finney
Jul 15	6.30pm	Steve Loader
Jul 22	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies
Jul 29	6.30pm	Vic Soffe

Prayer Time every Thurs 7.30

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

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AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am Evening Worship 6.30pm. For more details, please phone 632564.

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Family Worship every Sunday at 11am

For details tel. 413247

BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP -Twice monthly meetings are held at 4pm at Thornbury Baptist Church (Youth Block)

Contact 0117 3050969 **www.bcfnet.com**

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

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

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

Local contact: Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603

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

Diary Dates for July 2012

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

2 nd Mon	Monday Movie	7.30pm	StM
3 rd Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	10.30-11.30	DGCL
	Royal British Legion Women -Talk	7.30pm	DGCL
4 th Wed	.		
5 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market	9.00-1.30	
	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OST
	Beat Surgery	10.30-11.30	OST
	Olveston Toddlers	2.00-4.30	MH
6 th Fri			
7 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
	Quiz & Curry night	7.30pm	StM
9 th Mon			
10 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
	Women's Institute-talk by a Magistrate	7.30pm	PH
	Aust Parish Council	7.30pm	EVH
11 th Wed	Friends of Daldry Gdns Trip to Wells	11.00am	
12 th Thu	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OST
	Olveston Toddlers	2.00-4.30	MH
	Th.& District Flower Cl.- Demo	7.30pm	TMH
13 th Fri			
14 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	AVH
	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
	Elberton Church. Fete at the Church	2.00pm	
	Concert at Aust -'Raising the Roof'	7.00pm	AC
	Open Gardens Brook Fm & Holly Trees	2.00-5.30pm	
15 th Sun	Open Gardens Brook Fm & Holly Trees	2.00-5.30pm	
	Tea on Tock. Green	3.00-5.30pm	
	Quiz at Sports & Social Club	8.15	AP
16 th Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
17 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
	Royal British Legion Women -Bingo	7.30pm	DGCL
18 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club Demonstration	12.00	AH
	Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	8.30pm	
19 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market	9.00-1.30	
	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OST
	Olveston Toddlers	2.00-4.30	MH

	S Glos Environment Forum at W'bourne	7-9pm	
20 th Fri			
21 st Sat	Coffee Morning Aust Fete - 2pm & eve from 6pm BCO Sinfonietta with Jacob Warn	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH StM
23 rd Mon	Children's Movie Club	10.00	StM
24 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR AP
25 th Wed	Severn Valley Quilters	7.30pm	CH
26 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Cl. Workshop	10.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30pm	OS+ MH TMH
27 th Fri			
28 th Sat	Coffee Morning Car Boot Sale at Marlwood School	10.30-12.00 1.30-3.30	MH
29 th Sun	SPH Garden Party at Hill Court	2.30-5.00pm	
30 th Mon	Children's Movie Club Severn Vale Flower Club Practice	10.00am 1.30pm	StM AH
31 st Tue	Tockington Toddlers	9.30-11.30	WR
Looking ahead to August			
25 th	Friends of S. Glos Strays Dog Show		

KEY: AC Aust Church; ACR – Almondsbury Church Rooms; AH – Armstrong Hall; AMC – Alveston Methodist Church; AMH- Alveston Methodist Hall; AP – Alexandra Pavilion; AVH – Aust Village Hall; ; CH – Cossham Hall; Chy – Chantry ;CS Castle Sch. DGCL – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; EVH – Elberton Village Hall; LVH Littleton Village Hall MH – Olveston Methodist Hall; OMC Olv Meth Ch OS – Olveston School; Ost – Olveston Stores; OV – Olveston Vicarage; PH – Olveston Parish Hall; StM St Mary's Church, Olv.; StMA Almondsbury Church SMH St Mary,s Ch. Hall Thornbury; TCh Tockington Chapel TBCh - Thornbury Baptist Church; TMH – Thorn. Methodist Hall; URC - Thornbury United Reform Church; WR – Wesley Rooms.

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