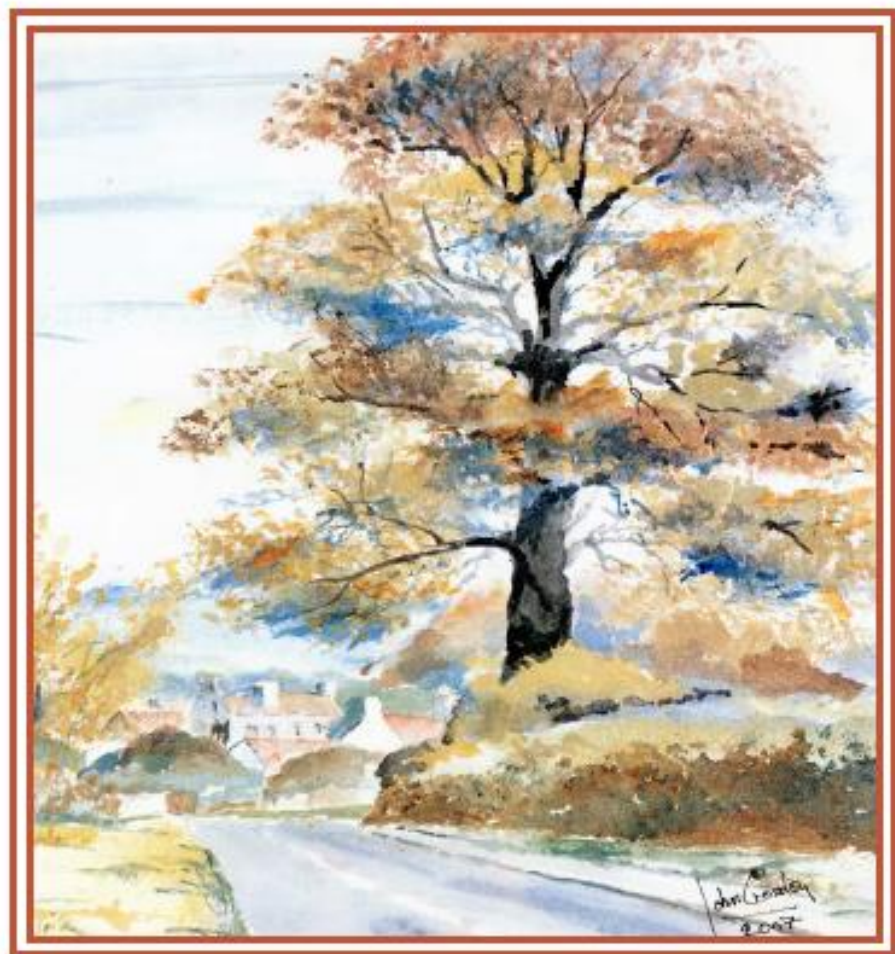
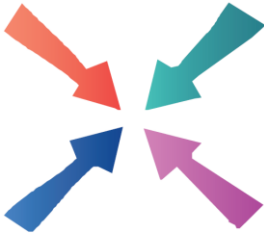


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Of course, it is great that Meeting Point is used to advertise the many and varied events that are due to be happening in our area. In fact, this month we have had so many sent in that I have had to summarise a number of Thornbury based events at the back of the magazine. However, I am really pleased that in this edition we have got some feedback on how things went at events that were publicised in earlier editions.

This month we hear how our local young sailor got on in the Irish Championships that were held back in August. There is a lovely illustrated account of the September Aust Fete. There is also an article that gives more of the history of Pilning Station and some details of the special day trip that was organised by the Pilning Station Group on August 20th. Apparently there has been an increase in passenger numbers at the station, some people indicating that they were encouraged by the article in Meeting Point.

Marelin

The cover is by the late John Crossley

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News from St. Mary's



The equinox is past and so the nights are now longer than the days. Some have even begun to think about Christ's birthday, but there are still a lot of things happening before then to brighten the autumn days.



Revd. David Moss' Licensing

The Revd. David Moss will be installed as the new Vicar for North Severnside at a special licensing service to be held at St. Mary's, Olveston on Thursday, 2nd November 2017, starting at 7.30pm. Do please come along as we welcome David and his family into our community.

Open the Book

This academic year a team of storytellers from St Mary's is taking the 'Open the Book' into Olveston Primary School each week. This is part of a national initiative by the Bible Society, whereby teams go into their local schools and tell Bible stories using drama and also getting the children involved. The aim is for children to hear Bible stories in an imaginative and interesting way. It has been well received in schools that are already signed up to it.

Harvest Festival

If you read this in time, remember that our Harvest Festival is on 1st October at 11am. The service will be followed by lunch and all are welcome to share this lovely celebration of the Harvest.

Talk on Conservation

Christoph Schwitzer, who is the Director of Conservation at Bristol Zoo, is to speak at the Morning Service on Sunday, 8th October. He will describe the conservation work that he is involved with in Madagascar and other projects that the zoo is involved with. This will follow on the theme for Harvest, which this year is to have a conservation/stewardship theme and our responsibility to look after God's world. Morning Service starts at 10am.

Village Variety Concert

On Saturday, 14th October at 7.40pm there is to be a Variety Concert which will be held in the church which is bound to be a great night out. Tickets cost £5 per person and are available from Olveston Stores or via June Robbins, our Verger, on 01454 617491

Olveston Parish Historical Society

2017/18 Season

Here's what's in store for the new season. Everyone welcome... just turn up!

Wed. 4th Oct. 2017

A short and painless AGM, followed by Meg Wise giving an illustrated talk about the Thornbury Castle builder's rather dangerous love of advertising his high-status lineage: **Heraldry and Symbolism at Thornbury Castle**. (See below.)

Wed. 1st November 2017

Our very own Eric Garrett will reveal the inside story behind **Olveston United Football Club, 1926 – 1976**, from its earliest days when Colonel Turner of Old Down was their patron. If we're lucky, the illustrations will include the speaker (in his younger days) in football kit...

Wed. 6th December 2017

Nick McCamley will delve into **Secret Underground Cities**, the vast underground places in Britain which housed factories, arsenals and government control bunkers. These will include the 2 million sq.ft. Spring Quarry underground aircraft engine factory at Corsham and the Wiltshire quarry which housed treasures from the V&A and the British Museum.

Wed. 3rd January 2018

Jennifer Bone and William Evans will be revealing what's known about **Sir Samuel Astry, Lord of the Manor of Aust**, and his part in the Glorious Revolution of 1688, when James II was ousted from the throne. Sir Samuel Astry held the position of Clerk to the Crown at the Court of King's Bench from 1677 for 27 years, under 4 monarchs, remarkably retaining his position through a time of political and constitutional turbulence. He was a significant local landowner.

Wed. 7th February 2018

Helen Thomas will be sharing with us some of the results of a project to record oral histories from workers at the Wills factory, in a talk that has been recommended to us called **The Bedminster Tobacco Women**.

Wed. 7th March 2018

Dr. Cathryn Spence, former Director/Curator at the Building of Bath Museum and now Head of Communications & Research at Bath's American Museum and a historical consultant for the National Trust, will share some of the

goodies from her latest book: **The Story of Bath**. Expect illustrations you haven't seen before and some unfamiliar tales from 2000 years of Bath's history.

Wed. 4th April 2018

To be confirmed. We are awaiting confirmation from the invited speaker.

Olveston Methodist Church. 7.30 pm.

Annual membership rate: £8 (payable on the night). Or £2 for a single meeting.

Programme Secretaries: Jenny & Richard Newley 01454 202011

Website: <http://www.olveston.com/historical-society>

A Dangerous Path to Tread?

Olveston Parish Historical Society: all welcome.

Wednesday, 4 October 2017, 7.30pm, Olveston Methodist Church

Take a look at this Tudor coat of arms. Looks almost fit for a king, doesn't it? Henry VIII perhaps?

But this magnificent piece of heraldry didn't belong to the king. It was created by the builder of Thornbury Castle, the 3rd Duke of Buckingham, whose claim to royal lineage was better than Henry's own.

Buckingham was flamboyant in the size and splendour of his household and his building works and was especially ostentatious in his display of the heraldry relating to his noble ancestors. He used many heraldic badges, several of them emphasising royal ancestry. Did this help lead to his execution on the orders of Henry VIII?

In a beautifully illustrated talk, 'Heraldry & Symbolism at Thornbury Castle', Meg Wise will share her fascinating detective work into the dangerous path trodden by Edward Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, when he flaunted his ancestry in this ostentatious way.

Open to all. A brief AGM will precede the talk. Make a note in your diary or calendar now. An annual membership fee of £8, payable on the night, gives entry to the whole season of seven talks from October to April. Alternatively, £2 to attend a single meeting, payable on the door.

Hope to see you there!



Could YOU Save a Life?

Catherine Offer

Not sure?.....Then join a training session to learn resuscitation skills. Olveston Parish Council is providing free training at Olveston Parish Hall on Saturday November 11th. Small, informal group sessions lasting about an hour will run throughout the day. No previous experience is necessary and there is no age limit. The aim of the training is to give you the confidence and practical experience to deal effectively with an emergency situation [including using a defibrillator]. One hour of training could make the difference between life and death for your friend, colleague or loved one.

Spaces are very limited and must be booked in advance.
Refreshments and Ploughman's lunches will be available.

Why not sign up now? *savealife@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk* or phone Catherine Offer 07979368589

Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church

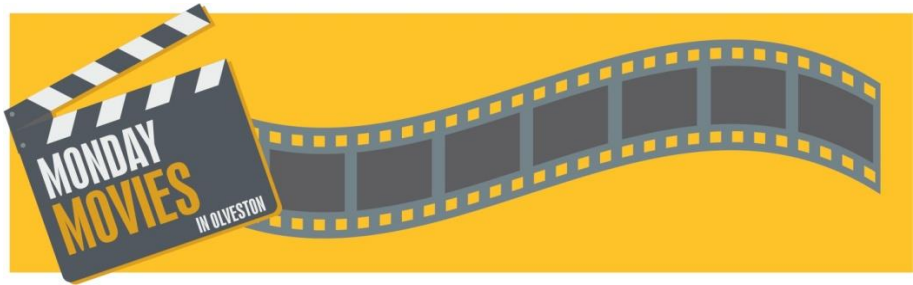
A big thank you to everyone who either helped or supported our Cream Teas on Tockington Green on August Bank Holiday Monday. We raised £713.30 for The League of Friends of Thornbury Hospital.

Olveston Fun Run

This is a reminder about the Fun Run on October 15th.

There will be a 1km run for younger children around the school grounds and a single lap off-road course – along the footpaths and bridleways of Olveston - for the 5km run. All runs start at Olveston School with registration from 9.00am.

Entry forms and further information available from the Olveston School Office or by contacting Charlotte Witherbed:
charlottehume123@hotmail.com/07780886342



OCTOBER PROGRAMME

Trevor Anderson

Greetings to all readers from the Movie Club Team in Olveston. Refreshed after our summer break, we start our **Autumn Programme** with three highly-rated films. Everyone is welcome (you don't need to be a Movie Club member) and there is no need to book. Admission is free, although a donation at the end towards expenses is always welcomed and appreciated.

MONDAY MOVIES (*1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7.30pm*)

Mon 2 Oct: This sun drenched masterpiece of a musical tells the story of an aspiring actress and a dedicated jazz musician as they struggle to make ends meet in Los Angeles, a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts. Winner of 6 Academy Awards! (2016, Cert 12)

Mon 16 Oct: Forget Hitchcock. This is one of the scariest, most disturbing thrillers ever made. Yet there's not a knife, a gun, or a drop of blood in sight. The terror is wholly psychological, insidiously uncoiling itself before your incredulous eyes, and the appalling, horrific climax will haunt your mind long after it is over. (1988, Cert 15)

CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB (*Mondays at 10.00am in the school hols*)

Mon 23 Oct: This animated fantasy-adventure is about a young man torn between fulfilling the expectations of his family and following his heart. Before choosing which path to follow, he embarks on an incredible adventure that spans three fantastical worlds. (2015, Cert U)

All the films are shown in **St Mary's Church, Olveston** and doors open 30 minutes before the start. Refreshments are available at all the shows, plus licensed bar in the evenings and popcorn and soft drinks in the mornings.



We make no charge for entry, but we do value and appreciate a small **donation** at the end towards expenses if you have enjoyed the evening.

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

Olveston Parish Hall



We are looking for a number of like-minded people to join the Hall committee, who can contribute to the running of our community building. Why wait until the AGM in March when it may be too late? Enquire now.

Remember, we cannot operate without a committee, so it's up to you.

If you feel like getting involved please contact Geoff Chappell, Chair, for further details:

Tel: 615806 mobile: 07919 050807 email: geoffrchappell@aol.com.

St Peter's Hospice - Tea and Cake

St Peter's Hospice, Severnside Support Group, would be delighted to welcome you to Tea and Cake in Rockhampton Village Hall on Sunday 15th October at 2.30p.m.

Home made cake stall, Books, Crafts and Raffle.

Entrance £3.00 to include tea/coffee and cake.

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

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners September 2017:

£50 Bill Finch

£15 Iain Murdoch

£5 Andy Rowen

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

19/08/17 Malcolm Grosvenor

Up the Down!!

Newsflash. A few weeks ago The White Hart in Olveston started serving food again. I've been there and tried it – and it is good! *Editor*

Going Round in Circles

Piet Biesheuvel

Those of you who read the August edition of Meeting Point will have seen the interesting news that a train was to stop and allow passengers to board at Pilning Station for the first time in many, many years. All this being due to the efforts of the locally based Pilning Station Group (PSG)

<http://www.pilningstation.uk>

For the uninitiated, a bit of history may be worth recording here. The original Pilning Station was opened in September 1863 and was a stop on the ill-fated Bristol and South Wales Union Railway, running from Temple Meads to New Passage where passengers then boarded the ferry to Black Rock. In 1886, with the opening of the Severn Tunnel, a new Pilning station was opened and the branch to New Passage was used only for freight purposes, but in 1900 the GWR connected the New Passage line to the Severn Beach line, providing an alternative route for heavy freight trains to travel from Avonmouth to South Wales (if you drive slowly by the incline to Pilning Station you can still see the remains of the railway level-crossing on the lower route.) There is insufficient space here to go into much more detail, but older readers may remember the car trains that ran from Pilning High Level to Severn Tunnel Junction, the only alternative to the Aust-Beachley ferry before the first Severn Bridge was built.

During the 1970s a regular commuter service to Bristol and Cardiff ran from Pilning High Level, but following privatisation of the railway system the services gradually reduced until only two trains per week ran, one in either direction. In November 2016 the powers that be decided to demolish the Pilning station footbridge, ensuring that only eastbound (towards Bristol and onwards) services could call at Pilning, at 08.35 and 13.34 each Saturday, making any meaningful journey almost impossible. The latest (2015/16) passenger figures for Pilning were 46, hardly surprising given the appalling service provided by the First Group Great Western Railway Co.

Following a PSG request to First Great Western, it was agreed that on a one off basis on Sunday 20th August the Cardiff to Taunton service would stop to pick up passengers at Pilning at 10.41. Part of the reason for choosing this service was that the weekend musical event at the nearby Plough PH was due to close on the Saturday night.

On a bright and sunny Sunday morning 28 people found themselves on the Up platform at Pilning waiting for the train to stop. Some were festival-goers returning from the event at the Plough Inn and locals from the Meeting Point area included John Oates and family, and Richard Lloyd and myself – we had both left a car at Severn Beach as getting back to Pilning was made impossible by the railway company.



At 10.41 the train duly arrived and we all clambered aboard, some to spend the day in Bristol, others travelling to destinations unknown. The friendly ticket collector/guard was clearly bemused at the influx of Pilning passengers, but was soon busy issuing tickets to us all.

Richard and I had a cunning plan, for we both claim to be authorities on railway timetables, and having arrived at Temple Meads some 18 minutes after boarding the train, crossed platforms and caught the 11.23 to Severn Beach, passing through Montpellier, Redland, Clifton Down, Sea Mills, Shirehampton and Avonmouth before arriving at Severn Beach at 12.02. Driving from Severn Beach to Pilning took ten minutes, and our circle was completed. We celebrated our adventure by downing a pint of Wadworth's 6X at the nearby Plough. What a very fine way to spend a Sunday morning!

The objective of the exercise was to raise Pilning passenger numbers, with a view to providing evidence to the railway authorities that the station is viable if a proper service was to be offered, which would include the re-building of the passenger footbridge, the re-opening of the Cardiff bound platform and a tidy-up of the station yard to allow car parking to take place once more.

For those of you wishing to help with this objective, I can recommend the following trip, which I now do regularly on a Saturday morning: cycle to Pilning Station, put the bike on the train and take the 08.35 to Temple Meads, then catch the 09.16 to Severn Beach, arriving just before 10.00 (cost with an old codger's railcard is £4.15). Then treat yourself to an excellent bacon sandwich and cup of tea in the café situated by the shops, followed by riding along the sea wall to New Passage with beautiful views across the Severn, turning right into New Passage lane, then using the cycle path that avoids Pilning and brings you out by the White Horse at Northwick, (all main roads avoided), before cycling home via Greenditch Street and into Olveston/Tockington. An alternative to this plan would be to catch the 13.34 from Pilning (NB Saturdays only) which would have you passing the White Horse in time for a pint or two!

Alveston Gardens Association.

Dr George Hargreaves will introduce some of **'Britain's Major Botanic Gardens'**.

Join us at 7.30pm Alveston Jubilee Hall
Monday 2nd October 2017

All welcome – Visitors (£3)

Full programme on www.alveston.org



Cancer Research UK Autumn Fair

The Cancer Research UK Autumn Fair is being held at St. Helen's Primary School, Greenhill Road, Alveston BS35 2QX on Saturday October 21st, from 10am to 1pm. Entry £3 and includes coffee/tea and cake.

Drop in and get your Christmas Cards and gifts early. We will have an abundance of home produce including jams, marmalade, chutneys, fruit pies, puddings, cakes and savouries plus jewellery, stationary, books, craft items and a whole lot more.

All proceeds go to Cancer Research UK to help beat cancer!

For further information, please contact Pam on *01454 416941* or Jennie on *01454 415856*

Luncheon Club

South Gloucester Ladies Luncheon Club meets at Lower Almondsbury, Old School Hall, on the second Thursday of the winter months of October to March.

The Hall is open at 12.15 pm for lunch at 1.00pm followed by a Speaker. The first Meeting will be on Thursday October 12th.

If you are interested please call Audrey Rosser *01454 620176* before October 10th for details of Membership. Please do not just come on the day as the lunches have been ordered in advance. A warm friendly welcome will be extended to new members.



OLVESTON PARISH TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Fest Noz - a reminder

Olveston Parish Twinning Association and Olveston School invite you to join them for an evening of typical French entertainments and food and drink.

Friday 6th October 6pm – 9pm in Olveston School Hall.

Music, Dancing and Apple Pressing

A two course French style supper and a bar serving wine, beer, cider and soft drinks.

Tickets £6 Adults and £3 Children.

For tickets contact Lucy on *07752 942284*

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the September draw, held on 7th September 2017 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	444	Mrs J Skinner, Sneyd Park
£75	166	Mrs E Dobson, Rudgeway
£25	156	Mr J Chick, Olveston
£25	445	Mrs J Skinner, Sneyd Park
£25	331	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£20	424	Mrs E Screen, Rudgeway
£20	249	Mr & Mrs R Williams, Olveston
£20	154	Mrs M Skuse, Pilning
£10	543	Mrs T Fear, Tockington
£10	453	Mr G Clark, Olveston
£10	355	Mr P Savage, Olveston
£10	559	Mrs C Healey, Olveston
£10	199	Mr P Haworth, Olveston

If you are not yet a member and wish to join the lottery please telephone Andy Phillips on *01454 614890*.

Herring Gull

Trevor Cook

This is not a bird that is universally loved since it learnt how to steal chips and ice-cream from tourists by the seaside. For me though its call evokes fond memories of the times when my brother and I shared an attic room during our annual holidays at Great-Aunt Martha's in Whitby and were woken by them calling from up on the roof.



So it was a bit of a surprise to hear one calling several times as I walked past Olveston church; I thought perhaps that they had a nest up on the church tower; it's certainly a good isolated position. But if they had a nest they would surely have been more apparent and aggressive in defending their territory.

So, I don't think there was a nest this year, and certainly I saw no juveniles (which look like the one in the picture below) and neither did I hear their plaintive begging for food after they leave the nest.



I am aware that I am not painting a very pretty picture of Herring Gull; a large bird that is likely to steal from us and/or launch an attack against us and whose success is credited upon their love to eating our discarded rubbish.

If only we could persuade them to give up the easy life amongst us and return to their natural environment along the coast. For surely any visit to the coast would be incomplete without some seagulls. For there, in their natural territory, soaring the coasts and cliffs, scanning for food along the sea's edge, and calling out to the wild seas and open skies it is surely the very essence of any seaside visit.

From the Registers of St Mary's Olveston

2nd September

Marriage of Eleanor Hume and Jack Collins

St Mary's CHAT Group

Peter Floyd

What you might ask, is the 'CHAT' group? Well, a decade or so ago church people wanted wider discussion than was available in ordinary services. So two members of the congregation, Sue Farr and Les Slaytor, with the support of the late Roly Bain, began CHAT (Come Here And Talk) which has continued ever since, with Sue's gentle guidance.

CHAT is a group of 20 or so, of whom 6-9 on average, meet in each others' houses to discuss a wide range of subjects which we have chosen for ourselves, not all of them by any means 'churchy'. Some recent subjects have been "Could we look after ourselves better or should we leave it to the National Health?"; "What do your clothes say about you?"; "What will our grandchildren think of our decision to leave the European Union?" and "Does religion provoke violence or peace?" and at our next meeting we shall discuss "Is there a solution to mass migration?"

Sounds pretty serious? Well I suppose it is, but CHAT is always interesting; gets side tracked pretty often; is sometimes quite funny - and seldom comes to a conclusion!

At our last meeting we discussed "What purpose does the church serve in our society and how has that purpose changed over time?" In discussion over an hour and a half, we felt that the church's message has remained the same and there is no shortage of those with a Christian ethos which is being delivered in many different ways in the churches and chapels in this parish alone, though its historic concern for education and welfare, vital to the community, has mostly been taken over by government.

Whilst these changes have been taking place, people who used to come to church now have a wide range of other things to do and church attendance has generally declined. We felt sure though, that the eternal questions that religion seeks to answer would remain as relevant to people as they have always been and that changes are taking place in both services and buildings to make them more attractive and relevant for today's people.

If that sounds like a conclusion, it must be the nearest we have ever come to one, since we always end the evening with a "bring and share" supper around our host's table where the CHAT goes on until our departure at about 10pm.

Anybody who would like to know more, please contact:
Sue Farr - farrdoodie@hotmail.com

Tracey at Clean Cut

Pat Thirkettle

It is not often these days that the profiled subject is born and bred in the Parish, but this month she is. Tracey Walters started life with her parents in a static caravan at the home of her grandparents, Bernard and June Trott, in Catherine Hill and, after her family moved to Patchway, she spent all her holidays there, and is at present in the process of buying the house for herself.

She went briefly to Olveston School but most of her primary and secondary school career was in Patchway. When she was starting the fifth form, the family moved to Brynmawr, South Wales, and she attended Nantyglo Comprehensive School. The family moved back within the year but Tracey stayed on with a friend to take her GCSEs. Back in Patchway, she had the choice of staying at school or getting a job. What she really wanted to do was join the RAF as a medical assistant, with a view to qualifying as a nurse. However, you needed to be seventeen and a half to do that. So she enrolled at Brunel Technical College to train as a hairdresser on the YTS (Youth Training Scheme), earning £17.50 a week, later £25.50, of which her mother took £10 for housekeeping. Then she met a boy so decided to give the RAF a miss and has worked as a hairdresser ever since.

In 2001 she took over Clean Cut which had been closed for some time so she had to build up the business again. In 2005 she left to have her daughter Imogen, followed by a second daughter, Grace, and only returned to Clean Cut in 2013. All this time she was living in Aust, but sold her house last year. She points out that Clean Cut is not her business; she is employed by Chris Curtis who owns the property and has known Tracey since she was a baby.

She is the eldest of six children who were never allowed to watch television in good weather and were then expected to play outside. She has many happy memories of her childhood, from plucking Christmas turkeys for Mrs Pearce at Port Farm, rabbiting with her uncle Pete, haymaking with John Crier and fishing for elvers in the River Severn. A group of families built a jetty at Littleton Pill to float a speedboat at high tide and as a child she learnt to swim in the river there and slide down the mud banks! This horrifies her children today and of course would not be possible anyway since the flood



defences were built. In the summer holidays she went on holiday with the Pearces, driving down to France.

While between houses she is living in Patchway, but with all these happy memories of a country childhood, it is the reason she wants to move back to Olveston for Imogen and Grace to enjoy the freedom of the countryside.

Emily's Sailing Success

In last month's Meeting Point we heard about Emily Elms, from Haw Lane, and her selection for the British Team at the Irish Open Championships where Optimist dinghies are raced. Emily now gives us her report of the event.



'Following on from the thrill of being selected as part of the Great Britain Team for the Irish Open Championships, the team and I faced our first challenge, which was getting to the venue -The Royal Irish Yacht Club in Dublin Bay.

Once there, and set up, we had two days to familiarise ourselves with the waters, getting to know how the tide and the wind worked. On the second of these days, the wind got up to an amazing strength of a force eight gale!

Strong winds continued throughout the week of the event, which particularly favoured the British sailors and especially the girls, who managed to finish before the first Irish girl.

I really enjoyed going to Ireland to represent Great Britain. It was great to make stronger friendships with the people in the British team but also to make friends with overseas sailors, as I might well see them at another international event. At the end of a great week, the Commodore of the Royal Irish summed the week up by saying: "There are good ships and wood ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships, may they always be!"

Well done, Emily.

Bridges for Communities

The Chantry, Saturday 21st October 10am - 12 noon.

Good Neighbours is the theme of this year's One World Week, inviting us to explore how we can become better neighbours, locally and internationally. To hear how one organisation, based in Bristol, is working to build more contact and better links with communities here and abroad, come to the Chantry on Saturday 21st October from 10am to 12 noon.

Bridges for Communities works to create opportunities for people of different backgrounds and cultures to meet, to help build understanding and friendship. Dan Green will tell stories of how they have helped individuals and groups struggling with isolation and loneliness, many of them newly-arrived refugees or asylum seekers struggling to find a welcome in this country. He will also describe the opportunities Bridges for Communities offers for us to get involved – for us to become better neighbours. For more information, contact Mark Wallis on 419439.

Find the Local Pubs

There are eight local pubs hidden in this Word Search grid.

'THE' only appears once, as shown, and can be used for all eight pubs.

Individual words can go in any direction, backwards or forwards, but always in a straight line. Some letters are used twice.

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September Puzzle Answers

Conk Gin Tot - Tockington
Entry Tonight - Tytherington
By Horn Rut - Thornbury
Paused Ooh Work – Woodhouse Park
Ah Ovum Not - Avonmouth
Kahn Comp Rot - Rockhampton
Randomly Sub - Almondsbury
Crabs Even He – Severn Beach
Hen Frill – Fern Hill
Half Raw Hen – Whale Wharf* (apologies, the last letter of the anagram should have been 'w')

Aust Village Fete

Suzanne Hedger

A day of Fun, Friends and Families...



The sun shone, Pimms was served to thirsty fete goers who enjoyed cream teas on a brilliantly sunny late summer's day. On September 2nd, Aust Village Fete drew a good crowd offering a wide range of delicious food and drink to savour, competitive games, a chance try your luck on Chris' bottle stall and name the Ninja.

There was a brisk trade at the skittle alley, overseen as ever by the Brothers Gee, and we saw keen battles to exceed the long-standing record and gain a place in village history. Kate's delicious home-baked cakes, sold like, er...hot cakes! And Mandy's plants, nurtured over the past year, were popular for those stocking gardens and windowsills.

The Dog Show, a firm favourite, tested the dogs' agility skills through hoops and tunnels and over the bales. There were special awards for best youngster, best grown up and, of course for the fastest and most agile of all the local hounds. There was healthy competition on the volleyball court, with some family battles being resolved and we saw a three way tie between the Laners, The Oldies and St Johns teams.



No fete is complete without the chance to settle some scores with a wet sponge – the queue to take a shot at Phil and Jackie was long and, it has to be said, mostly made up of family members – who all delivered their chance with care and true feeling...

As dusk fell, we all withdrew to the warm welcome of the Boars Head where we enjoyed Nadine's tasty hog roast.

Thanks to all the local suppliers who supported the day and to everyone from our community who gave their time to run a stall, make a cake or just enjoy the company of their neighbours and friends. Particularly thanks to Jen Dickens, our hard-working church warden, who brought it all together. All their efforts were well worth it.

In view of the theft of lead from St John's vestry roof in June, all the revenue raised this year will go towards the roof restoration. Our total from the fete stands at an amazing £2003 at the moment with a little more still promised.'

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Blakedown Site at Elberton

This application has been granted. The parish council's main concerns were over landscaping and drainage and the proposed roof materials. The permission reserves approval of materials and the roofs are to be of traditional materials, not zinc, and the walls of natural stone. The drainage plans are also reserved for final approval.

Whale Wharf

The owner of Whale Wharf had apparently given a charity – Incredible Kids – permission to store equipment at Whale Wharf and was reported in the Gazette to have given permission to use it for their activities. Some concern has been expressed about whether this would be in accordance with the current planning consent and about the potential traffic implications.

Local Government Boundary Review

The Boundary Commission has published its draft proposals about the wards to make up South Gloucestershire Council in the future. I have written about this before. There is a consultation period until 6 November 2017, and, when it has reviewed comments, it intends to publish its final conclusions in January 2018. Subject to parliamentary approval, they will take effect in May 2018.

The main proposal is that the number of Councillors will be reduced from 70 to 61. This will require the redrawing of ward boundaries. We are now in Severn Ward, which covers the parishes of Aust, Oldbury-on-Severn, Rockhampton and Hill. The proposal is to amalgamate these parishes with Almondsbury and parts of South Thornbury and Alveston to create a two member ward. This means that our parishes would have two councillors, who would also both cover the whole of the rest of the ward.

South Gloucestershire Council's 61 members would be elected by 8 three councillor wards, 15 two councillor wards and 7 one councillor wards. You can see the detail of these proposals and comment at: consultation.lgbce.org.uk.

New M4 junction

There is another consultation to inform a feasibility study into options for a new motorway junction, 18a, to link the M4 with the A4174 ring road. It will run until 16 October and everyone with an interest in the new junction is encouraged to have their say by completing a survey. See: southglos.gov.uk/M4J18a.

Thornbury Library

New opening hours at Thornbury Library come into effect from Monday October 2nd 2017

DAY	STAFFED HOURS – LIBRARY OPEN TO ALL	OPEN ACCESS* MEMBERS HOURS
Monday	9.30am - 5.30pm	8.30am – 7.30pm
Tuesday	Closed	8.30am – 7.30pm
Wednesday	9.30am - 5.30pm	8.30am – 7.30pm
Thursday	9.30am - 5.30pm	8.30am – 7.30pm
Friday	9.30am - 5.30pm	8.30am – 7.30pm
Saturday	9.30am -12.30pm	8.30am – 7.30pm
Sunday	Closed	8.30am – 7.30pm

*Open Access uses swipe card technology to enable you to use the library outside of staffed hours. For more information on this new way of using the library go to: www.southglos.gov.uk/openaccess

October Events in Thornbury

Octopus Drama Group present 'Littleford's Got Talent' by Lizzie Lindsell 11th – 14th October. Christ the King Church Hall, Thornbury, 7.30pm Tickets will be available from the 15th September from Chappell & Matthews in Thornbury High Street, Karen on 413783 or you can order them from the web site www.octopus-thornbury.co.uk priced at £7 (£6 concessions).

Thornbury Chamber Players performing Pergolesi's Stabat Mater as their main work plus Bach's Brandenburg Concerto Number 3 and a selection of other baroque and early works.
15th October. 7.30pm St Mary's Church .Thornbury
No ticket charge. Collection for St Mary's Church funds.

Matthew Bourne's Ballet 'Sleeping Beauty' set to the music of Tchaikovsky and starring Dominic North and Hannah Vassallo. Filmed at the Bristol Hippodrome in May 2013.
Friday 13th October at 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm. Cossham Hall
Tickets £10 or £8 for those over 65 years and under 16 years
From Thornbury Town Hall or by calling 01454 412272.

The Bristol Ensemble featuring David Pagett on clarinet.
Saturday 21st October at 7.30pm. Cossham Hall
Tickets at £16 each, to include interval finger food, can be obtained from Thornbury Town Hall or tel:01454 412272.

Thornbury U3A next 'Welcome Meeting' will be held on Monday 16th October at 3.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, Thornbury, BS35 1DR. For further information visit our website www.thornburyu3a.org.uk or for membership enquiries membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk
Alternatively phone our Membership Secretary, Rosie Bailey on (01454) 419977 or Chairman, Alison Makepeace on (01454) 415019

The Chantry Quiz Night Thursday 26th October at 7.30pm
£1 per person, up to 4 per team. The bar will be open.
Halloween Party Tuesday 31st October at 6pm £3.50 for each child, adults free. Limited places. Tickets from The Chantry office. Tel: 414268

Thornbury Musical Theatre Group The Wedding Singer
25th to 28th October 7.30pm Armstrong Hall
Performances 7.30pm nightly, including a matinée on the Saturday at 2.30pm.
Tickets from £10.50 Contact the Box Office on 07516 270140 or book online at www.tmtg.org.uk.

Yours Faithfully

Paul Harrod

"Truly I tell you, unless a seed of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains only a single seed; but if it dies, it produces much fruit" (John 12:24)

This month our churches will celebrate the Harvest Festival. In a rural community many of us make our living from agriculture, and we are all dependent on farmers for the food we eat - even though modern life rather insulates us from that reality.

While I am a soft-handed townie, all of my family on my mother's side are farmers. My uncle is still working his wheat farm in Lincolnshire at the age of 75! I have seen first-hand his anxiety as the rain eats into harvest time, and his fear that he will never bring in his crop. Farming can be a tough and stressful job.

So it is right to meet and give thanks to God for His provision, and to pray for those who work so hard to produce it for us.

Yet for Christians the whole harvest cycle - from sowing to reaping - is also a powerful metaphor for the life of Jesus.

In the short quote above Jesus is not giving a science lesson on germination, but what he says makes sense. If a seed falls into the ground and 'dies' then from that seed comes a crop that can eventually become part of the harvest.

Christians have come to see these words as a prophecy he made of his own death and resurrection. His body was 'seed' that entered into the cold and dark of the tomb, (the 'ground') and then rose to new life. Christ's resurrected body was both the same, but also entirely new...just as a wheat plant is different from its seed. Furthermore through his Resurrection, over the past two thousand years, billions of people have come to faith in Jesus, (the 'fruit').

Just to reinforce that point Jesus was crucified just before the Passover, and the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Both were Jewish harvest festivals: Passover when the 'first fruits' were presented, and Pentecost when the main harvest was gathered.

I hope you will come along to one of the harvest festivals at our local churches. We should never lose our connection with the land, even if, like me, all you really do is walk alongside it and appreciate the hard work that goes into the cultivation!

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Oct 1	8am 11am 6pm	Holy Communion Harvest Festival No Service	Rev. Philip Rowe Revs A. Lloyd & P Rowe
Oct 8	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Conservation Service with Choir Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd Mrs Janet McBride Rev Philip Rowe
Oct 15	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Evensong	Rev David Bone Rev David Bone Mr Trevor Cook
Oct 22	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Fourth Sunday Evensong(BCP) with Choir	Rev Helen Webb Mr Trevor Cook Rev Philip Rowe
Oct 29	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion(BCP) with Choir	Rev Ann Lloyd Mr Paul Harrod Rev. Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Rev Philip Rowe, 01454 613223; email: office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk

Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Chancel

WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION: At 9.00am except 4th Wed when it is at Olveston Methodist Church

Morning Prayer 8.30am daily ex. Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Oct 8	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev Ann Parker
Sep 24	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Parker

Focal Minister: Rev Ann Parker, 01454 632329

e-mail annatdibley@btinternet.com

Church Wardens: Jon Burnett 633835 & Jenn Dickens 632035

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Oct 1	9am	Morning Prayer	Mr Trevor Cook
Oct 15	9am	Holy Communion	Archdeacon C. Froude

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Oct 8	9am	Matins	TBA
Oct 22	9am	Holy Communion	TBA

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Oct 1	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Miss Rosemary Clews (Holy Habits Service)
Oct 8	10am 6pm	Olv. Ch. Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Debs Brazier Unfolding Service led by Rev Pete & Mrs Debs Brazier
Oct 15	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
Oct 22	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Niall Briggs
Oct 29	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr David Carter

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wed.

11th October To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP This meets on Thursday 19th October at 12.15 To book please ring 613241

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

PRAYER MEETINGS Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 in Olveston Methodist Church.

HOUSE GROUP 'Holy Habits' House Group led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle Tuesday 3rd October at 6 Manor Close Tockington

THE OLVESTON COMPUTER CLINIC Olveston Methodist Hall

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

Ring 07833 354672 or 01957 433091 for further information.

CONTACT: Rev Pete Brazier Tel 01454 418176,

e-mail 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

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Oct 1	6.30pm	Munir Din
Oct 8	6.30pm	Vision of Hope
Oct 15	6.30pm	Tony Ward
Oct 22	6.30pm	Courtney Harris
Oct 29	6.30pm	Peter Belcher

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

For further information please contact Jenny Parfitt jennyparfitt@gmail.com

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact Ann Roberts 632564.

e-mail ann.roberts@bylanes.co.uk

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Monday-Friday Daily Mass at 10am

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

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

Local contact: Roger Howell rog3er2@gmail.com 01454 415035

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

Diary Dates for October 2017

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

1 st Sun			
2 nd Mon	Computer Clinic every week Monday Movie	2.00-4.00 7.30pm	MH St M
3 rd Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Tea/Coffee & bis. 50p Monthly Raffle R.B.L. (Women) Ray King 'The Rolling Pin'	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	DGCL DGCL
4 th Wed	Computer Clinic every week Table Tennis O.P.H.S. Heraldry & Symbolism of Th.Castle	10.00-12.00 7.00-8.30pm 7.30pm	MH PH OMC
5 th Thu	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
6 th Fri	Haven Memory Café SPH Golf Day at Th. Golf centre Thornbury Carers Support Group Computer Clinic every week Fest Noz French food & entertainment	10.15-11.45 11.00am 1.00-3.00 7.00-9.00pm 7.30pm	URC Chy MH OS
7 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
9 th Mon	1 st Olveston Scouts A.G.M.at Scout Hut	6.30pm	
10 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Aust Parish Council W.I.	10.30 12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL TMH EVH PH
11 th Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	PH
12 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
13 th Fri			
14 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	AVH MH
15 th Sun	Olv. School Fun Run 1k or 5k	10.00	OS
16 th Mon			
17 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
18 th Wed	Olv Parish Council Walk In Session Table Tennis Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	6.30-8.00pm 7.00-8.30pm 8.30pm	MH PH
19 th Thu	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop	9.30-1.30 9.00-12.00	OS+

	Olveston Playgroup	9.30-11.30	MH
20 th Fri	Haven Memory Café	10.15-11.45	URC
21 st Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
22 nd Sun			
23 rd Mon	Children's Movie Club	10.00	StM
24 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café at TMH Olveston Parish Council at AP	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm	
25 th Wed	Beat Surgery Table Tennis Alv. Local History Soc. 'Black Sheep of the Family'	10.30-11.15 7.00-8.30pm 7.30pm	OSt PH AMC
26 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	10.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OSt MH
27 th Fri			
28 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
29 th Sun	Aust Quiz Night at Boar's Head	7.30pm	
30 th Mon			
31 st Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
Looking ahead to November			
18 th Nov	New Zealand Hotspots Photo/Travel Talk	7.30pm	PH
25 th Nov	Quiz	7.30pm	StM

KEY: AC Aust Church; AH – Armstrong Hall; AMC – Alv Meth. Ch.; AMH- Alv Meth. Hall; AP – Alexandra Pavilion; AVH – Aust Village Hall; ; CH – Cossham Hall; Chy – Chantry ;CS Castle Sch. CTK Christ the King DGCL – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; EVH – Elberton Village Hall; LVH Littleton Village Hall MH – Olv.Meth.Hall; OMC Olv Meth Ch OS – Olv. School; OSt – Olv. Stores; OSH Old Sch. Hall Alm; PH – Olv Parish Hall; StM St Mary's Church, Olv.; StMA Almondsbury Church StMTSt Mary's Thorn TCh Tock Chapel; TBCh - Thornbury Baptist Church; TMH – Thorn. Methodist Hall; ; WR – Wesley Rooms. URC United Reform Ch Th

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