

# Meeting Point

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## **From the Editor**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue for all that she has contributed to Meeting Point over the past 2+ years and especially for mentoring me while I have become familiar with the role of editor.

Congratulations to Olveston for winning best kept small village in South Gloucestershire.

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this month's magazine; we have part 1 of Jonathan McGee's charity cycle ride, a moving letter from a daughter wanting to find her father's family, and the chance to see 'The Wigan Girls' - The Movie, to name a few.

At the time of writing, there is an autumnal feel in the air, with cooler mornings and the trees changing colour - an exciting time of year!

Our cover this month is by Peter Floyd

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# Village Person: Sharon Lapworth

*Sue Hunter*

Sharon was born in an RAF hospital near Swindon in 1966, one of a family of six having two older brothers and one younger. Shortly afterwards, her father left the RAF and the family moved to Pilning, where Sharon spent her early years and remembers playing Pooh sticks in the stream. After only one year at Pilning Primary School, Sharon and the whole family had to move to Filton, to care for her grandfather and great grandfather, her father's mother having had a severe stroke. This was a disruptive time for the family but after a year they moved to Henbury and six year old Sharon attended Our Lady of the Rosary primary school until she was eleven. This was followed by five years at St Bede's Comprehensive School where she excelled at sport, athletics, netball and hockey.

On leaving school Sharon spent some time as a mother's help and also worked with children with special needs before embarking on a two year course at Clifton Nursery Nurses' College. Now fully qualified, Sharon worked as a live-in nanny for a Bristol family. During one college holiday, Sharon had helped a grandmother who had two American granddaughters of 2½ and 5 staying with her. As a result, she was invited to care for them in Miami, USA and spent four months there. The post could have continued but Sharon decided to return home and, shortly after, got engaged to Carl whom she had known as a friend of her brother's since she was 10. So Sharon returned to a job as a house matron at Clifton College, in charge of 40 boys aged 11-13, while Carl worked for Laing's.

The couple married in September 1989 and were involved in a self-build project in Yate involving a group all of whom had different trades, Carl being the quantity surveyor. This was a good way to get on the housing ladder and two years later they sold the house. Whilst commuting from Yate to Bristol, they passed Tockington and decided they would like to live there. A job as live-in Matron at Tockington Manor School came up and, in 1991, Sharon and Carl moved into the first floor flat, where they were very happy working and caring for over one hundred boarders of different nationalities. Carl was made redundant from Laing's but seized the opportunity to do a higher qualification.

In January 1994, Sharon and Carl went travelling for six months to the USA, New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia and Malaysia which they loved. On returning home, they eventually bought a house in Orchard Rise, Olveston whilst Carl got a job in airport management and Sharon worked in a day nursery. Then, in 1996, they had Charlotte and, two years later, Alexander was born. Sharon has been very active in the village, working hard with others to raise enough money to completely revamp the play area in Olveston. She has been involved with Thornbury Under Fives Gym Club and she gets involved in other fund-raising events. Of course, Sharon's latest challenge is taking on the editorship of Meeting Point, in which task we wish her the best of luck.

# Olveston Parish Historical Society

**Programme: October 2009–April 2010**

All events will be held at the Methodist Hall, The Street, Olveston at 7.30 pm, unless otherwise indicated and members are welcome to bring friends who may be interested in joining the Society.

**2009**

**Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

The new season will start, as usual, with the Society's AGM, to be followed by the showing of a DVD of local interest.

**Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

Jonathan Foster will talk about the eccentric Gloucestershire inventor, Harry Grindell Matthews, who built a prototype mobile telephone and a "death ray" in the 1920s.

**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Local historian Tony Cherry will be giving a talk on "The Changing Face of Thornbury High Street".

**2010**

**Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Anne Bowring, who was the Administrator at Clevedon Court, will tell us about some of the people who lived there in a talk entitled "Clevedon Court – A Medieval Exploration".

**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Paul Barnett has been cataloguing and learning the history of the barges and other vessels now used to shore up the riverside bank of the Sharpness Canal. His talk about them is called "Fore and Aft: The Purton Hulks Graveyard".

**Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

An exhibition will be held at the **Parish Hall, Tockington**, to celebrate 100 years since the founding of the Bristol Aeroplane Company, with books and other exhibits illustrating the local involvement in the aviation industry. This exhibition, which will be open to anyone who is interested, will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Professor Simon Haslett from the University of Wales, Newport, will talk to us about "The Somerset Tsunami". This enormous tidal wave or surge, which occurred in 1607, was very destructive on both sides of the Bristol Channel.

**John Shepherd: 01454-412254**

**Website: <http://www.olvestonparishhistoricalsociety.btik.com/home.ikml>**

**Y Y Y ?**

*See article in the September Meeting Point*

This course will be running in Almondsbury and Olveston this Autumn starting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30 September at 18 Townsend Lane in Almondsbury. Why not try the first session? There is no obligation to come to any more. For further information, please contact Paul van Rossum. Tel: 01454 626160 or email: [paul@vanrossum.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:paul@vanrossum.freeserve.co.uk)

# Orphaned Dad would love to find his family

... courtesy of Bristol Evening Post

My name is Kerrie. I am a 49-year-old mum of three, living in New Zealand. My dad, Kenneth Hobbs, was originally born in the UK in 1926. I am trying to find any family he might have, then organise a special trip for him to visit his relatives. My idea is to trace his life here, find his family, save for the tickets and when I have all my ducks in a row, go and see him and say: "Come on Dad, this is your life". I'd pay for my family, Dad and his wife to take him on this journey, which I am calling *The Lost Boy Home*.

My dad was abandoned at an orphanage when only a baby. He did not know family life until he was about 11 years old, and he was never adopted, only fostered.

He thinks the second family to have him was a family called Goodchild, maybe from when he was a toddler until he was four.

His next memory is a place with lots of kids, with people called Frederick and Ellen Eldridge, Primrose Cottage, Vicarage Lane, Olveston. He thinks he was there from six to 12 years of age.

The next information I have is a Waifs and Strays Home, Church of England, Melville Road, Falmouth. Then he went back to Olveston and then into the Merchant Navy.

His mum's name was Gwendolyn Doris Hobbs. Dad had a good friend, Peter Weekes or Weakes, and they were at school together in 1938, or at the same church in Olveston. Dad went home to see him after World War II in 1945 and found out he had died a few weeks before Dad could get home, of diphtheria.

While he was in the Merchant Navy towards the end of the war, a German U-boat torpedoed his boat and four others in about five days. My Dad was one of nine survivors out of about 21.

My Dad has given us a very good life. My sister and brother have said we would not change a thing about our upbringing. For a man shown no love in his life he was and still is a wonderful, kind man with wisdom.

What has started my search is that because of my wonderful upbringing this is the one thing I can think of that I could do to say thank you to him and to give him his life. He would love to know if he has any family.

There is nothing sadder than seeing this wonderful English gentleman holding a couple of pieces of paper that my brother-in-law has Googled to show his old foster home and the picture of the boat he was on in the war.

He is a kind, mild-mannered man who never disciplined us out of anger. His wife Mollie, our mum, died in 1980 aged 50, of a very rare condition. He soon remarried and is still very happily married to this woman.

I would like to plan this for early next year as time is not on Dad's side.

I know his foster brother contacted Cilla Black as I understand that she tries bringing families together but we did not make the list. Since then his foster brother has died.

Dad had to leave England as a young married man and in the early 1960s he and Mum packed a suitcase with one three-year-old, a one-year-old (me) and emigrated to New Zealand. So Mum and Dad started from scratch to build a new life for us all.

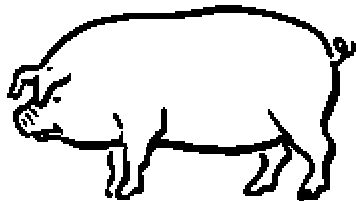
Please get in touch by email at [kyle.mollie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kyle.mollie@xtra.co.nz).

**Kerrie Hopps, New Zealand.**

## To Market, To Market...

- at our local museum

*Jenny Newley*



Our local market town is Thornbury and, for over 900 years, that's exactly what Thornbury was – a town with a market at its heart. First recorded in Domesday Book in 1086 (when the manor of Thornbury belonged to Queen Matilda, wife of William the Conqueror), the market proved to be a

magnet over the centuries, bringing all sorts of traders and professional people to the town: butchers and saddlers, blacksmiths and tinsmiths, shoemakers and bakers, photographers and hairdressers, doctors and surgeons, apothecaries and solicitors.

The nature of Thornbury's streets and buildings developed in part because people from the surrounding area used to come weekly into the town to sell and buy livestock, produce and goods. Livestock markets continued in the town right up to 1996 with many local people involved with them in one way or another.

Discover the history of the markets at a **new free exhibition in Thornbury and District Museum**. Here you can see photographs of the market when it was held in Castle Street, The Plain and the High Street. The ornate pump was used for watering the cattle and washing the carts. You can also see photographs of livestock, auctioneers and farmers at the more modern market site in Rock Street, where Turnberries now stands. Maybe you went to market there yourself or you know someone who did? If so, do pop into the Museum. They would be very interested in your memories of the market.

The exhibition '**To Market, To Market...**' is at **Thornbury & District Museum** from **September to December**. The Museum is between the Armstrong Hall and The Wheatsheaf pub in Chapel St., Thornbury, with parking available in nearby car parks in St. Mary St. and Rock St. Opening hours are **Tues to Fri, 1 – 4pm and Sat, 10am - 4pm. Tel: 01454 857774**, if you need more information.

To market, to market... to see people buying a fat pig...

**Found** Lady's sunglasses in a leather case, in Haw Lane, Olveston on 26<sup>th</sup> August. Phone 613237.

# Severn Vale Flower Club

Due to unforeseen circumstances our speaker for the August meeting, Janet Woodford, was unable to demonstrate. Members instead gave a warm welcome to Sally Taylor who was able to stand in for Janet. Sally not only works in floristry, but is also a teacher, our programme secretary and an excellent demonstrator.

As Sally was demonstrating elsewhere the day before our meeting, she entitled her demonstration "Anything Goes". Sally did several arrangements, including one which she had done the day before. Tall sticks were used, together with pink Calla Lilies, Gerberas and Foxtail Lilies, to simulate a rural setting, and to make it more realistic she placed a large cuddly Jacob sheep at the base of the arrangement.

Sally's career began in floristry when she was a young girl and belonged to the Young Farmers Club. She told us of her experiences of sheep judging competitions, after which she would have to flower arrange, then go on to cake icing. Members thought this quite amusing. As well as an excellent demonstration, with different displays, this was an entertaining afternoon as Sally always has an amusing story to tell.

If you would like to know how to do a hand-tied arrangement, then come along with a bunch of flowers to our next practice afternoon, which is on **Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm**. This will be held in the Armstrong Complex, Thornbury. Alternatively come along and have a cup of tea and watch; you will be most welcome.

## OPTA Autumn Quiz

Olveston Parish Twinning Association will be having a quiz evening on **Friday 20th November** at the Parish Hall. All are very welcome – only a few of the questions might have a French theme – there will be plenty of variety of tantalising topics. The evening starts at 8.00pm and there will be a licensed bar and snacks available. The cost is £5 for a team of four. Please contact Jan on 612641 to register a team in advance, or just come along on the night.

For members, and anyone else interested, the **Association's AGM will be at 7.15pm, before the quiz**. You're welcome to come along early and find out more about Olveston Parish's twinning with Bréhan in Brittany.

# Thornbury Library

**Jeannie Johnson – author talk – Wednesday 7 October 7.30pm.**

**Tickets £2.50 members/£5.00 non members**

Unfortunately, Jeannie Johnson was unable to give her talk as part of the Thornbury Festival back in April but she has agreed to come back on 7 October. We will honour all tickets already purchased for this earlier event but we do have tickets left. These will be sold in advance on a first come, first served basis.

Jeannie Johnson has kindly agreed to give a talk based on her books, many of which are historical and based in Bristol. A weekend columnist for the Western Daily Press, Jeannie Johnson writes popular fiction for women, much of which centres on Bristol. As J.G. Goodhind, she also writes the Honey Driver mysteries which are set in Bath - think ABFAB with murder thrown in. All her books are available on Amazon, via her website [www.jeanniejohnson.net](http://www.jeanniejohnson.net) or buy one after her talk.

## **Thornbury Library Committee**

Thornbury Library Committee will be holding its AGM on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm in the Library. Members of the public who would like to raise any matters of interest are most welcome to attend at the start of the meeting. Entry will be via the back door in St Mary Street.

## **Saturday exhibitions - 17<sup>th</sup> October 10.00-12.00 - *Sustainable Thornbury***

As you may have noticed if you have visited us recently, we are trying to arrange 'manned' exhibitions by local organisations on Saturday mornings. October is the turn of *Sustainable Thornbury*. Their website (<http://www.sustainablethornbury.org/>) contains the following information about the group:

*We are a community group concerned about sustainability, including climate change, world oil shortages, the rising cost of oil and food and how that will affect our area. We are now an official Transition Initiative (what used to be called a Transition Town). We want to help make our community ready for the changes we expect in the future. We expect oil to become scarce and expensive. Transport relies on oil, so bringing goods from a long way away will cause problems and be expensive. For essentials like food, it makes sense to produce them locally.*

Visit the Library to find out more.

For more information on any of the above items, please give the library a ring on 01454 868 006 (24 hour renewal line: 08450 020 777) or visit our web-site on [www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries). We also offer a telephone enquiry service on 01454 866 900 or you can email your enquiry to [askthelibrary@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:askthelibrary@southglos.gov.uk) We also offer free internet access and word-processing in the library.

# Olveston Parish Hall News

The Autumn line-up of Parish Hall events is taking shape:

**Harvest Supper** - 10th October 2009, 7.30pm. Enjoy a festive meal with local entertainment. Licensed bar and lucky ticket draw. Tickets £10 from June Robbins 01454 617491.

**A Touch of Magic** - 21 November 2009. 7.45pm -10pm. Watch out, there's magic about! ..... and it's happening in Olveston next month. Astonishment will be the order of the evening as Barry Smith astounds the audience with his magical skills, eloquent patter, interesting facts and comedy. This type of entertainment, rarely seen in Olveston, will surely be popular and a crowd pleaser. The magic show is geared towards adults and children over 12 years. There will be predictions, rope tricks, telepathy, card tricks, illusions and much more, with opportunities for audience participation. Tickets, costing £6.00, are available by calling 01454 615806 or 07919 050807. It is advisable to book in advance to ensure you are not disappointed, as tickets are limited.

You may have also noticed that the hall has a new notice board. If you wish to advertise your events, contact Linda on **01454 615806** to put your posters up.

## HOST UK

Are you thinking about who might come for Christmas this year? Perhaps you would like to make it a bit different. Some of the adults from overseas who are currently studying at UK universities would love to spend a couple of days in a real home, rather than on a deserted campus. It is interesting to share Christmas with people for whom it is all quite new. (Many international students are from China, for example).

HOST has been linking students with hospitable volunteers for 22 years, at Christmas and also one-off weekends throughout the year. HOST is a registered charity backed by the Foreign Office and many universities. It is not necessary for hosts to live near a university, as students are prepared to travel far for this unique experience! See [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call HOST's voluntary regional organiser for Bristol, Dorothy Steer, on 01647 252428. Thank you!

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# Promises Auction

With the sunny weather in June tempting so many to go away on holiday, the Promises Auction organised by **Olveston PreSchool** had to be postponed. As we had so many fantastic promises, it seemed a shame to hold it on a date so few could make.

The new date is **Saturday 3rd October**, and it will be held as a **joint venture with Olveston School**, so will be held in the Wike Hall, Olveston School. Proceeds from the event will be split equally between the School and PreSchool. **Tickets costing £5** will include a glass of wine and refreshments and are available from Natasha Harrod on 613642 [natashaharrod@hotmail.com](mailto:natashaharrod@hotmail.com) or Marie King on 419330 [marie@customwrap.co.uk](mailto:marie@customwrap.co.uk)

Promises range from children's novelty birthday cakes, children's music lessons, a gourmet dinner party to car valeting and a lift to and from Bristol airport. If you can make a promise, we would love to hear from you, and we look forward to seeing you on the night.

## The Royal British Legion Women's Section

Our A.G.M. will be held on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**. We have had a very successful year and look forward to the same next year. On **13<sup>th</sup> October**, we have our bingo evening for the Benevolent Fund, to which all are welcome. On **3<sup>rd</sup> November**, we will be having bingo for the Poppy Appeal, and the Remembrance Parade will be on **8<sup>th</sup> November**. Our Poppy collectors will be out and about this two week period. Please give generously, as the money is needed now more than ever. Last year's collection raised £3214.25, which is fantastic. All meetings start at 7.30pm in Daldry Gardens Community Lounge.

## Ladies Pamper Evening

in aid of the Jessie May Trust at Old School Hall, Almondsbury on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**. Tickets £5 Jackie Shipley tel. 202238

*Life is a gift and it offers us the privilege, opportunity and responsibility to give something back by becoming more. By Tony Robbins*

# St Mary's Appeal

*Roly Bain*



I'm delighted to report that by the time you read this we should have reached our revised target of £220,000, which is very good news indeed, and we've done it in double quick time! Nevertheless we continue to raise money so that we have money in hand to pay the bills - some of the money raised is in pledges that will be forthcoming next year. We're also left with nothing in the fabric fund, which did have £119,000 in it, but now has none! But it's been a

brilliant effort by everyone, and thanks are due to lots of you who have supported the Appeal and the church in so many ways. The major fundraiser was, of course, the St Swithun's Eve Ball and the Silent Auction that culminated at it. The Silent Auction raised £4,755, which is a magnificent sum, and thanks are due to Roger and Sam Glew for organising it, to Jason and Tracey for having the board at Olveston Stores, and to all the Post Office ladies who managed to field questions about it. Thanks are also due to all those who donated the lots, and to those who bid for them. In all, the Ball made nearly £9,800, and was a tremendous success, socially as well as financially.

We were privileged to have the RAF Central Band and the Bristol Concert Chamber Orchestra in July, who both want to come again. Carmen Pitts hosted a very successful coffee morning, Lynn Shelley came and told her stories, John Jones organised our presence at the South Glos. County Show, and the Fairheads hosted a wonderful evening with the music of Ivor Novello, called Glamorous Nights. We have a couple of concerts coming up, with Gill Olewicz doing a concert on Oct 17th, and Dave Stone and friends doing 'We'll meet again', a concert appropriate to Remembrance weekend, on Nov 7th. We remain extremely grateful that so many people are doing so many things to make a dream a reality. It's taken years of planning and discussion, but now you can see for yourselves the work as it continues - but ask the foreman's permission before you go in!

## 'Goodbye Mrs. Chips'

The Ministry of Entertainment is presenting 'Goodbye Mrs. Chips' on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010** in Olveston Parish Hall. To reserve a ticket, please call Geoff on 615806.



## Line of Coins

28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2009

*Lynda Spratt 1<sup>st</sup> Olveston Scouts*

It's that time of year again when the young folk of Olveston are asking their parents 'Can I have your loose change?'

On **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November**, 1<sup>st</sup> Olveston Scouts, Cubs & Beavers are holding their annual Line of Coins and Coffee Morning at the Methodist Hall, Olveston, 10-12 noon. There will be cakes and teas to whet your appetite and, to get ready for Christmas, we will have a wide range of wrapping paper and Christmas cards.

Last year, our line joined the bakery to the stores and back again, raising a whopping £692. Now the hut is complete, we'll be using the money to replace old kit and general running costs.

## Bosom Buddies

*Jennie Morris*

So – the van carrying out Mammograms visited us earlier this year and, as a result, several people were diagnosed with Breast Cancer. How fortunate we are to be able to have this test and be diagnosed early, so that treatment can be carried out as soon as possible with very good results. Bosom Buddies are here to help you at this difficult time, so please call us. Ring me and I'll do all I can to help you. Meetings are held at 32 Oakleaze Road, Thornbury at 7.30pm – the next one being on 21st October.

On **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October from 10am – 1pm**, Bosom Buddies will be holding their Annual Coffee Morning to help raise money to buy equipment for the Breast Unit at the BRI, and also to help our members where necessary. Tel. 01454 884177 for further details.

## Sustainable Thornbury

Time to Think About the Future?

Our life revolves around oil – from running our cars to growing our food and providing us with energy, plastics and medicines. But oil is not unlimited and we are using it up fast. What will be the consequences? Sustainable Thornbury invites you to a free showing at Rangeworthy Village Hall on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October of the film 'A Crude Awakening' which looks at this issue. Doors open 7 pm for 7.30 pm start. Free admission. This film is the second event of a monthly series of talks and films, looking at our future prospects in a changing world.

More details on [www.sustainablethornbury.org](http://www.sustainablethornbury.org) or tel 416778.

# From PCSO Kelly Dimery

Dear All

In the month of August there have been 59 calls to the Police and 20 reported crimes for the month. This is a great improvement on the 41 crimes last month. I am pleased to say that the incidents that were occurring in July in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour in the village of Olveston appear to have come to an end. The police have received no further calls relating to this and to the property in question, due to it being closed over the summer months.

There have been a number of burglaries in the area where items such as mountain and scrambler bikes have been stolen. I am pleased to be able to report that one of the stolen items was recovered in the surrounding area and returned to its owner. A local youth has been dealt with positively for anti-social behaviour and other offences and is now being placed on an Anti-Social Behaviour contract, which will have certain conditions on. There have been several reported incidents of various levels of criminal damage.

A couple of push-bikes have been reported stolen from rear gardens; I would advise anyone with such items to ensure that they are securely locked away in a shed or garage to minimise the risk of them being taken.

May I remind people that any high value items that you may have in your possession, ranging from jewellery, bikes, garden equipment, to computers etc, should be marked. In the event that any property is stolen and later recovered, the police have a much higher chance of returning that property to its rightful owner.

The UK National Property Register 'Immobilise.com' is a website which enables people to register their possessions free of charge.

'Reportmyloss.com' is another website which enables people to register any items that you may have lost. This website is used by Avon and Somerset Police so anyone wanting to report lost items can report these direct onto the website as the police no longer have a separate system for this. Any persons who do not have access to the internet, can call into Thornbury Police Station between 10am – 2pm and we will report the items on your behalf. I would encourage people to look at both the above-named sites.

To contact the police please see the numbers below:

For an emergency or incident that requires immediate response, dial 999.

To report **all** crimes and for non-urgent incidents, dial 0845 456 7000.

To discuss any community issues with

PC Roger Hopes or PCSO Kelly Dimery,

dial 0117 945 5959 or 07919 628625 or 07917 586645.

# St Mary's Choir Sings in Gloucester Cathedral

*David Stone*

We travelled the short journey to Gloucester on Saturday morning 15<sup>th</sup> August. We were staying the Saturday night at the New Inn in Northgate Street. Vehicles are not allowed in Northgate Street, the nearest car park being the NCP in Kings Walk.....Simple....This did cause a few problems for some, but eventually everyone who was staying at the New Inn arrived. Phew !!

Due to sing Eucharist at 4.30pm, we rehearsed in the Cathedral at 2.00pm. It was awesome. What an honour and a privilege to be singing in such a historic Cathedral. We started the 4.30pm service with "Ave Maria" by Cesar Frank. The Communion setting was "Olveston" by our own David Shaw, always a joy to sing. We then processed to the Lady Chapel to finish with the anthem "Ave Maria" by Jacob Arcadelt. The acoustics were superb, the choir sounded beautiful, it was really quite an emotional experience. It did cross my mind, being a Saturday afternoon and being a football man "It was a service of two Aves" (game of two halves). Get it? Oh well.

Those of us staying overnight enjoyed an evening meal together at the New Inn. With still a lot of singing to do, a quick drink and a early night seemed sensible. What we did not know was that the Pigeons and Sea Gulls of Gloucester, who had spotted us earlier in the day, had formed a choir. They began rehearsing at about 1.00am and then singing with great gusto, gave their full performance of the Dawn Chorus at about 5.45am. So not such a quiet night after all.

After an early breakfast on Sunday morning, it was back to the Cathedral for a 9.00am rehearsal. This was followed by Eucharist at 10.15am. We opened the service with "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Tchaikowsky) and the anthem was "From all that dwell below the skies" ( Walmisley). I should of course mention that our own Verger Mrs June Robbins led the St Mary's Choir in and out at each service. Well done, June. Back to the eating. Sunday lunch was a delicious Carvery at the New Inn. Then off again back to the Cathedral for a 2pm rehearsal. It's all go in this choir. Please stay with me, not long to go.

The 3.30pm Evensong was sung unaccompanied, with David Shaw giving us a note on the tuning pipe and conducting each piece. The last hymn David had to play on the organ. This required a Lynford Christie dash up a very steep flight of stairs to the Organ Console, about twenty or thirty feet above the choir. We could not see David but he could see us on a monitor above the console. During the previous services, Chris Malpus conducted the choir and David, seated at the organ, could see Chris on his monitor. When Chris raised his arms to conduct, David could see him on the monitor and would start the introduction. All clever

stuff. Cantor for the responses was Rev. David Bone and he was in fine voice. Well done, Vicar.

To finish, a word of thanks to Judy Jones and Chris Malpus for collating all the music and order of services that made our task so much easier. Thanks to Sue Farr for organizing the Saturday evening meal. The soup's in the pot. To all the choir, I thought you all were great. I felt so proud to be part of such wonderful sound. But, once again, thanks to our Choirmaster and Organist, David Shaw, the man who makes the whole thing possible.

## Music in the Church at Aust

### Piva

#### Measure for Measure - Sat 10th October, 8pm

Piva is inspired by the professional Waits and Court Bands of the 16th and 17th centuries and specialise in giving lively performances of popular dance music and ballads of the period. They perform in period costume, using a range of historically accurate instruments, including shawms, bagpipes, hurdy-gurdies, curtals, sackbuts, violins and guitar.



At Aust, using some of the many musical references in Shakespeare's plays as a starting point, Piva will be exploring the popular dance and ballad repertoire from late 16th century England. Many of the musical references in the plays are lost on today's audiences, but with music so much part of everyday life, an Elizabethan theatre-goer would have recognised all the musical allusions, jokes and puns. This varied programme features a selection of music referred to in Shakespeare's works and the pieces run the gamut from village green to stately court and rowdy tavern to country house.

Piva's concert will be at Aust church on Saturday 10th October at 8pm.

**Tickets** are £10 full and £8 concessions, available from Peter or Gina Dobbins on 01454 632306 or directly from the Boar's Head, Aust, or Olveston Stores.

Email: [aust.music@btinternet.com](mailto:aust.music@btinternet.com) Web: [www.aust.music.btinternet.co.uk](http://www.aust.music.btinternet.co.uk)

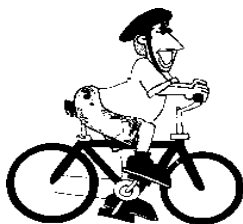
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# Pedal for Props...part 1

*Jonathan McGee*

## The story of a journey

As we all know there are many excellent charities doing fantastic work on behalf of many deserving causes. One that I have become involved with over the past couple of years is a local charity called PROPS. It is a small Bristol based charity that works with teenagers with severe learning difficulties and as the name implies it has strong links with the rugby community. The acronym 'PROPS' stands for Providing Opportunities and Support for the teenagers and their families. It was born out of the incredible work that the staff at Briarwood school in Fishponds do. Head of Sixth Form, Dave Reeves, is the driving force behind PROPS. Dave has taken the charity from an initial idea and turned it into an organisation that raises thousands of pounds every year to deliver inclusive courses and opportunities for some of the most deserving teenagers in our community.



As with all charities the most challenging aspect is raising funds, something which is getting harder due to the current economic climate. PROPS has several different fund raising initiatives each year which include a PROPS Barbarians rugby team, a PROPS mini's rugby team and the PROPS cycling club.

Each year the cycling club organise and participate in a cycling tour. Last year we took 4 days to cycle from Bristol to Paris, whilst this year we chose the French city of Bordeaux as our destination. With Bristol and Bordeaux being twinned it seemed the obvious choice.

So in late June of this year, 18 cyclists, of mixed ability, set off from Queens Square in Bristol on a challenging four day trip to Bordeaux. Day one was from Bristol to Portsmouth, with the target of catching the overnight ferry to St. Malo. The cyclists were joined by three support vehicles carrying our luggage, spare cycling gear and a plentiful supply of Doombar beer. As well as raising much needed money, we were determined to enjoy ourselves on the way. We made the initial leg to Portsmouth in good time and on good roads across Salisbury Plain in good weather. After boarding the ferry, we were able to enjoy a couple of drinks before getting a much deserved rest.

The overnight crossing delivered us to the port of St.Malo bright and early. The first day in France was just as I remembered it from last year. For those of you who are thinking of taking a cycling trip, then I highly recommend France. The roads are super smooth, quiet and the car drivers incredibly courteous. Our route took us from St. Malo to Nantes. Our intention was to cycle between 80 – 100 miles per day, which can take between 6 and 8 hours. Brittany has wonderful cycling and a climate to match, so much so that we couldn't help but enjoy the journey. It certainly takes your mind off the sore legs and backside.

After a restful night in Nantes, our next destination was La Rochelle. The theme of the day was more of the same, with some lovely villages and open countryside to travel through. Each day the support vehicles would make a trip to the supermarkets and then find a town square for us to have a picnic lunch. Why is it that baguettes, meat and cheese seem to taste much nicer on the continent? This was washed down with a couple of beers or wine before continuing on to La Rochelle.....*to be continued in November*

# Almondsbury Surgery

## Flu Clinic

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009**  
**in The Old School Hall, Almondsbury**  
**from 9am – 12.30pm**

THIS CLINIC IS ONLY FOR  
PATIENTS REGISTERED WITH ALMONDSBURY SURGERY AND WHO ARE  
ENTITLED TO FREE VACCINATION

These include:

- Anyone 65 or over
- Anyone under 65 who has chronic disease as listed below and therefore at risk.
  1. Coronary heart disease
  2. Diabetes
  3. Asthma requiring repeated inhaled or systemic steroids or previous exacerbations requiring hospital admission
  4. Chronic renal disease
  5. Chronic liver disease
  6. Chronic respiratory disease
  7. Immunosuppression
  8. Stroke or tia (transient ischaemic attack)

If you are unsure of your entitlement, please ring or ask at the surgery AFTER 28<sup>th</sup> September, when staff will be able to advise you

For general information, check our website at [www.almondsburysurgery.nhs.uk](http://www.almondsburysurgery.nhs.uk)

Patients not entitled to free vaccination, who would like to be vaccinated, should contact GP Care who can direct them to their nearest clinic. For more information, or to book an appointment, please call GP Care on 0117 970 8983 or alternatively email them at [info@gpcare.org.uk](mailto:info@gpcare.org.uk) and they will contact you.



# The Wigan Girls ~ The Movie!!

“Thornbury’s Got Talent”, the show planned for October in aid of ACT, has sadly had to be cancelled because not quite enough people seem to think they have talent! However, ACT (Arts and Community in Thornbury) knows that Thornbury has talent galore and the replacement event for 24 October is the living proof.

For three months from March to July 2009, over 300 local people were deeply involved in the creation of an amazing community play, The Wigan Girls, which was written by local girl Janet Halfyard and directed by Barbie Davies. 2000 people came and enjoyed the wonderful musical play at the Leisure Centre. All of the rehearsals and the show itself were lovingly filmed by David Wilkins and his team, resulting in a DVD of the creation of a community play and the actual show.

**At 7.30pm on 24 October at Thornbury Baptist Church Hall**, there will be a Hollywood-style première of The Wigan Girls ~ The Movie: red carpet, press, amazing dresses – the lot! Join ACT and the Wigan Girls team for this tongue-in-cheek night at the Oscars. Girls – dig out the satin and pearls, bedeck yourself with bling. Guys, brush down the old tuxedo, shine those shoes and come along to a fun night to remember. Sparkling wine and canapés will be on hand for a small donation and there may even be a celebrity or two to add to the thrill of the occasion! All this glamour for a mere £5.

Tickets will be available from 1 October from Thornbury Garden Centre or by ringing 01454 416421. Reg. Charity No. 1120422 Founder Patron: Catherine Johnson Company No. 6009419

[ACT.Thornbury@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ACT.Thornbury@yahoo.co.uk)

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

## Cricket Club News

### **150 Club Winners: September:**

£50 R Evans

£15 Tony Hodgkins

£5 Sybil Banwell

### **Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:**

22nd August Sylvia Gould

29th August Angus Macdonald

### **Diary Dates:**

Friday 13th November: Annual Cheltenham Race Day.

March 2010 (date to be finalised): Deeds Auction.

Tony Gardner 07889 727729 [www.olddowncricketclub.co.uk](http://www.olddowncricketclub.co.uk)

# The Stroke Association

## Castle 2 Castle Cycling Challenge



The Stroke Association is organising its first ever sponsored charity Castle 2 Castle Cycling Challenge between Berkeley Castle and Chepstow Castle on **Sunday 11 October 2009**.

The Stroke Association is hoping to attract more than 100 cyclists for this exciting new event.

If you are looking for a team or family outdoor fundraising activity with a difference this Autumn, then take part in the Stroke Association's Castle to Castle Cycling Challenge between England & Wales, across the old Severn Bridge.

Cyclists can choose the 44 mile circular route from Berkeley Castle to Chepstow Castle and return or, if this is a little too far, then you can try the 22 mile route starting at Chepstow Castle and finishing at Berkeley Castle. Cyclists will leave each castle in groups, starting at 9.15 am and finishing in Berkeley at 5pm at the latest.

Most of the route follows the National Cycle Network routes 4 and 41 along country lanes. Enjoy a ride through the pretty villages of Gloucestershire and admire the stunning landmarks, such as Berkeley Castle, Chepstow Castle and the Severn Bridges.

At the halfway point en route, cyclists can stop off at the superb White Hart Inn in picturesque Littleton-upon-Severn for lunch and refreshments.

To take part, participants will have to pay a registration fee of £10 for individuals and £20 for a family (maximum of 5). As an individual you will have to agree to raise a minimum of £50 and as a family £90 for The Stroke Association.

Whichever route you choose, the Castle 2 Castle Cycling Challenge promises to be a great day out for you, your family or your team of friends or colleagues – and all to support people affected by stroke and their families.

For more information or to register, contact Chris Welch on 0117 953 1200 or email: [c2ccyclingchallenge@stroke.org.uk](mailto:c2ccyclingchallenge@stroke.org.uk)

## From the Registers at St Mary's

Baptism on 16<sup>th</sup> August of **Harvey David Robertson**, son of **Richard & Clare Balding**.

Marriage on 11<sup>th</sup> September of **Peter Geoffrey Newton - Smith & Laura Anne Wilson**.

Funeral Service on 11<sup>th</sup> August at St Mary's Almondsbury and Burial at St Mary's Olveston of **Percy James Budd**.

# Olveston

## - Avonside Calor Village of the Year

Olveston has won the **South Gloucestershire** category of **Small Village of the Year 2009**. As well as being judged on **appearance**, marks are awarded for **community spirit, sustainability, communications** and **vibrancy**. We are very fortunate to still have an abundance of facilities and enthusiastic people making our village a special place. Thanks go to Olveston School for their colourful anti-litter posters that have been displayed around the village.

The awards ceremony takes place at Tyntesfield on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

*Geoff Chappell, Co-ordinator*

## Rotary Club of Thornbury

### Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio

Rotary International has been involved in the eradication of polio for the past 25 years under the Programme called PolioPlus. It has been very successful having succeeded in limiting the infection to only 4 countries (India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria). There were 125 countries affected in 1985.

### What is Polio?

Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease which strikes children mainly under the age of five and can cause paralysis and sometimes death. It can cause paralysis within hours, and polio paralysis is almost always irreversible. Because there is no cure for polio, the best protection is prevention. For as little as US\$0.60 worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.

Historically, polio has been the world's greatest cause of disability.

### History of PolioPlus

Under Rotary's leadership in 1985, the World Health Assembly was inspired to pass a resolution to eradicate polio, which paved the way for the formation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. The PolioPlus program helps Rotary fund operational costs, such as transportation, vaccine delivery, social mobilization, training of health workers, and support surveillance activities.

### What is Next

Early next year there will be a global Rotary Polio day with an aim to raise funds to support our club's commitment to this initiative. All clubs worldwide are being encouraged to plan an event that will support the initiative.

We are planning an evening event in **The Armstrong Hall** on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb** next year and will publish more details when we have finalized the plans. If you have any questions about this project, please contact:

Roger Perrin 01454 415546

# South Gloucestershire Local Involvement Network

## Join the LINK

Help Make Small Changes and Have a Big Influence on your Health and Social Care Services

You can become part of the new way for local people to have their say about local health and social care services, and about the way they are run and developed by joining the South Gloucestershire Local Involvement Network.

You can participate in the LINK as much or as little as you wish, from receiving information regularly to being involved in working groups. You can join the LINK as an individual or as a representative of a voluntary or community group. If you belong to a community or voluntary group, we can come and talk to you and let the LINK know about the issues you are facing.

The LINK is working hard and talking to the Local Authority and Local NHS about issues including the provision of respite care, translation services for people whose first language is not English, services for older people and for people with physical and sensory impairments.

The LINK can pass issues to the Care Quality Commission (the national watchdog for health and social care), the local Select Committee and on occasion can enter and view health or social care services.

For more information about the South Gloucestershire LINK, contact:

**Sarah Booker** - Development and Information worker for South Gloucestershire LINK

☎ 0117 9589351/07896918205

Fax 0117 9650200

e-mail [sarahbooker@linksouthglos.org.uk](mailto:sarahbooker@linksouthglos.org.uk)

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

Or write to the LINK at:

**FREEPOST RSBG-GTHJ-JUKK, South Gloucestershire LINK, The Care Forum, The Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Bristol BS16 2QQ**

## Action Medical Research

A Charity Bridge Drive

Will be held at the **Almondsbury Old School Hall** on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009** starting at **7.30 p.m. prompt**. £7.50 including refreshments.

Contact Richard Harrop: (01454) 416927  
or e-mail [exall@thedown99.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:exall@thedown99.freeserve.co.uk)

# Yours Faithfully

*Paul Ashford, The Oasis Church, Old Down*

## ***Too big to fail....?***

As I sit down to write this, the first anniversary of the bankruptcy of Lehman's Bank is upon us. This event sparked the most significant loss of confidence between banks since the Second World War.

In a series timed to commence in the week leading up to that anniversary, the BBC has rightly chosen to document the events leading up to the collapse of Lehman's Bank in order to highlight some of the commonly held misconceptions that befell the banking sector in general and Lehman's in particular. Aptly titled 'The Love of Money', the series outlined the rapid growth of Lehman's Bank on the back of a culture that clearly believed that it could do no wrong. Having found a market sector (the Sub-Prime market) in which it could make large profits because of the risks involved, it chose to borrow money to invest more than it already had. The simple logic was that they could multiply their profits if they could only grow more quickly. The programme plots its way through the roots of this failure and, in particular, the autocratic and greed-driven culture imposed by the company's CEO, Richard Fuld, and, if it were not so serious, presents him as something of a pantomime villain.

The irony is that the culture was not limited to Lehman's. The pressure to compete in the market meant that, if one did it, the others had to follow. The loss of perspective with respect to risk and a willingness to "ask no questions" pervaded the industry and the integrity of due diligence was lost.

The Bible has a lot to say on this subject. Although it is often misquoted that "money is the root of all evil", the key text written by Paul to Timothy reminds us that it is the "love of money that is a root of all kinds of evil". The programme makers therefore have it right in this respect. Paul points out throughout his letters that the love of money is just a symptom of more deep-rooted issues – those of self-reliance, greed and, even worse, invincibility! Lehman's thought it could afford to take the risks it did because it was "too big to fail". The US Government had other ideas!

One year on, there is much talk of a more sober approach to risk-taking. However, a modicum of risk is a necessary component of life. Occasionally, we have to 'trust' to take the next step. Governments are talking of greater regulation in the banking sector to avoid the excesses demonstrated by Lehman's. However, there appears to be little evidence of a cultural shift with the return of the 'bonus' mentality. Indeed, banks are now being told that they really are 'too big to fail'. This seems to imply that personal responsibility will be even further down the agenda than before. If only the banks would follow the simple words found on the Dollar bills they dispense....'In God we trust.....'

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Oct 4	8am 10am  6pm	Holy Communion Harvest Festival  Evensong with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe Rev Philip Rowe Breakfast Club Team Mr Denis Jones
Oct 11	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship with Choir Breakfast Club Evensong	Canon David Sansum Mrs Janet McBride Breakfast Club Team Rev. Philip Rowe
Oct 18	8am 10am  6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Breakfast Club Evensong	Rev Philip Rowe Rev Philip Rowe Breakfast Club Team Mr Denis Jones
Oct 25	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Fourth Sunday Breakfast Club Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Canon David Sansum Rev. Roly Bain Breakfast Club Team Rev. Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Oct 4	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Oct 11	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Oct 18	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
Oct 25	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone

**Assistant Curate:** Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

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

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

Oct 4	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Oct 18	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield

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

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Oct 11	9am	Matins	Mr Don Streatfield
Oct 25	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Oct 4	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
	6pm	Olveston Ch.	Evening Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Sandy Williams
Oct 11	10am	Olveston Ch	All Age Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams. The Breakfast Club will join us later
	6pm	Tock Ch..	Evening Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
Oct 18	10am	Tock.Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
	6pm	Daldry Gdn...	Evening Worship - Mrs Margaret Mortlock
Oct 25	10am	Tock Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Tom Hall
	6pm	Olveston Ch.	Evening Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Sandy Williams

**LIGHT LUNCHES:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct at 12.15 in the Tockington Wesley Rooms. To book your lunch please ring 612112.

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. To book your lunch please ring 416528

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

**COFFEE MORNINGS:** Sats 10.30 - 12 noon in the Olveston Methodist Hall. - except 10<sup>th</sup> Oct when it will be in Tockington Chapel.

Contact : Rev Sandy Williams 0117 950 6881  
sandy.williams48@btinternet.com

## THE VINE, AWKLEY

We meet in a relaxed, manner for worship, prayer and conversational Bible studies incorporating Communion, normally Sunday 10.30am. Mon and Wed 7.30pm. We visit other churches and events, so please check our Notice Board or contact us. Prayer requests can be posted through the letterbox at The Vine or sent by post or email. Please add a name or initial to identify your request.

**Mike and Barbara Matthews**, tel. 07840 793772 or email:  
[thevine\\_awkley@hotmail.com](mailto:thevine_awkley@hotmail.com)

## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Oct 4	6.30pm	Michael Paton
Oct 11	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies
Oct 18	6.30pm	Courtney Harris
Oct 25	6.30pm	Paul Ashford

Each Thurs 7.30pm - Prayer Time

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

## AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Family Worship 11am Evening Worship 6.30pm

For more details, please phone 632564.

**BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** - Our Sunday morning meetings are held at The Grange School in Warmley at 11 am.  
Contact 01454 613305 [www.bcfnet.com](http://www.bcfnet.com)

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

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

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

**Local contact: Elizabeth Sidwell**, 412975

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



# Diary Dates for October 2009

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30	OSt MH
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Promises Auction	10.30-12.00	MH OS
5 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club - Practice	1.30pm	AH
6 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women - AGM	10.00-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL
7 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Historical Society - AGM & DVD Body Tone Exercise Class	7.30pm 7.30-8.30	MH PH
8 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop S. Glos Women's Luncheon Club Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Th. & Dist Flower Club Demo	10.00-12.00 12.15 2.30-4.30 7.30pm	OSt OSH MH TMH
9 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
10 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning 'Flu Clinic Music in the Church at Aust - Piva Parish Hall Supper	10.30-12.00 9.00-12.30 8pm 7.30pm	Tock Ch OSH AC PH
12 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
13 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women – Bingo Women's Institute - Hats	10.00-12.00 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR DGCL PH
14 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Royal British Legion - Men Body Tone Exercise Class	7.30pm 7.30-8.30	DGCL PH
15 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30	OSt MH
16 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
17 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Gill Olewicz in Concert	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH StM
18 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
19 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
20 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddler	10.00-12.00	WR
21 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club - Down on the Farm Body Tone Exercise Class	2pm 7.30-8.30	AH PH
22 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group Th. & Dist Flower Club - Vertically Challenged	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30	OSt MH
23 <sup>rd</sup> Fri			
24 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning ACT Wigan Girls Film	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH Th Bapt
25 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Marwood School Car Boot Sale	9.30-1pm	
26 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
27 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Tockington Toddlers Fibromyalgia Support Gp - Holistic Therapy Olveston Parish Council	10.00-12.00 7.00-9.00pm 7.30pm	WR AMH AP
28 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Alveston History Society - Changing Face of	7.30pm	AMC

	Thornbury High St Body Tone Exercise Class	7.30-8.30	PH
29 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Baby & Toddler Group	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30	OSt MH
30 <sup>th</sup> Fri		9.30-1pm	
31 <sup>st</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
<b>Looking ahead to November</b>			
7th	We'll Meet Again	7.30pm	StM
14th	Music in the Church at Aust	8pm	AC
20th	OPTA Quiz	8pm	PH
21 <sup>st</sup>	Friends of StM Christmas Bazaar St Mary's Alm Christmas Bazaar A Touch of Magic	2.00-4.00 2pm	PH OSH PH
28 <sup>th</sup>	Aust Christmas Fair		

**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; **CCCP** – Castle Court Car Park; **CH** – Cossham Hall; **Chy** – Chantry; **DGCL** – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; **EVH** – Elberton Village Hall; **MH** – Olveston Methodist Hall; **OS** – Olveston School; **OSt** – Olveston Stores ;**OSH** Old School Hall Alm. **OV** – Olveston Vicarage; **PH** – Olveston Parish Hall; **StM** – St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church; **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; **URC** - Thornbury United Reform Church; **WR** – Wesley Rooms.

**Contact details** for any clubs or organisations in the Meeting Point area can be found in the Meeting Point Directory on the community website: [www.olvestonandaust.com](http://www.olvestonandaust.com).

If you would like to update your organisation's details, please email:  
[web@olvestonandaust.com](mailto:web@olvestonandaust.com)

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