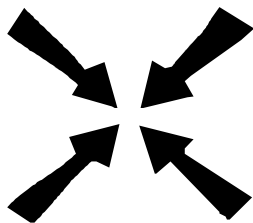


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## **From the Editor**

I hope you enjoy the June edition of Meeting Point. From among the many things happening this month, I should like to highlight four events: a weekend of celebrations (June 21/22) in Aust, marking the 60 year link of St John's with St Mary's, Olveston; Littleton at Home on June 15<sup>th</sup>; Olveston church/school fête on 28<sup>th</sup> June, followed on the same evening by a summer concert at St John's, Elberton.

At the end of this year I shall be retiring as editor of the magazine. If you feel you might like to take over a thoroughly enjoyable, occasionally challenging and never dull job, backed up by a rock solid committee, please get in touch! I'd be delighted to tell you more.

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# So you thought John and Mary had always been an item?

David Bone

*On 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1954, the London Gazette recorded that by order of Her Majesty in Council, the Chapelry of Aust (St John's) was detached from the parish of Henbury and attached to St Mary's Olveston.*

The order ended a link between Henbury and Aust which went back to the time when the parish system was being introduced in England, about 1000 years ago. Henbury was an exceptionally large parish extending from the mouth of the river Avon along the Severn as far as Aust. As a result several small chapels were needed for parishioners who could not always be expected to travel into Henbury, especially across ground which was often waterlogged. Over the centuries, Aust's connection with Henbury/Westbury left its mark: the association of John Wycliffe's name with Aust (strictly speaking, the other way round), the medieval, perpendicular architecture of St John's nave and chancel, the seventeenth century re-ordering and benefactions through the Astry family of Henbury, and the total renovation initiated by the Vicar of Henbury in 1866 to create the church as it is today. For many centuries, Henbury had to ensure that Aust had its own paid curate.

But in the twentieth century, as the population of Henbury expanded and money became tighter, the diocese obtained the agreement of the Church Commissioners to attach Aust to Olveston. Aust was perhaps not enthusiastic at losing its longstanding heritage; but it was everyone's good fortune that the Vicar of Olveston at the time, David Cartwright, fully appreciated the sensitivities and gave care and energy to ensuring that the new association came to life.

The extent to which the relationship had consolidated over the years became fully apparent in the late 1990s when the Diocese proposed to the Church Commissioners that in the interests of the Severnside churches as a whole Aust should be moved on again. With Olveston's support, Aust reacted with vigorous opposition; the idea was withdrawn.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June this year, to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, St Mary's congregation will join Aust for a service of thanksgiving at 11am. The preacher will be Dr David Hoyle, the Dean of Bristol, and David Shaw and St Mary's choir will lead the music. The service will be followed by an informal lunch in the Barn at Aust, and afterwards, Roly the clown (our own Rev'd Roly Bain) will entertain.

This service will be a *double* thanksgiving, also marking the renewal of St John's roof, following 4 thefts of lead between 2010 and 2013. The Church has been re-roofed in steel (which is much less vulnerable to theft) and a cross atop the nave restored, all at a cost of £55,000, which has been met in full; a cause for thanksgiving indeed. Olveston has supported the fund-raising in many ways; and if you have bought a ticket for Aust's Christmas Grand Draw, or sponsored *Ride and Stride*, or attended the annual Ball in Tockington Manor School, or shopped at last year's Christmas Fair in the Methodist Church, you too have contributed. So thank you, and if you would like to join us at Aust for the celebrations on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, we would be delighted to welcome you.

The evening before is also a draw: *The Great Western Chorus* has been booked for a *Midsummer Concert* in the Barn; look out for further details of the entire weekend.

## Mid-Summer Music in Aust

**Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> Gates open at 5.30 Concert at 8.p.m.**

Picnic, Pimms and Proms with the GREAT WESTERN CHORUS at the Main Field, Main Road, Aust (by kind permission of Mrs Janet Spratt)

Bring your Picnics, Friends and your chairs!! Pimms and Bar.

Ticket £10 Family Ticket £25.00 Family ticket = 2 Adults and 2 under 18's  
Tickets available from Janet Ford 01454 633300  
janetford@btinternet.com

There will be loos on site and ample car parking for all.

## Summer Concert

The summer concert at St John's Church, Elberton this year will be held on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, given by St Peter's Festival Choir with Jonathan Edwards - Musical Director.

Our theme this year is 'Love and Marriage'. It should be great fun and there will be refreshments on the lawn afterwards. Please come, everyone is very welcome. We love to sing to a full church! A retiring collection will be taken.

# Philip Jenkins – about himself

Recently co-opted Aust Parish Councillor, living in Littleton

## **What was your earliest ambition?**

I thought that emulating Rory Underwood would be pretty good; not only did he play rugby for England but he was a fighter pilot in his spare time.

## **What sort of school did you go to?**

Olveston primary school then Thornbury Grammar School (where both my parents taught) before it became Marlwood.

## **Did you go to university or training college?**

Whilst my A level results would have sneaked me into university, I decided to enter the world of employment at 18 and study to be a quantity surveyor on an evening class and day release basis.

## **Who was or is your mentor?**

Unfortunately my father died when I was 16 but I would still say even today that he was and still is my mentor.

## **How physically fit are you?**

Not as fit as my wife would like me to be! A number of sporting injuries and four knee operations over the years have limited my options somewhat, however I still manage to remain fit enough to keep skiing.

## **Ambition or talent: which matters more to success?**

I think both are important but talent isn't much without ambition and ambitious people can achieve success without talent, so I would have to say ambition.

## **Do you think about your carbon footprint?**

More now than I used to, probably down to the fact that I have children.

## **What would you like to own that you don't currently possess?**

Nothing really but I have always fancied a vintage tractor.

## **What's your biggest extravagance?**

My aftershave, many people have asked what it is but it is a well-guarded secret.

## **Where are you happiest?** That's easy, when I am at home.

## **What ambitions do you still have?**

For all my family and friends to remain fit and healthy and to enjoy a fulfilling retirement.

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**What drives you on?** My family and a desire to succeed.

**What is your greatest achievement, so far?**

Marriage and the birth of my two children; followed closely by eating a box of 75 sticks of Bassets liquorice in one week (my favourite sweet).

**What has been your greatest disappointment?**

My parents not getting to meet and know my children.

**If your 20-year-old self could see you now, what would he think?**

I think he would say lose weight and drink less but the boy done pretty good considering his appalling school reports.

**If you lost everything tomorrow, what would you do?**

Not a question I want to consider.

**If you had to rate your satisfaction with your life so far, what would you score?**

Whilst we all have ups and downs in life I have been very lucky and would certainly consider myself to be a very fortunate person.



## Littleton at Home Littleton-on-Severn Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Come and join us "At Home" at **Littleton on Severn** from **2.00** until **6.00** on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Various gardens will be open and there will be lots of easy **FREE parking**. In addition, there will a number of stalls where you can buy foods "Made in Littleton", plants and have a go at a Raffle. The traditional Village teas will be available in the Village Hall and our church St Mary de Malmesbury will be open.

Entrance will be £3 (children free) with all proceeds going towards essential repair work to the Church.

# 2014 Olveston Annual Parish Assembly

– Summary of the Address by Mrs June Lyons, Chair of Olveston Parish Council (draft minutes available on the Olveston website).

After welcoming everyone to the Parish Hall, Mrs Lyons **introduced new Councillors** - Mrs Sue Hunter, Mr Jamie Mayes, Mr Richard Panes, Mr Geoff Chappell and Mr Geoff Anderson. Recently Mrs Jane Webb and Mr Tony Heming left the Council, and Mrs Lyons thanked them for all their work since October 2007. Mrs Webb was responsible for Footpaths and Environment, had an interest in local healthcare issues and was latterly part of the Planning Committee. Mr Heming's knowledge and expertise was a great asset to the Planning Committee, and he was the representative to the local Churches.

**Parish Council meetings are open to all** and District Councillor, Mr Matthew Riddle regularly attends. In June the Parish Council discussed the creation of a parking area on the Aust Road verge, inviting Mr R Lloyd (who had questions about construction and utilisation), Mr M Anderson (concerned at how the project was being communicated) and Mrs M Evans (representing the School Travel Plan Parent Group and who wished to thank the Parish Council for their support over many years championing the safety of children being taken to and from school). In July, additional costs being passed down by South Glos Council as part of their consultation on Streetcare Services to make £43million savings were discussed. Mr Michael Dixon representing South Glos detailed options available for grass cutting and dog bin collection, whilst Mr R Lloyd expressed his concerns over the consequences of not maintaining the verge adequately. In September, the Parish Vision Committee provided an update on their questionnaire, and requested that the Parish Council support and administer a £2,000 grant that they had applied for. To promote other Grants available from South Glos, Mr John Hesketh presented to the March meeting of the Recreation & Leisure Committee and representatives from the local Sports Clubs.

**The War Memorial steps** have been rebuilt and the adjoining walls repaired. The Parish Council is grateful for the many positive comments on the good job the stonemasons have done, and very grateful for the donations received and the support from all those involved. With a generous donation from St. Mary's Church and a grant from South Glos Council, the Parish Council has constructed the **parking area on the Aust Road verge** primarily for those dropping off / collecting children from School. With donations from the Diamond Jubilee Committee, St. Mary's Church and the Sports & Social Clubs based at Old Down, three **defibrillators** have been purchased. Thank you to everyone who facilitated the installations, contributed or helped in any way with this very worthwhile project.

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**The Projects Committee** under Mr A Baxter's chairmanship has also created the internet café in conjunction with the Methodist Church, and a facebook page on the internet. Ongoing projects include identifying a site for a new burial ground, digitising Parish documents and accessing Wi-Fi for Parish meetings.

**The Recreation & Leisure Committee** has met monthly under the chairmanship of Mr J Hughes to ensure regular maintenance of the parish play areas, and associated land & buildings. The Parish Council has recently negotiated a further 25 year lease on the Vicarage Play Area with South Glos Council; redecorated a substantial part of the Pavilion in line with a 5 year refurbishment programme; and, Mr R Panes is working with the various Sports Clubs at Old Down to improve parking, and to get better access to grants and funding.

**The Planning Committee** chaired by Mrs I Reid has considered 66 applications this year, of which South Glos Council has approved 43, and 6 were refused. Additionally, 5 were withdrawn and 12 remain pending. Whilst South Glos Council doesn't always agree with the Parish Council, it is hoped that as representatives for our parishioners, our views are taken into consideration. Parish Council representatives have also attended the 'Olveston Wind Farm Action Group' (OWAG) meetings.

The Parish was better prepared this year for the wettest winter on record, as the drains had been cleared and some of the hot spots sorted with the help of South Glos Council. Part time lighting (switched off 00:00 – 05:00) was also introduced by South Glos Council, and in August the final stretch of footpath was completed from Old Down to Alveston.

Thanks to volunteers, the redundant **telephone boxes** have been painted and cared for. The Tockington Box is successfully used for book swapping and more importantly a collection point for canned food that is taken weekly to the Thornbury Baptist Church for distribution to those in need – the organisers would like to thank all who contribute.

The Parish Council is keen to **improve the local environment** and would like to thank South Glos Council for trimming the bank at the top of Haw Lane and those house holders who ensure that footpaths are not overhung by bushes. The Parish Council is also actively supporting the residents at Daldry Gardens in discussions with Merlin Housing Association regarding the poor state of the lawns, shrubs and gardens. A £155 grant has been secured to buy daffodil bulbs, for autumn planting around the parish. Particular thanks go to Rod Williams who continues as our Footpath Warden and also organizes the litter picks.

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Mrs Lyons concluded on behalf of the Council, by thanking the Leaseholder Chairmen and Committees for continuing to provide so many activities in our parish; our contractors RGS, Dave Webb, Jim Hallett, Mike Taylor, and the Clerk. Finally she thanked fellow Councillors for all their hard work, the time they give and their support throughout the year.

## **Ingst Windfarm Community Benefit Group**

*John Hughes*

As you are aware, the Parish Councils of Olveston, Aust and Pilning and Severn Beach are the most affected by the proposed development of a wind farm at Ingst.

The three Parish Councils have agreed to work together to establish a Community Benefit Fund with the developer. This action does not affect the Councils' opposition to the development, but is necessary to protect the potential use of the funds for local parishioners.

A working group (Community Benefit Group) has been set up involving all three Councils – it has taken legal advice to ensure all current and potential aspects of the fund are covered in the negotiations with the developer in reaching an agreement with them.

It is most probable a Company limited by guarantee will be formed with 6 Directors (2 appointed by each Parish Council) – the purpose of the Company will be to decide how the monies received from the developer will be spent. We anticipate the developer will pay £5,000 per annum for each megawatt (MW) of installed capacity of the wind farm. The developer has applied for two turbines of 2 to 2.5MW each so potentially generating £25,000 a year for 25 years – it is anticipated the agreement will include an annual increase in line with the RPI.

It is essential a legal framework is in place to guarantee payment of this Community Benefit by the developer – this does not and will not affect the three Parish Councils' opposition to the development.

The members of the Community Benefit Group are  
Olveston Parish Council – John Hughes (Chairman of the Group) and Irene Reid

Pilning and Severn Beach Parish Council – Ian Roberts and Ivor Humphries  
Aust Parish Council – Mike Hawkins and Tim Pyper

For further information please contact Tim Pyper –  
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# Aust Parish Council Matters

*Tim Pyper*

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## The Future of your parish

I have written before about the possibility of having a plan for the parish of Aust. At its meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May, the Council decided to ask you all if you would like the Parish Council to promote one. Accordingly, Councillors have prepared a questionnaire which we hope each household will receive at the beginning of June. We hope that everyone will complete and return it by the end of June. Alternatively, you will find a copy of the questionnaire on the Parish Council pages of the Olveston and Aust web site. This can be downloaded, completed and returned by email to any of the contacts listed in it.

This is your opportunity to say what you like about the parish and your village, and what you would like to see changed.

## Thank you from Tockington Tardis

The telephone box outside the Swan in Tockington has been operating as a Book Swap and Food Bank Collection point since late last year and it has been a heart-warming success. Swanky book shelves have been donated as well as a posh green carpet so thanks to everyone who has shared their books or left provisions for the food bank. Donations to the Thornbury Food Bank are collected weekly and there is always something there - which is lovely.

Since the Thornbury Food Bank started operating in June last year, it has distributed over 3200 meals at an average of 112 per week and your donations have gone towards helping 221 adults and 125 children.

We all hope that the need for a Food Bank will disappear in time but, in the meanwhile, let's keep buying that extra tin when we go shopping and keep the Tockington Tardis busy.

Don't forget, all non-perishables are appreciated and there is a list posted inside the telephone box of items that are particularly needed.

# News from St Mary's, Olveston

## **Olveston Fête**

St Mary's and the Primary School are joining forces once again this year for their summer fête on June 28th and it's taking place in the Vicarage front garden, the school grounds and the church itself. There's the usual selection of stalls and sideshows, and plenty of food and drink, both soft and alcoholic. The Westerleigh Brass Band will play for the first hour, and there'll be dancing and singing from such as the Olveston Singstars and the Brownies. The church will have exhibitions as well as tea and cake. It all starts at 2pm and finishes at 4.30pm, and it's always a great day, come rain or shine. Do come and join us, and even if you can't, do buy a raffle ticket!

## **Songs of Praise with Trevor Fry**

On June 8th at 6pm we're having another Severnside Songs of Praise, this time at St Mary's. Trevor Fry, our host that evening, is probably best known for his Late Show on BBC Radio Bristol. He has been involved in religious broadcasting for 40 years in both commercial and public radio. This, despite never being a religious person himself. So whether you count yourself as 'religious' or not, you'll be very welcome indeed. Come early for a good seat!

## **Ann Lloyd**

Congratulations to Ann on her ordination to the priesthood. She is being ordained priest at Bristol Cathedral on June 29th, St Peter's Day, the traditional day for ordination these days, and she will be celebrating communion for the first time and preaching on July 6th at St Mary's at 10am. We pray for her in her present and future ministry, both in Olveston and in Compton Greenfield.

## **The Sunflower Ball**

St Mary's annual charity ball is on a Saturday this year for the first time: July 12th, beginning at 7pm, at Tockington Manor as ever. Manhattan Nights are our excellent band again this year and they're guaranteed to get you up and dancing, once you've savoured the delights of Napier Catering's excellent cuisine. At the beginning of May we had 250 people booked - a record for us. 300 is our maximum so book now unless it's too late, because it's obviously the place to be! Proceeds are in aid of the church's East Window Restoration Fund with a donation to Clic Sargent for Children with Cancer. Tickets at £55 from Julia Johnstone 07966 302762. It's black tie with a splash of sunshine!

## **For hire: crockery and cutlery, also tables, chairs and trestle tables**

St Mary's has lots of plain white crockery and cutlery for hire by donation at your social events - contact Tessa Floyd 417983; as well as tables & chairs - 6 new 4' x 2' as well as 6 trestles - contact Roly Bain for those on 616593

# What's going on at Olveston School



Before Easter we reported that our Reception children were keeping watch over a dozen bantam eggs. Well, their patience paid off and after 21 days, 5 bantam chicks hatched! The children fell in love with them, and looked after them so well that we decided to keep some of them. This has been, and will continue to be, a fantastic learning

experience and we would like to thank everyone who has helped us make this project possible: the Howell family for donating the eggs/bantams; Mr and Mrs Smith for the coop and run; Countrywide (Thornbury), Patrick Pinker (Latteridge) and Mole Valley Farmers (Bridgewater) for food and accessories; and Mrs Daniells for coordinating the project. We are all looking forward to this new venture and can't wait for some eggs of our own!

In addition, our 'One Less Egg' campaign run by our Rights Respecting Champions was also a huge success, raising £370. On the last day of term the Rights Respecting Champions visited Oxfam in Thornbury to purchase 37 chicken gift cards.



As part of the South Gloucestershire 'Big Spring Clean' our Eco Warriors spent a morning litter picking around the village. They are now working with our gardening club to create a 'Bee Trail' and look forward to sharing this project with you soon.

We hope you are able to join us for our Church/School Summer Fair on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June. There will be lots of stalls, games and competitions, as well as entertainment from many of our children. If you would like to hold an event at our school, please contact us on 01454 613299 and we would be happy to discuss it with you.

# Flights of Fancy - Woodpeckers Trevor Cook

Although there are properly four woodpeckers that grace our country, mostly we see the two commonest varieties in our parishes.

Of the two commonest, the Green Woodpecker is the largest and is often heard with its strange high pitched laughing call like a soprano Kookaburra. More often it is to be found to be found out in a field, or even on your lawn, seeking out ants to eat. The male is the one with the red stripe under its eye as well as on top of its head.

The second type is the Great Spotted Woodpecker which is easy to identify as it is the black and white one with a red head and underbelly. The male has more red on its belly. It too has a very recognisable call; it gives out a very sharp, short, "tschep" sound and once you learn it you will always know when one's around. In the spring you will also hear it attracting attention by drumming on a tree branch somewhere high up. I heard one on the lane to Mumbleys recently.

Despite its colour and beauty the Great Spotted has a tainted reputation for either drilling its way into nest boxes or sitting in wait for fledglings as they pop out.

From a distance all woodpeckers can be instantly recognised by the way they fly; they have an undulating flight where, after a few wing flaps, their wing close and they drop, making them look like they are riding a roller coaster.

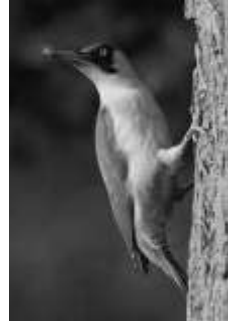
The third member of the family is the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker which is quite rare. It is



Great Spotted Woodpecker  
© Airwolfhound

similar to the Great Spotted except it is quite small; more sparrow size. One was seen on Severnside in 2012. Its rarity is partly due to its size and also because it tends to move around in the uppermost branches of a tree  
([www.severnsidebirds.co.uk](http://www.severnsidebirds.co.uk))

For completeness, the final member of the family is the Wryneck which is a small grey and brown bird, a ground loving, ant-eating bird, a summer visitor and a rarity.



Green Woodpecker  
© Hans-Jörg Hellwig



Wryneck  
©Ariefrahman

# June

*Angela Daymond*

The daylight hours have stretched to their longest of the year and the summer solstice is welcomed in a variety of celebrations.

Extra light is one of the very reasons most birds have migrated north. On the equator, where many have come from, there will still be twelve hours of sun and twelve hours of night. Here in the northern hemisphere the extended daylight gives parents of insatiable chicks hours more time for hunting and feeding. There isn't much singing now, as all available time is taken up with cramming as many bugs as possible into forever hungry mouths.

Luckily insects are abundant. Different species of butterfly dance in their preferred places; Meadow Browns enjoy long grass, but for Common Blues; short grass is their ideal. Down by the water side all the damselflies will have become adults, iridescent reds and blues zig zagging around the banks. Knowing what habitats creatures prefer can help so much in knowing what to look out for on a walk.

Down in the woods trees close their canopies, their leaves mellowing to deeper shades of green. Woodland flowers, lacking light, will turn their attention to seed development. But this is 'Flaming June' and colour is everywhere: Clover, Daisies, Buttercups and even Orchids dapple the fields. Dog Roses and pink Bramble flowers brighten hedges, interspersed with creamy plates of Elderflowers and Rowan flowers in the trees.

As eventually the sun sets, our nocturnal mammals are venturing out. It's worth a late dusk walk to see bats chasing moths. Badgers are at their most active outside their setts in June. All this can be seen just outside the village on many of the footpath walks. Otters have even been spotted near the centre of Bristol. So wherever you are don't stop looking for little wonders of nature all around.

## **St Peter's Hospice - Tea at Three**

St Peters Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to Tea at Three to be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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. Raffle and stalls. If it's a wet day the event will be held in the skittle alley.

Please come along and support St Peter's, your local Hospice.



# Royal British Legion – Olveston & District Branch

The next meeting of the RBL Olveston & District Branch will be at 1930 hrs on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014, at the White Hart Public House (Lounge Bar), Olveston.

All members and those wishing to support this worthwhile organisation, whose aim is to support members of our Armed Services and Merchant Marine past and present plus their families, are invited.

*As a result of a directive from Headquarters RBL in London, this meeting will be our AGM in place of our previous practice of holding our AGM in October of each year.*

Membership of the Royal British Legion is open to anybody, not only those who have served their country in uniform, who wish to help our brave young men and women currently deployed overseas and at home. This, of course, includes families of those currently serving in the Regular and Reserve Forces and their respective Cadet Forces. The Royal British Legion needs the support of the local communities which it serves, so please support us and join our Branch. Membership costs the equivalent of about a round of 4 drinks in the pub. Hope to see you on the 18<sup>th</sup> June at the White Hart.

Martin J Scott JP  
Chairman Lt Col (Retd).

## 2p Poppy Appeal!!

The women's section of the Royal British Legion (RBL) is asking all our friends to save their 2p pieces to help us cover a huge poppy which has kindly been printed and donated by Linela of Olveston. On Saturday June 7th and July 5<sup>th</sup> we will be on the pavement near Olveston Stores with the poppy, asking villagers to help us completely cover the poppy with coins. We will be there from 08.30 to 12 noon. The money donated will go into the Welfare Fund. This is a nationwide appeal and we hope it will be really successful as well as fun.

# Events at Olveston Parish Hall

We are welcoming back **Men in General on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. The ticket price is £8.00 which includes food. The show commences at 7.45 pm. There will be a cash bar. For those who did not see them in 2013 they mix a *cappella* classics with comedy, advice on relationships, what not to wear etc. in other words "a barometer of blokedom"!

Tickets from: Pat Savage Tel. 01454 610388 pat@savageassociates.co.uk or The Crusty Loaf

Events for the autumn include the **Panama Jazz Band on Saturday 13 September** and the **Harvest Supper** in October.

## Olveston and Tockington Tennis Club

The Tennis Club has now commenced a programme to raise funds for the New Club House. This will involve Grant Applications to various organisations including the Local Authority. As part of the application process the club must demonstrate that it is actively engaged in fund-raising. We have now organised a number of events, the first of which will be a Race Night at the Parish Hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30. Ticket price £7.50 to include food. Please come along and support the club on what promises to be a fun evening!

Tickets from: Pat Savage: Tel. 01454 610388 pat@savageassociates.co.uk or The Crusty Loaf

## Musical treat

Come and experience the drama of the world's most famous symphony, Beethoven's 5<sup>th</sup>, played in Thornbury by our own Thornbury Orchestra. And alongside that piece, the poignant lushness of Elgar's cello concerto, with young local soloist, Rosemary Stoner. The concert also includes Sibelius' popular tone poem, Finlandia, and a new piece, Hartland Point, by local composer Nigel Jefferies. The concert is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at Thornbury Baptist Church at 7.30. Entry is free but there will be a retiring collection in aid of St. Peter's Hospice. Come and support this very worthy cause while experiencing the sounds of a symphony orchestra at full blast playing some of the greatest music ever written.



# Olveston & Tockington W.I.

On Tuesday 10th June we shall be hearing from guest speaker Phillip Hoyland about Village Friendly Societies which were an important and sometimes overlooked part of the social history of the South West. 150 years ago Friendly Societies were very important in village life, with their annual celebrations a highlight of the calendar. There would be a parade round the village, with each Friendly Society bearing its emblem aloft. Phillip Hoyland is from Somerset and has been researching these traditions since 1978, so has a wealth of detail to share with us, as well as a fine collection of the emblems that were paraded. Come and learn something about a forgotten piece of local history from a genial and entertaining speaker.

There will be our usual refreshments and raffle after the talk, with time for a chat and to decide which of our many activities you wish to join. Visitors are welcome to the evening which starts at 7.30 in the Parish Hall.

## Old Down Cricket Club

### 150 Club Winners May:

£50 Simon Panes

£15 Simon Higgs

£5 Sylvia Gould

### Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

19th April Mike Rowen

26th April Ian Maunder

3rd May Barry Reeves

### June Matches at The Park (2.00pm Start):

07/06/14 2nd XI v Coalpit Heath

14/06/14 1st XI v Hanham

21/06/14 1st XI v Dyrham & Hinton

28/06/14 2nd XI v Bishopston

**Diary Date:** Race Night at the Club Friday 20th June: 1st race 19.30.

Owners and sponsors welcome!! Please come along and support, everyone welcome.

Up the Down!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

# Movies at St Mary's: June

Trevor Anderson



**St Mary's Movie Club** in Olveston continues to grow in popularity. Over 100 people, including many 'first timers', came along to our May Bank Holiday movie and thoroughly enjoyed the film, the refreshments and the friendly social atmosphere.

We show films for the 'grown-ups' on the first and third Monday evenings of each month and for 'children of all ages' every Monday morning during school holidays.

There will be TWO Movie Club films in June. If you haven't yet been, do come along. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book:

**MONDAY MOVIES** (*Recent releases and ever-popular classics*)

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm:** Recently released on DVD, this Award-winning film celebrates Nelson Mandela's journey from childhood in a rural village to his election as President of South Africa. (2013) *Cert PG*

**MONDAY MOVIES EXTRA** (*'Non-mainstream' films and historic classics*)

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm:** King Henry V invades France during the Hundred Years' War in Kenneth Branagh's star-studded adaptation of Shakespeare's famous play. (1989) *Cert PG*

**CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB** (*Every Monday morning in the hols*)

No school holidays in June ('boo!') so no CMC.

Licensed bar and refreshments at all the evening shows. Admission is free although a **donation** at the end towards expenses is always appreciated.

For copyright reasons we can't name the films here, but if you **join the Movie Club** we'll send you titles and full details by email. It costs nothing to join – just email me at [trevoranderson@btinternet.com](mailto:trevoranderson@btinternet.com).

## Thornbury Clarinet Choir

Following their first concert just before Christmas to a capacity audience the Thornbury Clarinet Choir is joining forces with Thornbury Town Band to put on an exciting concert on the 14th June in the Baptist Church. The programme will include a variety of classical and popular music performed by these two local groups. Why not come along and listen to the beautiful sound made by a choir of clarinets complemented by the stirring tones of the town band? Entry to the concert is free (retiring collection) and there will be refreshments available during the interval. For more information about the concert please contact [thornburyclarinetchoir@gmail.com](mailto:thornburyclarinetchoir@gmail.com) or call Alison on 01454 412393.

# Help us to help you, and fill our pop-up shop

Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>

Thornbury Volunteer Centre will be operating a 'pop-up shop' in the St Mary Centre between Monday 2 June and Saturday 7 June, National Volunteers' Week. The aim is to raise the profile of volunteering in Thornbury's shopping centre during this week and, by promoting volunteering opportunities and local organisations, to encourage more people to volunteer their time for their local community.

As well as moving the Volunteer Centre for the week they would also like to use this as a fundraising opportunity for the Centre. Current ideas include a children's treasure trail and second-hand stall. However they would also welcome enquiries from local craftspeople who would like to display and sell their crafts, or from people who would be willing to run a taster session or workshop, or any other suggestions you may have. A small commission or booking fee will apply.

Help us to raise valuable funds to support volunteering in your community. Please contact Kim Webb at Thornbury Volunteer Centre on 01454 413392 or [mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk](mailto:mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk) Any ideas welcomed. Grateful thanks to the Management team of the St Mary Centre for giving us this opportunity.

## Alveston Singers Summer Concert 2014

Join us to celebrate the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the Bard of Avon and fantastical scenes of merry England - Shakespeare's words to music (various composers) and extracts from 'Merrie England' a comic opera by Edward German.

Concerts start at 7.30pm:

Tuesday 10 June at Greenhill Methodist Church, Alveston

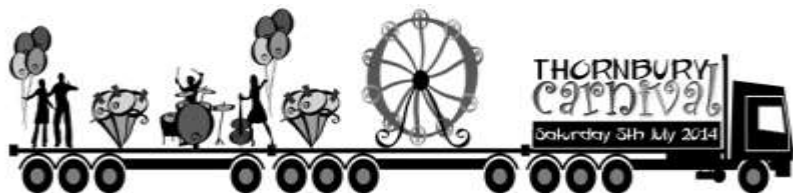
Friday 13 June at The United Reformed Church, Thornbury

Free admission with retiring collection in aid of Parkinson's UK and Hope for Tomorrow (Mobile Chemotherapy Units).

## The Wurzels are coming to Marlwood

Marlwood's first Music Festival is taking place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 4.30 through to 9pm.

Put the date in your diary, further details in next month's Meeting Point.



## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014

10.30 am                      Parade starts from Castle School  
12 noon – 5.30 pm        Gates open

### **Main afternoon attractions:**

The Red Arrows Flight Simulator, Water Rockets, Firebirds, Caribbean Melody Steel Band, Gugge Band, Fun Fair, Street Heat Salsa Band, King Edmund's Acro Gymnasts, Tony James Punch & Judy, **Roly Bain Clown**, MoJo Climbing Tower, City of Bristol Pipes and Drums, Weston Donkeys, Thornbury Town Band, Cheerleaders, BAFTA, 2 stages for entertainments and much more! **Artist in residence: Olveston's Angus Macaskill**



Come and see the air display by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfire and Hurricane Pair. Fabulous sights and sounds over Thornbury! Music groups from Exeter, Bournemouth, Birmingham, Southampton and, of course Thornbury!

### **Admission charges:**

On the day, at the Gate: £3 adults, £2 Primary age children  
In advance, tickets available only from local shops, priced as above, or Family (2 + 2) £8. Tickets provide quick entry.

### **Contacts:**

Organiser, book a stall

Parade, enter a float, walking group or classic car

Programme adverts

Website: Read the Newsletters for latest devels

[organiser@thornburycarnival.co.uk](mailto:organiser@thornburycarnival.co.uk)

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[programme@thornburycarnival.co.uk](mailto:programme@thornburycarnival.co.uk)

[MyThornbury.co.uk/Carnival](http://MyThornbury.co.uk/Carnival)

# Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in the May draw, held on 8th May 2014 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<i>Name</i>
£150	373	Dr M Wright, Olveston
£75	501	Revd D Bone, Tockington
£25	188	Mrs J Williams, Pilning
£25	306	Mrs P Oakhill, Olveston
£25	262	Mrs A R Knight, Olveston
£20	345	Mrs C Mason, Tockington
£20	348	Mr D I Copley, Olveston
£20	412	Mr R J Lloyd, Tockington
£10	311	Mr A L Maunder, Newquay
£10	556	Mrs S Chick, Olveston
£10	382	Mr J Cryer, Olveston
£10	229	Miss J Davies, Olveston

## From the Registers of St Mary's Olveston

20<sup>th</sup> April 2014 Baptism of Joshua Parcell son of Owen and Louise Parcell

## Thank You

Following Annabel's recent illness, Ted and Annabel Addis wish to thank the many parishioners who so generously gave of their time to help in both practical and supportive ways. We are most grateful to them all. How fortunate we are to live in such a caring community.

# Yours faithfully

*Rev. Dave Pole*

I used to work in a radio studio in Gloucester, and above the mixing desk was a large sign that read “in the event of equipment failure RTFM”. I once asked the engineer what it meant and he said rather gruffly “read the manual”. (Please don’t ask me to explain!)

Faith, of whatever variety, usually has a manual of some kind. Anglicans would cite the Bible, the Thirty Nine Articles and the ancient traditions of the church. Methodists would add that nothing contrary to the honest conscience can be added, which seems a pretty good idea to me. In fact every faith I can think of has some kind of foundational document, some kind of scripture. But ancient traditions in any faith can modulate into culture and custom. The edges get rounded off with use and we reach a state where faith amounts to nothing much more than “the way we do things round here”.

So when the Prime Minister pronounces that we are a Christian country he may be right in the sense that our culture has been moulded by many centuries of Christianity. But the present Archbishop of Canterbury’s response is also true and more important. It would be far more accurate to describe us as living in a “post Christian” country. My everyday experience as a parish priest suggests that these days, huge numbers of people need the words of the Lord’s Prayer to be printed, and have no idea of any hymns nor especially the stories of the Bible. If this is a criticism, it’s aimed at the Church and not at the people we’ve failed.

Possibly, we Christians have lost our pastoral heart for the very people we’re meant to be looking out for: the poor, the outcasts, the sick and the prisoners; and at the heart of the malaise (the equipment failure if you like) lies the very thing that the Prime Minister seemed to be applauding.

If this is a Christian country, too often it’s a form of cultural Christianity, “faith lite” if you like, and it’s being held by fewer and fewer people each year. Neither a reversion to the BCP, the King James Bible and Darke in A Minor on a Sunday will fill that void, nor will drums and synthesizers and banging on about Jesus being my boy friend automatically appeal to the young; and most certainly our endless bickering about sexuality and women’s ministry neutralizes any other attempts we might make to be ‘relevant’. But to return to where I started; perhaps this is a good time to return to the ‘manual’ to find those places where we drifted away from the original calling. Because we’re human, the bits of faith that most often get smoothed over and rounded down are the hard bits, the bits that demand that we step away from the status quo and change our ways. The Bible is a tough read and it’s not optional!

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Jun 1	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe Rev R Bain Rev P Rowe & Bishop Lee Breakfast Club Team Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Holy Communion	
	10am	Breakfast Club	
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	
Jun 8	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev David Bone Mr Denis Jones Rev. Roly Bain
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	
	6pm	Severnside Songs of Praise	
Jun 15	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone Rev P Rowe & J Gilpin Breakfast Club Team Rev R Bain
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	
	10am	Breakfast Club	
	6pm	Evensong	
Jun 22	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev Roly Bain  Breakfast Club Team Rev Philip Rowe
	11am	Anniversary Service at Aust	
	10am	Breakfast Club	
	6pm	Evensong (BCP)	
Jun 29	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone Breakfast Club Team Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club in Church	
	6pm	Holy Communion(BCP) Choir	

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

**Rev Philip Rowe**, 01454 613223; email: [office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk)

**Rev Roly Bain** for Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals 01454 616593.

**Verger:** **Mrs. June Robbins**, 01454 617491

[www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> Wed when it is at Olveston Methodist Church

## CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Jun 8	10am	Holy Communion.	Rev David Bone
Jun 22	11am	60 <sup>th</sup> Celebration	Rev D Bone & Rev P Rowe

**Hon. Curate:** **Rev David Bone**, 01454 614601

**Church Wardens:** Terry McLeavy 633680 Janet Ford 633300

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

Jun 1	4pm	Pilgrimage Evensong	Rev David Pole
Jun 15	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

**Contact:** **Rev. David Pole** 01454 414810; [www.sthelensalveston.org](http://www.sthelensalveston.org)

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Jun 8	9am	Family Service	Sandra Edgerton
Jun 22	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Pole

Contact: Rev. David Pole 01454 414810; [www.sthelensalveston.org](http://www.sthelensalveston.org)

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Jun 1	10am	Tock.. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
	6pm	Olv. Ch.	Evening Worship with St Andrews Filton led by Rev. Pete Brazier
Jun 8	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
Jun 15	10am	Tock. Ch.	Methodist Homes for the Aged Service led by Rev Peter Mortlock
Jun 22	10am	Olv.Ch..	Morning Worship led by Mrs Deb Brazier
Jun 29	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. To book your lunch, please ring 416528.

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP** meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> June. To book, please ring 613241 or 612112.

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

**PRAYER MEETINGS** Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 in Olv. Methodist Church.

**HOUSE GROUPS** One on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10.30am at 7 The Green Olveston, led by Mr Glyn Varney or Mrs Rosalie Doyle. Another on Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> June led by Rev Sandy Williams at 10.30. Ring 416528 for details of venue.

**THE OLVESTON INTERNET CAFÉ** Olveston Methodist Hall

Monday 2-4pm Wednesday 10-12 Friday 7-9pm

Ring 07833 354672 or 07957 433091 for further information.

**CONTACT: Rev Pete Brazier Tel 01454 418176,**

**e-mail [pete@thebigfishcafe.co.uk](mailto:pete@thebigfishcafe.co.uk)**

## THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer & 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](mailto:thevine_awkley@hotmail.com)**



## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Jun 1	6.30pm	Lyal Drewett
Jun 8	6.30pm	Courtney Harris
Jun 15	6.30pm	Ken Payne
Jun 22	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Jun 29	6.30pm	Paul Ashford

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer Time

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

**Paul Ashford**, 07774 110 814 or email: [Paul@CalebGroup.net](mailto:Paul@CalebGroup.net)

**AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH** Family Worship 11.00am

'The Door' for young people on the last Sunday at 7pm

[www.THEDOORYOUTH.CO.UK](http://www.THEDOORYOUTH.CO.UK) or tel 07837234949

For more details, please phone 632564.

**LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

Evening Worship every Sunday at 6pm for details tel. 413247

**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](http://www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk)

**SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)**, Thornbury

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

**Local contact:** Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603

National: [www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk) Bristol area: [www.bristolquakers.org.uk](http://www.bristolquakers.org.uk)

# Diary Dates for June 2014

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Bingo every Sun at Sports & Social club	8.15pm	AP
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	Monday Movie	7.30pm	StM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R.B.L. Great Western Air Ambulance	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	C.R.U.K. Coffee morning	10.00-12.00	AMH
5 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Open Mic. At White Hart	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 8.30pm	OS+ MH
7 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning 2p Poppy Appeal -The Street Thornbury Orchestra	10.30-12.00 8.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH TBCh
8 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Olveston School Fun Run	From 10am	
10 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café W. I. Village Friendly Societies Aust Parish Council Alveston Singers Summer Concert	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR DGCL TMH PH EVH AMC
12 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Club. Practice	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 7.30pm	OS+ MH TMH
13 <sup>th</sup> Fri	S.P.H. Tea at 3 at the Wheatsheaf Alveston Singers Summer Concert	3-4pm 7.30pm	URC
14 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	AVH MH
15 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Littleton-on-Severn At Home	2-6pm	
16 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
17 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R.B.L.-Women's Section Bingo	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
18 <sup>th</sup> Wed	S. V. Flower Cl. Strawberry Tea Bosom Buddies Meeting Hammer Out Support Group. RBL Men AGM at White Hart Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	2.30pm 7.30pm 10.30-12.30 7.30pm 8.30pm	Chy

19 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OSt MH
21 <sup>st</sup> Sat	Th. Food Fair Castle St. Coffee Morning Pimms, Proms & Picnic at Aust	10.00-2pm 10.30-12.00 from 5.30	MH
24 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Olv. Parish Council meeting	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm	WR DGCL TMH AP
25 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Beat Surgery	10.30-11.30	OSt
26 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Club Demo.	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 7.30pm	WR MH TMH
28 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Olveston Fete Church & School Marlwood School Car Boot Sale Men in General Concert St Peter's Festival Choir Elb. Ch.	10.30-12.00 2-4.30pm 1.30-3pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	MH   PH
29 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Old Down Garden Party	1-4pm	

## Looking ahead to July

12 <sup>th</sup>	Elberton Church Fete		
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**KEY:** **AC** Aust Church; **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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