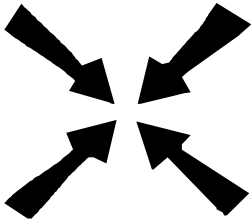


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From the Editor

It's back to school time! Head teacher of Olveston School Amanda Luke tells us a bit about herself and invites prospective parents to view the school. Read about new parking arrangements near the school. On another topic; cyclists and motorists – friends or foes? Jonathan McGee examines a delicate relationship.

The recipe this month is salted caramel apple tart – does that mixture of opposites reflect the lively content of September Meeting Point? There's something in the magazine to interest and involve every age group in the neighbourhood.

PS Burn off the calories by walking between the churches in the area on September 14th

The cover: Olveston CEVC Primary School
photographed by Peter Haworth

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Amanda Luke *answers questions from the Editor about herself*

What was your earliest ambition?

I loved playing Post Offices when I was little. I had a fascination for stationery so I guess I wanted to be a Post Mistress!

What sort of school did you go to?

I went to Bromley Heath Infant and Junior school. The most interesting thing about this is that Reverend Rowe was in the year above me. He remembers me teaching at Sunday school!

Did you go to university or training college?

I studied a BSc in Experimental Psychology at University of Leicester. I was the first person in the family to go to university so my parents were extremely proud. I took my Post Graduate Certificate in Education when my children were young. I came to Olveston School as a student and have been here ever since! How special is that?

Who was or is your mentor?

My father, who passed away last year, was my sounding block; a wise old owl! I think my daughter has inherited his wisdom. She is brilliant at seeing things from every angle so I often talk things through with her.

How physically fit are you? I have a gym membership – enough said!

Ambition or talent: which matters more to success?

I think ambition and talent are important in equal parts. Success comes in many forms and is personal. I also think that a bit of luck and good timing often help too!

Do you think about your carbon footprint?

Yes. I am far from perfect but I do feel that we mustn't be selfish during our time on this planet. Now I am blessed with a granddaughter I feel it more acutely.

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

Genuinely nothing. One of the lessons I have learned on my journey through life is that although material possessions are fabulous (I love shopping) none of them make you happier for any length of time. Although it is a cliché, it holds true for me – the best things in life are free!

What's your biggest extravagance?

Chanel perfume!

Where are you happiest?

There isn't one particular place. Happiness for me can be felt at anytime of the day in any place – just special treasured moments; at school, at home, out and about – anywhere!

What ambitions do you still have?

I just want to do the best that I can in all of the areas of my life that are important.

What drives you on?

I enjoy what I do; how lucky am I?

What is your greatest achievement, so far?

No one thing. Achievements come along at different stages of your life and are special at that time, in that context. Setting goals and reaching them, whatever they might be, are all achievements to be celebrated.

What has been your greatest disappointment?

This one is easy – that my father did not meet his great granddaughter.

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

All those decisions took you there; fascinating. I wonder where you would have ended up if you had made other choices?

If you lost everything tomorrow, what would you do?

If it was material, just start again with the help and support of family and friends. If it was family, I can't even begin to think.

If you had to rate your satisfaction with your life so far, what would you score? When do you know if your cup is full? Mine is pretty near the top!

Amanda Luke is Head Teacher of Olveston CEVC Primary School. She would like prospective parents to know that School Tours for the academic year 2014/2015 are as follows:

Tuesday 8th October at 9.15am Thursday 17th October at 1.30pm
Monday 11th November at 1.30pm Wednesday 20th November at 11.00am
Friday 10th January 2014 at 9.15 am

Oveston Travel Plan - proposals to ease parking near the school

As you may know, Oveston Parish Council has been working with other local groups to find a solution to the on-going traffic safety problems around Oveston Primary School.

One such problem is the congestion caused by parking at drop off and pick up times. Many families live outside the village and unfortunately need to drive. The current parking provision is inadequate, leading to safety concerns and complaints from residents. The Police intend to start enforcing existing traffic restrictions around the Elberton Road/Aust Road junction as from early September, but unless a solution to the parking problem is found quickly, the congestion will simply move elsewhere in the village. To address this need to improve parking and safety of children and other pedestrians, the Parish Council proposes creation of a community parking area on the verge near the allotments on Aust Road.

South Glos Council is prepared to grant Oveston Parish Council a 12-month renewable licence to allow parking on 70m of verge. This would involve

- The Parish Council erecting a 700mm high safety fence
- Appropriate signage
- No intention of surfacing the verge with tarmac or similar
- Only short-term parking allowed

To allow access from the parking area to school, the Parish Council would also make good the path to Elberton Road, alongside the outside of the allotments' hedge.

Subject to agreeing the funding (parking area £1000 and path £2500), Oveston Parish Council proposes to have the scheme in operation this autumn. The annual maintenance cost would be £680, towards which contributions are sought. Parents at the school were told of the scheme before the end of term and are very supportive. They are being asked to contribute £2 per family towards maintenance. Should you have any questions or comments about the scheme, please contact olvestonpc@gmail.com or on 07780572594 by 14th September 2013.

Readers of *Meeting Point* will have previously read about a separate scheme, led by South Glos Council, to introduce a 20mph speed limit around the school and time-limited parking on The Street near the church to improve visibility. South Glos Council will be consulting residents about this later in the autumn.

Olveston Parish Council
July 2013

Olveston Parish Council Matters

Richard Rogers (olvestonpc@gmail.com)

As parents 'dust off' school uniforms for the start of another academic year, it is time to think in the long term about what the parish needs to retain, maintain or improve. **The Parish Vision Group** has been working hard on a questionnaire that will shortly be delivered to every home, and it is hoped that everyone will give it the consideration it deserves. The Parish Council also anticipates an update from Mark Roper (Chairman of the Parish Vision Group) at September's Parish Council Meeting, and as usual parishioners are welcome to attend (although advance notice of attendance ensures that there is enough seating).

August has seen the completion of the War Memorial Steps and especially the final stage of the **footpath between Old Down and Alveston**. It is perhaps timely to remind horse riders that under Rule 54 of the Highway Code – 'You **MUST NOT** take a horse onto a footpath or pavement'.

One activity that caught both the Parish Council and local residents by surprise was the **resurfacing** of Bramley Close just days before local schools broke up for the summer. The Parish is pleased to see remedial work being done, but has requested that South Glos Council give advance notice in future.

1st Olveston Scout Group Annual General Meeting



We will be holding our next AGM on Monday 16th September 2013 at 6pm at The Scout Hut, Old Down Hill. Anyone with an interest in scouting is welcome to join us. Should you have any enquiries please contact – Michelle Davies on 01454 528298

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Potential vacancy

Peter Ellis, one of the Councillors from Littleton, has told us that he is likely to move out of the village, and that when he does so, he will resign from the Council. If and when he does so, a vacancy will arise. This will be formally advertised, but if anyone would be interested to succeed Peter, please let me know and I will be pleased to explain the workings of the Council and the procedure to become a member. We may have to have an election if more than one person wishes to stand.

Next meeting

The parish council doesn't meet in August. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th September.

Music in the Church at Aust

Saturday September 28th at 8pm

Rosafresca: Early Renaissance music from the English and Spanish Courts

Rosafresca is a Bristol based group of musicians with a passion for early renaissance Elizabethan and Spanish music. They play on a variety of instruments of the period, a time of great liveliness in music, with a strong popular following. Tickets £10 from Clive and Susie Roberts (01454-632238) or Olveston Village Stores.

Elberton Church Fête

Once again the sun shone for the Elberton Church Fête, making it another successful year for this annual fundraising event.

We would like to extend our thanks to all the local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes and everybody who donated their time to help.

THANK YOU!

Three Feet Please

Jonathan McGee

In several states across the U.S. there is a campaign running whereby cyclists can be seen wearing jerseys with the phrase '3 feet please' written across the back. This is just one of many campaigns the world over in which people are trying to find a way of making roads safer for cyclists without causing unnecessary delays for other road users. Due to the very nature of cycling and protective clothing being limited to a helmet and gloves a cyclist will always come off second best in a collision with a motor vehicle. Lycra may be an aid to aerodynamics but has a habit of disintegrating when it comes into contact with tarmac.

Unsurprisingly, with an increase in the number of cyclists on the roads there has been an increase in the number of deaths and injuries. According to a BBC report on 27th June 2013 there were 118 deaths and 3,222 serious injuries to cyclists in 2012. However, it is not only the safety of cyclists which needs to be addressed. As a cyclist riding 200-300 miles per week I witness and experience many forms of abuse, aggression and intimidation – not all of it from motorists towards cyclists. Both parties seem happy to hurl abuse at each other!

Cyclists, why do we ride 2 or 3 abreast on narrow country lanes leaving no room for cars to pass?

Motorists, why do we slow down to a crawl for horses but seem quite happy to pass cyclists at high speed just inches from their right arm?

Cyclists, why do we insist on wearing dark clothing and having no lights on and then complain when a car nearly collides with us? Why do we think it is ok to jump red lights and use the pavement just to save a few seconds on our journey time? Take a look at 'Silly Cyclists' on YouTube to witness some of the most reckless acts by cyclists.

Motorists, why do we think it is necessary to blast our horns and gesticulate out of the window when a cyclist causes us to slow down because he has to move out of the gutter to avoid a pot hole the size of a large dinner plate? Oh and by the way, none of us pay 'road tax'. This was abolished in 1937. Check out www.ipayroadtax.com if you don't believe me.

If some of these issues could be addressed then maybe the BBC could report a fall in the number of deaths and serious injuries to cyclists in 2014.

Cyclists, let's try to be as considerate as possible to other road users.

Motorists, all we ask for is '3 feet please'.

Cook's Calendar: September

Natasha Harrod



I barely make or eat puddings and yet with the apple tree groaning with fruit how could I resist the opportunity to make this sublime combination? This recipe is ideal for anyone who, like me, adores the idea of toffee apples but can't afford

the dentistry needed afterwards. What you have here by contrast is a crisp pastry shell with a gently cooked toffee-caramel sauce with a slight hint of saltiness and delicate slices of apple. You can of course use a ready made, ready rolled pastry if life is just too hectic for pastry making.

Salted Caramel Apple Tart

Makes a 20cm diameter tart, to serve 5-6

Pastry:

100g butter, cold and cubed

175g plain flour

25g icing sugar

A little cold water

Filling:

3 apples (either eaters or cookers), peeled, cored and thinly sliced

175g soft dark sugar

2 tablespoons golden syrup

175g butter

150ml double cream

Pinch of salt

First make the pastry. I always do this in a food processor, if you don't have one then the good old-fashioned rubbing in method works fine. Combine the flour, icing sugar and cubes of butter until they resemble fine breadcrumbs then add enough water to bind it together, remembering that the key with pastry is to handle it only as much as is necessary. In contrast to regular pastry advice, I would recommend rolling it out and fitting it into the tart case as soon as you have made it, then putting it in the freezer to rest and chill. I find the pastry so much easier to handle this way.

Continued overleaf

Preheat the oven to 200C and after the pastry case has been chilling for about half an hour, remove it from the freezer and place a circle of greaseproof paper over the pastry. On top of this place a small ovenproof plate or saucer to prevent the pastry from puffing up as you bake it blind. Bake for 20 minutes then remove from the oven and remove the plate and greaseproof paper.

While the pastry is cooking, you can get on with the filling. Put the sugar, syrup and butter in a pan and slowly bring to the boil so the butter melts and the sugar dissolves. Bubble away gently for a couple of minutes and then add the cream and the salt. Cook for a couple more minutes to thicken slightly. Arrange the apple slices in the pastry case and pour over enough caramel sauce to come up to nearly the top of the pastry shell. How much this is depends on the depth of your dish but any leftover sauce is fantastic with ice cream or pancakes.

Carefully put the dish back in the oven for another 25 minutes, covering it with greaseproof paper so the pastry doesn't get burnt.

Serve chilled with cream.

Movies at St Mary's: Sept

Trevor Anderson



TWO movies this month at St Mary's Church Olveston. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book:

MONDAY MOVIES (*Recent releases and popular classics*)

Mon 2nd Sept at 7.30pm: The feature film adaptation of the beloved global stage musical sensation seen by more than 65 million people in 42 countries and 22 languages. *Cert 12*

MONDAY MOVIES EXTRA (*Quality 'non-mainstream' films*)

Mon 16th Sept at 7.30pm: A young queen, who is married to an insane king, falls secretly in love with her physician – and together they start a revolution that changes a nation forever. Based on a true story. *Cert 15*

Refreshments available at all the shows. Admission is free although a **donation** at the end towards expenses is always appreciated. For copyright reasons we can't name the films here, but if you **join the Movie Club** we'll send you titles and full details by email. It costs nothing to join – just email me at trevoranderson@btinternet.com.

MOVIETALK On Wednesday Sept 4th, from 7.30pm till 9pm, we're having an experimental discussion on the film we'll have seen on the Monday (however miserable it may have been!). A number of the films we show in church raise all sorts of issues, and this film is a popular musical but with powerful themes and messages. It's taking place in church over a glass of wine or coffee – do join us!

Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church

Introducing the Revd Pete Brazier -

At the beginning of September, we will be welcoming Pete Brazier and his wife Debs into our community. Pete has recently completed his ministerial studies in Durham and will be serving his appointment as a probationer minister prior to his ordination in two years' time. He and Debs will be living in Thornbury and he will also have in his care Thornbury, Alveston and Oldbury Methodist churches.

Pete read for a degree in art and music at the University of Brighton and subsequently worked for the YMCA in both London and Devon. He is keenly interested in rock music – if you want to know more, go to www.thebigfishcafe.org. As he puts it however, the café is a concept, not a place or a particular space, which seeks to provide an opportunity for young people to develop their creativity and technical talents in a supportive, open and Christian environment.

Pete will be very busy; as a probationer minister, he is required to continue his ministerial studies and he also hopes to complete his work for an MA (some of you may like to know that it is on the theme of Fresh Expressions of Church life). He is a cyclist, so look out for him as he gets to know the area on his new bike.

Jennifer Bone, Maggie Spooner, Trevor Watkins

Olveston Methodist Hall

Garry Phillips

The Methodist Hall in Olveston has now been completely refurbished and redecorated. The excellent result was accomplished by members of the Church, Cecil and Judy Draper assisted by Bill Harris and the members of our Church wish to record their grateful thanks for all the time and effort they gave.

Although the Hall is in regular use by local community organisations we would be pleased to have it occupied even more by anyone who may be looking for a venue for family events, organised meetings, etc. It is in an ideal location in the middle of Olveston and we can offer a large room (big enough for any children's party!) with a kitchen and toilets. So if you are looking for a venue for your club meeting, family party – come and look at our Hall - you'll be surprised at what is available! For details of availability and booking please contact Maggie Spooner tel 610053 email pandmspooner@tiscali.co.uk

Ride and Stride - 14th September

Walk or Ride to make a difference to our churches

Many of the churches in our area have been helped by grants from the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Fund when they face repair costs. Examples of the grants made include works to the spire and the weathervane at Elberton, for windows and rain water goods at Littleton, re-ordering at Olveston and roof works at Almondsbury. We have an opportunity to give something back and to raise money for our own churches at the same time. **Ride and Stride** is an annual sponsored walk or bike or horse ride between Gloucestershire churches. This year all the churches in the Severnside Group are joining together to walk or ride.

Denis Jones will lead a party walking from St Mary's church Almondsbury via Compton Greenfield, Pilning, and Northwick to Aust, and Tim Pyper will lead a group from St Helen's Alveston, via the churches in Tockington, Olveston, Elberton and Littleton-upon-Severn, also to Aust where we hope to meet up for lunch in the Boar's Head at Aust. You could walk or ride the other half in the afternoon if you like! We hope that all the churches will be open and if we're really lucky there may be refreshments in some. We aim to start at 9 and get to Aust for lunch. The distances are roughly 9 miles each.

Participants are asked to get sponsorship for their efforts and the funds raised will be divided equally between the GHCT and local churches.

This is a great opportunity to get some exercise, to explore our area, to see some lovely churches that you may not know, and to raise much needed money to keep them in repair for future generations.

If you would like to take part, or to sponsor someone else who will take part, please phone or email:

Denis Jones tel 01454 612394 or denisandbrendajones@gmail.com

Tim Pyper tel 01454 416422 or tim.pyper@btinternet.com

If you're interested in the GHCT, their website is at www.ghct.org.uk.

Thornbury Quakers in National Quaker Week

Have you ever wondered who "the Quakers" are? At 10.30 on Sunday 29th September we will be holding a special meeting in the Chantry in Thornbury designed to show everyone our practice of silent worship, and then three Quakers will briefly explain what Quakerism means to them. There will be plenty of time for discussion. All are welcome. Tel 01454 412603

News from St Mary's, Olveston

Autumn Hotpot Quiz

On September 7th, St Mary's are having another of their hugely enjoyable quizzes. This one's called The Autumn Hotpot Quiz, which gives you a clue as to the menu! Tickets are only £5 which includes the meal. Teams are a maximum of six people, there's a bar, and Chris Smart is our quizmaster. This one's in aid of ordinary church funds, which have been a bit depleted of late. We have a Quiz mailing list now and if you'd like to be on it, want to come to this one or have to wait for the next one, contact Roly on roly@rolybain.co.uk.

The Butterfly Ball

Thanks to all those who supported, attended, or sponsored our Butterfly Ball in July. It was, for many people, the best one yet and made an astonishing profit of over £8,000, which will go towards, if not cover, the restoration of the church porch. We also gave £500 to the Aust Chapel Roof Fund. We bade farewell to the Toveys and presented them with a picture from our committee. We have had six Balls now and are grateful to them for their hospitality and support of all of them. We also hope it won't be the last one they come to! Bon Voyage, Richard and Jane, but Au Revoir!

Flight for Sight

Our community appeal, Flight for Sight, has raised over £15,000, which will restore sight to over 1250 people in the remotest parts of Africa, thanks to Mission Aviation Fellowship, who will fly out three day monthly clinics for fifteen months, thanks to our sponsorship. On September 8th at the later time of 11 o'clock, we are having a celebration service at which the cheque will be presented by pupils of Olveston Primary School to Kevin Crook from MAF. Kevin is our preacher that morning too. Breakfast Club will be coming and, we hope, the school choir – the school have been much involved in the fundraising. Do join us both for the service and for a glass of wine and nibbles afterwards. It has been a tremendous effort on the part of many, so thanks to all who have been involved.

Morning Prayer

From the beginning of September, we're starting an informal service of Morning Prayer in church on weekdays at 8.30am, apart from Wednesdays when there is Holy Communion at 9am. It will be short and simple, and take place in the chancel. If you think it may help your prayer life and discipline, do join Philip and Roly. You don't have to come every day – once a week might be enough for you. But we'll just see how it goes!

Tockington Harvest Fayre *Garry Phillips*

The Fayre will be held on the Green on September 14th starting at 2pm. As usual we will have lots of stalls, amusements and of course delicious cream teas. During the afternoon there will be displays in the Chapel and on the Green, including dancing by the Brownies and the Rainbows.

Our competitions are: **Children's Fancy Dress: theme 'At the Zoo'** – dress up as a zookeeper, lion, butterfly or lizard for example; 2 pm start on The Green. Children's Competitions to be displayed inside the Church: **Creature made from fruit or vegetables, Collage with a Harvest theme.**

As usual, we will receive competition entries on the evening before or on the morning of the Fayre - prizes will be given for the best entries.

We would be very grateful for any contributions for our stalls in terms of bric-a-brac, vegetables, cakes, books, etc. If you have any, then please bring them along to the Chapel before 12noon on the 14th, or contact, Garry Phillips email – garryphillips194@btinternet.com tel 613241, Maggie Spooner tel. 610053, Jane Sawyer email - jane@prologue.co.uk. As always we are very grateful for any help on the stalls and in the preparations and clearing up - if anyone can help then please contact above.



Hope you have all enjoyed our lovely summer weather -
we look forward to welcoming you all on Tockington Green
Saturday 7th September 9.30 till 12 noon

Jane Sunnucks and Sharon Lapworth
01454-419931 01454 -613502

Chuckling in the Chancel

Following the success of the 3 act variety show Rolling In The Aisles at St Mary's, Olveston in January the church and the Friends of Daldry Gardens are launching another joint fund-raiser at the church on Saturday 21 September, starting at 7.30pm. This is another 3-act variety show lasting almost 3 hours and once again features acts that are rightly well-established on the circuit.

El Loco's Dentist Chair is a superb comedy mime act and turns a trip to the dentist into an hilarious adventure. **The Twerzels** are a Somerset based tribute to The Wurzels and include all those familiar Scrumpy & Western songs. **Garry Dorsey** is an international singer who also has a strong line of comedy patter. Songs will possibly range from *Bring Him Home (Les Miserables)* to *Is This The Way To Amarillo*. Garry will also be the compère.

Roly's Bar will be available throughout the show. A trailer for the acts featured in the show is on YouTube - Chuckling In The Chancel. Tickets are £10 and available from Roly Bain (01454 616593) or June Robbins (01454 617491) at St Mary's or Mike & Maureen Lewis at Daldry Gardens (01454 610587). Order yours as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Show information is available from Mike at E-mail address, mike@vernallen.co.uk

"Hello Dolly!"

Parish Players rehearsals for "Hello Dolly" commence on September 12th at 7.30pm in the Olveston Parish Hall and are held on subsequent Mondays and Thursdays. Auditions will be held on September 26th. New members of all ages will be very welcome for this sparkling show, so do join the company whether as an actor/singer/dancer or backstage helper.

Please ring the secretary Felicity Hemmett on 01454 415979 for more details or just come along on September 12th and fend off those winter blues.

Zumba!

Looking for a different exercise experience this winter? Why not try the Zumba sessions at Olveston Parish Hall on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am or Wednesday evenings at 7pm where you can dance and tone up to Natasha and Sam's lively music? £4 per session. Booking and information are on the website www.zumbathornbury.com. Bring this article for a complimentary class Tuesday 17th September or Wednesday 18th September. Come and meet us. - we're a friendly crowd! Jill Faulkner and Helen Dee

Olveston Toddlers needs you!

Calling all Mums, Dads and carers of babies and pre-school children. Did you know that there is a Baby and Toddler group in Olveston? – it runs every Thursday in term time at the new time of 1:45-3:15pm. Olveston Toddlers desperately needs some new families who can regularly come otherwise we shall be closing in December so please come along and support. For further information please contact: Jo Baxter 07773 709155 or email olvestontoddlers@yahoo.co.uk

Olveston & Tockington W.I.

During our summer break we enjoyed a dinner to celebrate our 95th anniversary and cut the birthday cake, kindly provided by our President, Kim Prewett.

Back to normal in September! The talk on 10th September will be about “Riding for the Disabled”. This topic always proves interesting and visitors will be very welcome to join us. The stall this month will be “Garden Produce” so do bring along your surplus crops, or come ready to buy the things you haven’t grown this year.

Jazz on a Summer's Evening

The Panama Jazz band did us proud! Though not quite a summer's evening on the weather front, actually the rain outside increased the numbers inside! The band played a good mix of their popular music and were joined on stage by Bob Coverdale who was the original founder. A ploughman's at the interval was washed down with plenty of Pimms and beer! We have been asked whether this could be an annual event; we are open to suggestions.

The next event at the Parish Hall is the Harvest Supper on Saturday 12 October. Tickets £10.50 from June Robbins (tel. 617491) or The Crusty Loaf.

Arthur Robbins' Reminiscences of Life in Olveston: An illustrated audio recording

Arthur Robbins died in January this year just a few months short of his 91st birthday. He was born in Tockington and spent almost all of his life, apart from a few years of his young childhood and later when he was away at the War, in or near Olveston. For a great many years, Arthur and his wife June have been at the heart of village life. We are very fortunate that in April 2010 Peter Floyd made an audio recording of Arthur's reminiscences of life in Olveston, and the changes there have been in this area over the past ninety years.

We are playing this entertaining and historic recording on Wednesday 2nd October with an accompanying sequence of photographs from OPHS's collection together with personal photographs supplied by June.

It is fitting that this event is being held in St Mary's Church, Olveston, to which Arthur and June have devoted a large part of their lives.

This is a FREE event, organised by Olveston Parish Historical Society and open to all, at St. Mary's Church, Olveston, Wed. 2 October, starting at 8.15pm. Come at 8pm for tea/coffee & biscuits or at 7.30pm for the OPHS AGM. Everyone welcome.

Heritage Weekend Walks

As part of the national Heritage Weekend on 14 and 15 September, volunteers from Thornbury & District Museum will be leading two free historical walks.

On Saturday 14 September the "Thornbury Borough Perambulation", a walk of about 2½ miles, will follow as closely as possible the boundary of the historic borough created in 1252 by Richard de Clare, Earl of Gloucester and Lord of the Manor of Thornbury. We meet outside the Museum in Chapel Street at 9.50am for a 10am start. The walk will take about two hours.

On Sunday 15 September, the theme is "Thornbury: The Jewel of the Severn Vale", dipping into the town's long history, from Domesday to the recent past and looking at the architectural, commercial and cultural heritage of our market town and some of the people who have lived here. This walk will also take about two hours and will start from the Museum, meeting at 1.50pm for a 2pm start.

Advance booking is essential for both walks as numbers are limited. Tickets available from the Museum, or Tel. 857774 (during opening hours, please), or email: enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk. Opening times are Tuesdays-Fridays, 1-4pm, Saturdays 10am-4pm. We regret that the walks are unsuitable for wheelchairs. No dogs, please, except guide dogs, and only children over 10, accompanied by an adult.

ALMONDSBURY SURGERY 'SEASONAL FLU' CLINIC

SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER 2013
IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, ALMONDSBURY FROM 9AM – 12NOON

THIS CLINIC IS ONLY FOR
PATIENTS REGISTERED WITH ALMONDSBURY SURGERY AND WHO
ARE
ENTITLED TO **FREE** VACCINATION BECAUSE THEY FALL INTO A
CLINICAL RISK GROUP

THE CLINICAL RISK GROUPS INCLUDE:

- ANYONE 65 OR OVER
- PREGNANT WOMEN in any trimester
- ANYONE UNDER 65 WHO HAS CHRONIC DISEASE AS LISTED BELOW AND IS THEREFORE AT RISK:
 1. CORONARY HEART DISEASE
 2. DIABETES
 3. ASTHMA REQUIRING INHALED OR SYSTEMIC STEROIDS OR CAUSING HOSPITAL ADMISSION IN LAST YEAR
 4. CHRONIC RENAL DISEASE
 5. CHRONIC LIVER DISEASE
 6. CHRONIC RESPIRATORY DISEASE
 7. IMMUNOSUPPRESSION
 8. STROKE OR TIA
 9. CARERS IN RECEIPT OF CARERS ALLOWANCE (but does not include Professional Health and Social Care Workers who should be vaccinated by their employer as part of an Occupational Health programme)

If you are unsure of your entitlement please ring or ask at the surgery from mid September when staff will be able to advise you. For general information check our website at www.almondsburysurgery.nhs.uk

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

A Tockington Tailor's Tale part 2

Nick Fear

On the 4th of October 1836 an event happened which would have been remembered by many, particularly Thomas Savery, originally from Tockington, on military service in New South Wales, Australia. A loaded musket which he was carrying discharged into his left hand and wrist, causing a serious wound. He was treated immediately and the prompt attention to his injury undoubtedly saved his life. He was transferred to the nearby Cops River Stockade, which was a larger prison encampment with a hospital and medical staff within it. A doctor's blunt description of Thomas's wound, recorded in well formed handwriting, is not for the faint hearted. He was a strong man however and with the care given recovered well. By the end of November 1836 Thomas was fit enough to return to special duty, but this was not a welcomed return, although as a soldier he must have expected it. He was arrested, confined and charged with disgraceful conduct.

On the 29th of November, he stood trial at a District Court Marshal convened at Cops River. The indictment was serious, in that Thomas had 'designedly marred or mutilated himself by discharging a loaded musket through his wrist with the view of rendering himself unfit for His Majesty's Service'. The facts of the case were outlined to the court and Thomas's account, that the discharge had been accidental, given in his defence. Thomas was allowed to address the proceedings, finally respectfully asking his commanding officers to believe his story. He obviously impressed the court as after due deliberation it found in his favour. The discharge of the musket had been accidental, Thomas was not to blame and he was released forthwith.

Still tied to King George's service Thomas was given time to fully recuperate. Through the hot Australian months of December 1836 through to March 1837 he performed light useful duties, but as the temperatures cooled towards the Australian autumn, he faced another examination. Parramatta was a small farming hamlet with a prison, about 14 miles outside of Sydney, but it is now part of its suburbs. Here it was noted that Thomas's wounds had healed, but a medical assessment deemed him unfit for further local service. His conduct in hospital was recorded as being correct. To his relief, I am sure, he was booked on a passage home and discharged locally on May 3rd 1837. The time his voyage took can be imagined and it was not until Sept 16th of that year, that he was examined again by a military surgeon based in the General Hospital at Chatham.

The army often kept disabled men in service to suit their needs if this was desired. We do not know if Thomas sought to stay under the colours, but his final test concluded that he was unfit for military service. This finding was

endorsed at Horse Guards in London on the 11th of October and Thomas was once again a civilian. A Captain Wheeler recorded him being of good character and that the army had no claims on him. Thomas certified that he had no claim on the army. Discharged aged 21 years he was 5 feet 7¼ inches in height, had light brown hair, with grey eyes set in a sallow completion. He had served for 2 years and 143 days, the largest part of which had been in New South Wales.

From here the trail of Thomas's life goes cold. In 1841, a man of his name and age can be found working in Cheltenham as a carpenter. Did his injuries cause a change in his profession, fine needle work becoming out of the question? We may never know, but certain it was that soldier Thomas Savery, was once a tailor from Tockington.

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners August:

£50 Peggy James £15 Simon Higgs £5 Bill Finch

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

20th July Barbara Binns 3rd August Simon Higgs

Diary Date:

Friday 12th October. Annual Dinner & Dance at Old Down Manor, please contact me for details.

Up the Down!! Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the August draw, held on 8th August 2013 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	381	Kate Chick, Olveston
£75	379	Mr N Dawes, Olveston
£25	192	Mr D J Talbot, Olveston
£25	167	Mr L Harper, Olveston
£25	286	Mr R Thorne, Dorchester
£20	270	Mr R A Hicks, Cornwall
£20	329	Mr B Fennell, Alveston
£10	170	Mrs K Hughes, Olveston
£10	407	Mr M J Dixon, Olveston
£10	226	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£10	253	Mrs A Williams, Olveston

From the registers of Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church

Tockington Church

August 3rd Marriage of Fraser William Pepall & Beverley Christine Barton

From the registers of St Mary's Church, Olveston

- 16th July 2013 Burial of ashes of Edna Frost
20th July 2013 Wedding at St Mary's of Gareth Fisher and Charlotte Trott
21st July 2013 Burial of ashes of Angela Powell
22nd July 2013 Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's for the life of Muriel Olive
followed by cremation at Canford Crematorium
27th July 2013 Wedding at St Mary's of Ryan Baker and Caroline Jones
1st August 2013 Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's for Thomas Wheeler
followed by cremation at Canford Crematorium
4th August 2013 Baptism at St Mary's of Frederick Roger
son of Mark and Zoe Evans
6th August 2013 Service of celebration for the life of
Rachel Elizabeth (Liz) Lacey
followed by burial in the churchyard



Olveston and District Branch - *Royal British Legion*

The next meeting, which will be our AGM, will be on
Wednesday 11th September 2013 at 1930hrs in The White Hart, Olveston.

Hope to see you there,
Martin J Scott JP
Lt Col (Retd), Chairman

Yours Faithfully

Rev. Roly Bain

Childhood

I have fond memories of my childhood. I suppose I was lucky being a triplet that I always had other children of my own age to play with! We have an older brother too, only a couple of years older. We were relatively well off, which helps, and I enjoyed all my schools, and the holidays too. New schools always begin in September, and that was always a bit unnerving, but I soon settled in each of them as my education progressed. Time off and holidays were spent playing football on the common and going to football, given half a chance – I had to catch two buses to get to Stamford Bridge and did so from the age of nine or ten. There were always things to do and play with. There was also hopscotch on the pavement and endless games of Risk, in the summer months up at Phil Holt's house, and sometimes we'd spend the night in the tent in the garden and play half the night too. Halcyon days!

Childhood is so very precious in so very many ways, and perhaps it's an old fogey's complaint, but childhood ain't what it used to be. It's much shorter, less innocent, more lonely, and hopelessly electronic. People say it's much less safe too, though I for one don't think there is a paedophile round every corner. But the story of Daniel Pelka that was in the papers in August should be a warning to us all. Daniel was only four years old, a young Polish boy tortured and starved to death by his mother and her boyfriend. It's an extreme example, but there is a tendency to treat children as playthings and accessories, better seen than heard, better farmed out than played with, an obstacle and impediment to careers and mortgages. Neglect comes in all sorts of forms, shapes and sizes.

In our comfortable villages we may not think children are at risk at all, but I'll bet that there are some who are. And it's no good turning a blind eye in the playground or a deaf ear to the neighbours. I'm very much a proponent of childhood being full of acceptable risks and far from health and safety, but I'd hate to see any child, never mind one in this area, come to grief because nobody stood up and said something. Let the children come to me, said Jesus, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Children are precious indeed, models of discipleship, examples of how we old fogeys should be. Let's nurture their childhood and let it last as long as possible – even to old age!

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Sep 1	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev P Rowe & Rev R Bain
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev Ann Lloyd
Sep 8	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly. Bain
	11am	MAF Celebration Service with Choir	Rev R Bain & Kevin Crook
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
Sep 15	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Mrs Janet McBride
Sep 22	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Rev R Bain
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
Sep 29	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Morning Prayer	Mr Denis Jones
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Choir	Rev D Bone & Rev J Wilson

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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

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

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

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

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

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Sep 8	10am	Holy Communion.	Rev David Bone
Sep22	11am	Harvest Festival	Rev David Bone

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

Church Wardens: Terry McLeavy 633680 Janet Ford 633300

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Sep 1	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Sep 15	3pm	Harvest Festival followed by Tea in Village Hall	Rev David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

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

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sep 1	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Chris Sledge
Sep 8	10am	Olv. Ch.	All Age Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
Sep 15	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams
Sep 22	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
Sep 29	10am	Tock. Ch.	PARADE HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE led by Mr Andrew Maxwell

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 11th September. To book your lunch please ring 01454 416528

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

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

HOUSE GROUPS One led by Mr Glyn Varney or Mrs Rosalie Doyle on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10.30am at 7 The Green Olveston.

CONTACT: Rev Pete Brazier Tel 01454 412269,

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

Sep 1	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Sep 8	6.30pm	Alan Tarling
Sep 15	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan- Davies
Sep 22	6.30pm	Alan Mann
Sep 29	6.30pm	Munir Din

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer Time

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

Paul Ashford, 07774 110814 or email: Paul@CalebGroup.net

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

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

www.THEDOORYOUTH.CO.UK or tel 07837234949

For more details, please phone 632564.

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

Resound (BCF) - Twice monthly meetings are held at 4pm at Thornbury Baptist Church (Youth Block)

Contact 0117 3050969 www.bcfnet.com

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

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

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

Local contact: Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603

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

Diary Dates for September 2013

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

1 st Sun	Aust Fete (new date) at Boar's Head OPTA Beer, Blues & BBQ at Bowls Club Arty Afternoon	From 2pm 5.00-9.00pm 12.30-4.30	Chy
2 nd Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club Practice Monday Movie	1.30pm 7.30pm	AH StM
3 rd Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R.B.L.Women Games Evening	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm	WR DGCL DGCL
4 th Wed	Every Wed & Fri Vic Hallett Library open Movietalk	7.30-9.00pm	StM
5 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Open Mic. At White Hart	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 8.30pm	OST MH
7 th Sat	Coffee Morning Thornbury. Food Fair Castle St Alv. Flower & Craft Show Jubilee Hall Totally Locally on Tockington Green	10.30-12.00 10.00-2.00 2.00pm 9.30-12.00	MH
10 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Women's Institute Aust P.C.	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR DGCL TMH PH EVH
11th Wed	R.B.L Men A. G. M. at White Hart	7.30pm	
12 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Cl-Demo.	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30 7.30	OST MH TMH
14 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Tockington Harvest Fayre Ride and Stride	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 2.00pm	AVH MH
16 th Mon	1 st Olveston Scouts A.G.M. at Scout Hut Monday Movie Extra	6.00pm 7.30pm	StM
17 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Monday Movie Extra R.B.L.Women Bingo	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR DGCL StM DGCL

18 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club Demonstration Alpha Taster Course at Churchill House Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	2.00pm 7.30pm 8.30pm	AH
19 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OST MH
21 st Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
24 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15	WR DGCL TMH
25 th Wed	Severn Valley Quilters 25 th Birthday Party	7.30	CH
26 th Thu	Coffee Shop Beat Surgery Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Cl -Practice Class	9.00-12.00 10.30-11.30 2.00-4.30 7.30	OST OST MH TMH
28 th Sat	Coffee Morning Th Meth. Ch. Annual Rainbow Fair Car Boot Sale at Marlwood School Music in the Church at Aust 'Rosefresca'	10.30-12.00 10.00-12.30 1.30-3.00pm 8.00pm	MH TMH AC
30 th Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club Practice	1.30pm	AH

Looking ahead to October

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

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