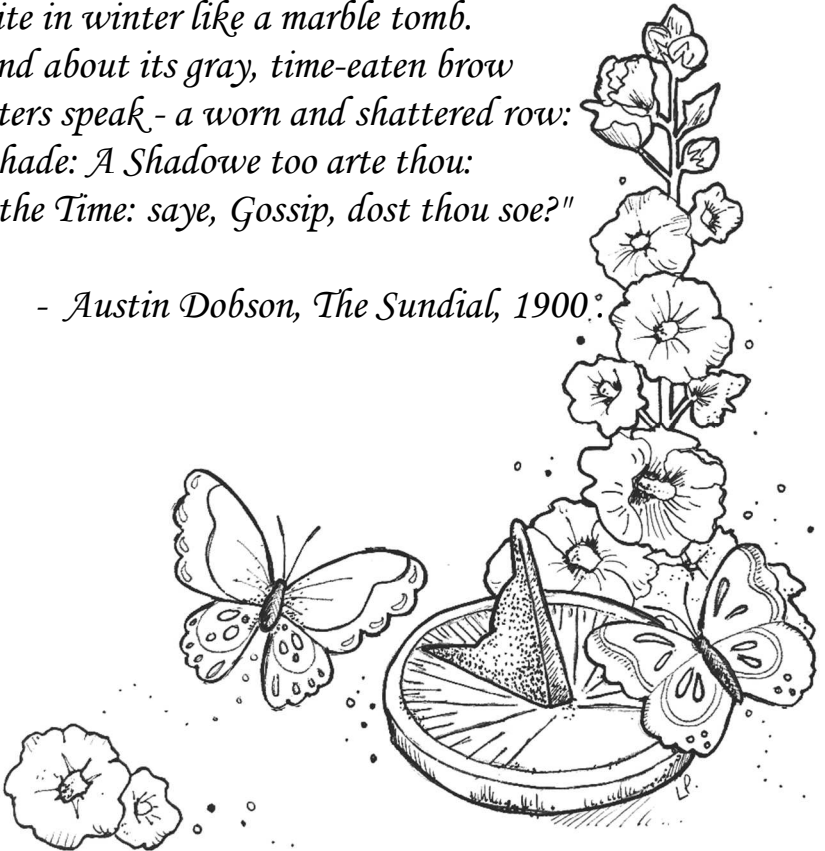


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July 2026

*Tis an old dial with many a stain;
In summer crowned with drifting orchard bloom,
Tricked in the autumn with the yellow rain,
And white in winter like a marble tomb.
And round about its gray, time-eaten brow
Lean letters speak - a worn and shattered row:
I am a Shade: A Shadowe too arte thou:
I marke the Time: saye, Gossip, dost thou soe?"*

- Austin Dobson, *The Sundial*, 1900.



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Editorial



One of the joys of being editor of a small magazine is being able to include more or less anything that takes our fancy, so this month, along with all the notices about forthcoming local events, we also have a notice for an art exhibition in Stroud. I met the artist, Stan, in France on my "Battlefields" tour earlier this year. He was painting away at his easel looking very much like a contestant on Landscape Artist of the Year, perched near the edge of a huge WW1 mine crater, (now a designated war memorial). I admired his painting, and was astonished when he replied in English and sounded like he lived just up the road, which it turned out he did, in Stroud. We chatted for a while and he told me he had an exhibition coming up in Stroud, inspired by the music and poetry of Ivor Gurney, the Gloucester WW1 poet. I'm very much looking forward to seeing Stan's paintings of some of the places I visited earlier this year, and learning more about Ivor Gurney.

As promised, this month we have included the late Peter Everton's extraordinary story of abandoning ship in the middle of the night in the North Sea, which he wrote for us 10 years ago, and which I still think it one of the most amazing peace-time stories we have ever printed.

Moving on to the month of August, with so many people on holiday there is always less to fill local magazines like 4ward so a reminder that we are going to print some of the poems that have been sent to us which we don't normally have space for. With St Arilda's day coming up we have already included a poem and drawing of the church sent to us by someone who just calls herself Sarah, so thank you Sarah, for sharing your art work and poem with us.

If any readers have a poem they have written, or perhaps a drawing with a local connection (not a painting, as we don't print in colour) and would like to share it with us, then please send it to us before 20th July or drop it into my letterbox.

Chris

Birthdays

Our village would like to send our very best wishes and a very Happy Birthday to Gerald Dyke, Eddy Clapham, Rita Riddle, and Peter Keedwell celebrating their 90th Birthdays. We wish you all every happiness.

Janet A.

Memorial Hall Matters – June 2026

June has been a relatively quiet month at the Hall, although our biggest summer event – the **Annual Summer BBQ** – is still to come as this newsletter is being written. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone for what is always a relaxed and enjoyable community afternoon.

England Men's World Cup – Big Screen Showings

We have been screening England's matches on the big screen, and spirits are high after an excellent opening win against Croatia. Let's hope this strong start continues throughout the tournament. All England fixtures will be shown at the Hall, and with most knockout matches scheduled at Europe-friendly times, we expect a great turnout.

007 Singers – Summer Concert

Our final programmed event before the summer break is the **007 Singers' Summer Concert on Thursday 11 July**. The choir has been rehearsing enthusiastically, and we are expecting a wonderful evening of music. It's always a highlight of the Hall's calendar.

Looking Ahead – August & September

There are **no planned events in August**, giving everyone a well-earned breather. However, **September** brings the return of one of our most popular community events:

Produce & Craft Show – Saturday 5 September

Last year's show was a tremendous success, and we have expanded the available space this year to accommodate even more entries. Whether you're exhibiting or simply browsing, it's well worth attending. Many items are sold afterwards at very attractive prices, so come along and enjoy the creativity of our local community.

New Patio Marquee

Thanks to a generous donation from the village shop, the Hall has purchased a **small marquee** for use on the patio. This will provide valuable extra space in both wet weather and (on the rare occasion) very hot weather, making outdoor activities more flexible and comfortable. The marquee will also be available **to hire for private parties held at the Hall**, making it ideal for BBQs and family gatherings. It will be in use at the Produce & Craft Show as an additional display area.

Line Dancing – Friday 31 July

A Line Dancing session will take place on **Friday 31 July**, led by **Belinda Orford**. After a short summer break, sessions are expected to resume in September. If you'd like to take part, please contact: **Belinda Orford – 07575 222181**

Defibrillator Project

The Hall, working jointly with the Parish Council, plan to provide a new **public-access defibrillator**, similar to the one located at the village shop. The device will be owned and maintained by the Parish Council, ensuring it remains fully operational and available for emergency use.

Chris Jennings – Tel: 07740 934182

Oldbury on Severn - Memorial Hall 100 Club Draw Winners

June Draw		
1 st prize.	£20	Margot Goldie
2 nd prize.	£15	Chris Jennings
3 rd prize.	£10	Julia Brimacombe
4 th prize.	£10	Ian Bell



New members of the 100 Club are always welcome!
Forms are available in the Shop, or contact Doug Mills or Angela Conibere
at Christmas Cottage or aeconibere@hotmail.com or 01454 413828



Charity Tea at Meadowside, Oldbury Naite

Sunday 23rd August 2pm - 5pm

Please come and join us, and enjoy cream teas
and homemade cakes in my garden at Meadowside, The Naite,
Oldbury, BS35 1RU; tea, coffee and squash available.
Entertainment kindly provided by the OO7s Choir, leader Marg Abbott.

The vintage tractor run will be setting off around 10.30am
after they have finished their bacon butties.

Look out them round and about the lanes, arriving back by 2pm.

This year is raising funds for charities including St Peter's Hospice.

Please come and support us and enjoy an afternoon
having a good chat with friends and neighbours.

Josie Wilson



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Shipwreck

As promised, we are reprinting this account written by the late Peter Everton in 2016 of abandoning ship in the North Sea. Written with true British understatement I still think it's one of the most extraordinary stories we have ever printed.

The date was May 1968, the ship was the Blenheim of Fred Olsen:-

A good friend of mine was getting married to a Norwegian girl and the wedding was to be in Akershus Castle in Oslo. I had been asked to be the best man and, together with Kay and the bridegroom, we set off from Newcastle. Since it was the groom's last night of freedom you can imagine it was a very jovial night and we staggered off to bed in the early hours.

At about 5am we were awakened with much shouting and banging of cabin doors. We looked out and there were great streams of water cascading down the corridor. The order was to leave all your luggage – get your life jacket and get up on deck immediately. We could see the Blenheim was now hove to, and on fire, with great plumes of black smoke coming out of the superstructure.

So it was "Abandon ship!" It was clear the crew hadn't had much lifeboat drill but eventually they managed to swing the boats over the side. It is not easy to get into a lifeboat with a ship rolling and drifting but they took us randomly and pushed us in. As we were lowered into the water the lifeboat crashes against the side of the ship with each roll but we made it.

So cast adrift what to do now? There are oars but where to row to? Our captain was a Portuguese cabin steward who couldn't speak Norwegian or English. He soon lost the rudder over the side so we gave up the idea of rowing anywhere and hoped we might be rescued. Fortunately the ship had not been full. However, we had 40 in our boat packed tightly together standing up – no chance to sit down. You may have noticed on the side of a lifeboat is painted the passenger capacity – in our case 62. So where are the additional 22 supposed to fit? In fact, they are expected to be in the water, hanging onto the ropes!!

In the North Sea with plenty of shipping you would expect to be rescued quite quickly. However the fire had started in the radio room, and no distress signal had been sent out. Our only hope was for someone to find us. It turned out to be a long wait in a rough sea, as all the lifeboats drifted apart and away from the ship. In fact, it was more than 12 hours before a small Danish fishing boat came over the horizon and asked what we were all doing there drifting about in the North Sea. He raised the coastguard and the rescue services clicked into action. In no time there were plenty of ships around us and aircraft overhead – even including a Russian Bear bomber.

So we climbed onto the fishing trawler, but the only food they could offer us was from a tin of Mackintosh sweets! Eventually we were hoisted onto a ferry going to Gothenberg. We had no money, so just raided the shop for some dry clothes and the restaurant for food.

By now the media was all over us, wanting to have interviews, talking on the radio, buying our photographs – it was like that programme – famous for 15 minutes. We always told our youngest daughter Sorrel that there was another passenger with us and she had been to Norway also, and been shipwrecked, because Kay was six months pregnant at the time.

Next day we flew to Oslo just in time for the wedding. What did we wear? That's another story!

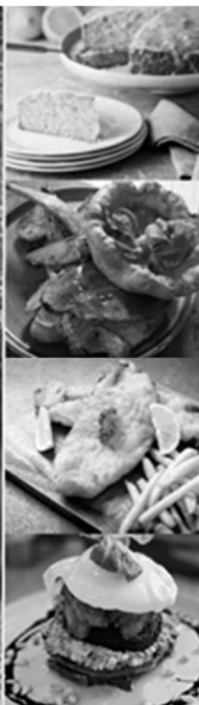
Peter Everton / 10-05-2016

On May 21, 1968, the Norwegian passenger-cargo vessel M/S Blenheim (operated by Fred. Olsen Lines) caught fire in the North Sea about 220 miles east of Dundee, Scotland. The blaze - believed to have started in the dining room's electrical equipment - spread rapidly to the bridge, cutting off all radio communication, leaving the ship without power to send an SOS. All 89 passengers and most of the 78 crew members successfully abandoned ship. A massive international rescue operation was eventually launched involving ships from Britain, Scandinavia, and the Netherlands. They were rescued by the passenger ship M/S Braemar (which was standing by, along with a British educational ship) and passing fishing trawlers. One crew member suffered burns, and one passenger was airlifted to Esbjerg, Denmark.

The Evening News and Star (London) of Tuesday May 21 1968 reported:

BLAZE IN FERRY - 'ABANDON SHIP'

Fire swept through the Norwegian passenger ship Blenheim in the North Sea today. But the 167 passengers and crew on board were reported to have taken to the lifeboats. An armada of ships, RAF planes and helicopters were sent into a massive rescue operation when the fire call came at breakfast time. The Blenheim, 4,766 tons was on her way from Newcastle to Oslo with 89 passengers - 38 of them believed to be British - and 78 crew. She was in the middle of the North Sea – about 200 miles from the Scottish coast and from Jutland. ... Two Royal Navy frigates, Rapid and Keppel, and the minesweeper Chilcompton, were sent to the spot. An RAF Shackleton flew over the spot and two more Shackletons, carrying life rafts, took off. One of the Shackletons reported six life-boats filled with people. It was dropping rubber dinghies round the ship. The British school ship Nevasa ... was steaming towards the Blenheim to make available its hospital facilities. Two Danish fishing cutters were reported to have picked up 60 passengers ... Rescue operations were helped by good weather. The Blenheim ... was built at Southampton in 1951. ... She and the Braemar share the run between Britain and Norway in leisurely cruises. They... offer first and second class... Finnish sauna bath, games decks and television.



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SEGWAY

Oldbury Cricket Club

I didn't have to play rugby that well, and I didn't have to play cricket that well because I had this voice..... Tom Jones

Maybe there are times when the Oldbury cricket team should think about forming a male voice choir. Games in June were played against Radwick, Oldlands, and Quedgeley, and in some pretty hot weather conditions. I went to watch the Quedgeley game on a blistering hot Sunday afternoon and it was almost too hot to watch the game, and the players running around in the heat of the day. Despite the very hot weather it was a good game of cricket which Oldbury won quite comfortably. Lots of good Saturday, Sunday and mid-week games coming up in July and no doubt the players will be hoping that the June heatwave doesn't continue.

Gerald Porter

Severn Vale Crib League 2025/2026

With spots triangular of diamond form, ensanguined hearts, clubs typical of strife, and spades, the emblem of untimely graves..... William Cowper

However, I am pleased to report that the Severn Vale Crib League is still alive and will continue for another year. Sad to report that the Dockers Club have dropped out of the league as they cannot find enough players to continue. The Dockers Club was always an interesting venue and will be missed. At the League AGM held on June 1st it was agreed that the league will continue with reduced team numbers and the format will be similar to last year.

The winners of the KO team competition were The Otters, with the Dockers Club as runners up. Many thanks to the league committee for all their efforts keeping the league going, and to the venues that support the matches.

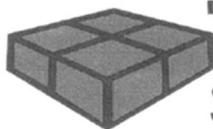
Gerald Porter

A Summer Surprise!

I do not enjoy heatwaves, but I try my best to prepare and adapt. I visit <https://www.thornburyweather.co.uk/> for details of the current weather conditions very locally, monitor multiple in-home temperature sensors, and use all this data to plan when to open or close which windows. Battling the extreme heat feels like a military operation in which fans, sports-injury ice packs under my neck when sleeping, and chilled hydration are key 'weapons'.

Prepared as I thought I was, the heat had the last laugh when I updated the St Arilda's service-dates blackboard. I shook the chalk pen, pressed with the sponge tip – and rather than the usual struggle to make any mark, thin white chalk paint gushed out down the board, dripping onto my clothes and the kitchen floor! The effect of extreme heat on viscosity is now 'chalked up'(!) to experience; the pen was banished to the freezer whilst I cleared up, which helped a little when redoing the board, but apologies for the streaks upon it!

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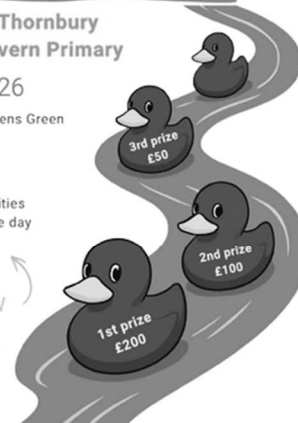
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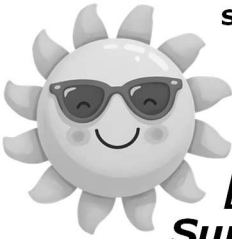
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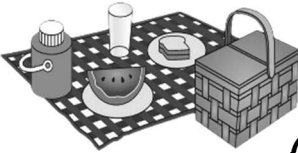


Refresh!

A service for ALL ages at St Arilda's Church
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**Sunday 5th July
Shining Brightly**
*[Following the St Arilda's
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**Sunday 2nd August
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Christian Comment

As we move into the quieter weeks of the Church's year (as if!), we enter what is known as Ordinary Time. Yet there is nothing ordinary about this season. It is a time of steady growth, of deepening faith, and of noticing God's presence in the everyday rhythms of our lives — among family, friends, work, and the natural world around us.

Here in our village and benefice, this season is also filled with opportunities to come together in community and joy. We begin with our Mini Fete on Sunday 5th July, a much-loved occasion that brings people of all ages together for fun, fellowship, and shared celebration. It is always a wonderful reminder of the strength and warmth of village life.

Later in the month, we look forward to the St Arilda's Walk on Saturday 18th July — a chance to step out into the beauty of our local landscape, to enjoy companionship along the way, and to pause in the quiet places where faith and creation meet. (Tom Frost has very kindly offered to host walkers at the end of our walk to the well this year. Please do let me know if you are hoping to attend so that we can plan for numbers accordingly.)

In all these things, we are reminded that God is present not only in the great festivals of the Church year, but also in the simple, faithful patterns of daily life. My hope and prayer is that this season will bring you moments of rest, connection, and gentle renewal.

The evening service for St Arilda on 19th July will include verses of hymns you love. Sign-up sheets to make your requests known will be there during the fete on 5th July! Come along. We would love to see you!

Revd Joy

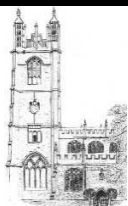
St Mary's Music Third-Sunday Afternoon Concert 19 July at 4pm at St Mary's Church, Thornbury, BS35 1HQ

This will be the last Third-Sunday Afternoon concert to take place before the summer break.

The performance will be given by St Mary's own Church choir, under the direction of their choir master, Alex Hiam. The programme will be made up of Choral pieces, and of individual vocal and instrumental items by choir members.

As usual, there will be refreshments,
admission is free and there is a retiring collection.

Church Services for July 2026



St. Mary's Thornbury

5th 10.30am
Holy Communion

12th 10.30am
All Age Service

19th 10.30am
Holy Communion

26th 10.30am
Holy Communion



St. Arilda's Oldbury

5th 1.00pm
Mini-Fete
3.00pm
Refresh!

12th 8.00am
Holy Communion

19th 6.00pm
Patronal
'Songs of Praise'

26th No Service
See Shepperdine

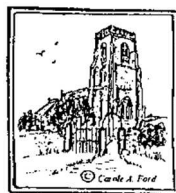


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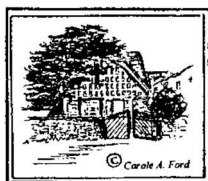


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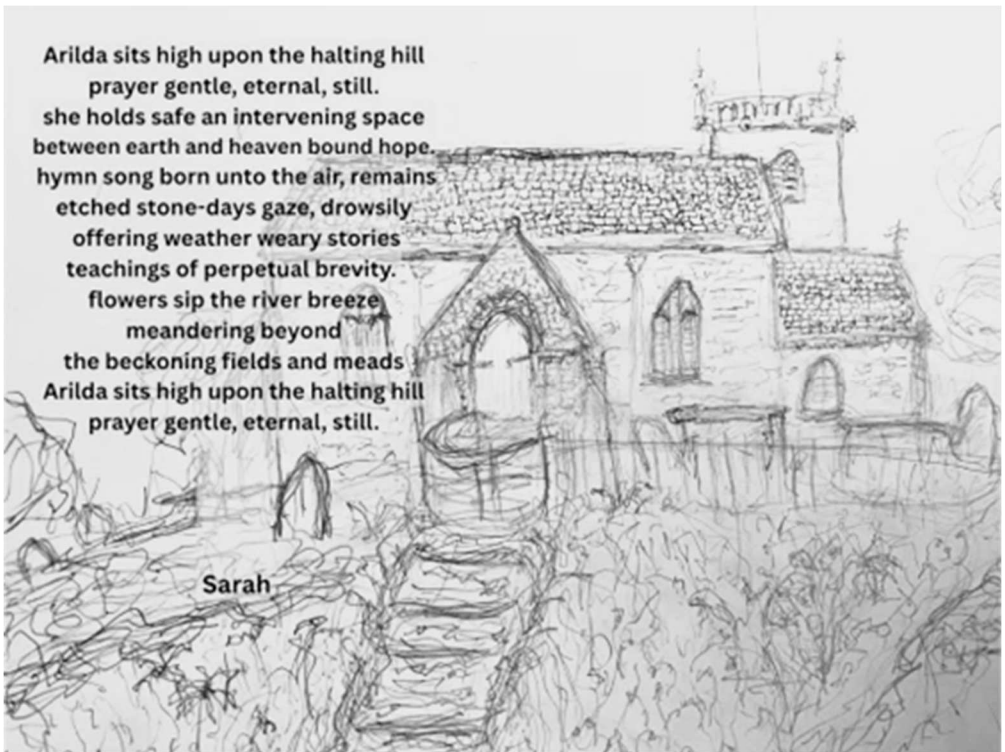


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St Arilda's Walk Saturday 18 July

Meet at the church at 6pm for the Walk to the Well
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and

afterwards gather at St Arilda's House
for refreshments
(by kind invitation of Tom and Carolyn Frost)

All welcome

*(If you do know in advance that you will be coming,
please let Revd Joy know if you can, to aid planning)*

Oldbury Produce & Craft Show - Saturday 5 September 2026

Schedule of Classes. Please enter as many as you can to support the Memorial Hall and make it a great community event. The full Show Schedule with entry forms will be delivered to every home in Oldbury Parish soon.

Section A – Produce

Class	Description	Qty
1	Tomatoes (not Cherry)	5
2	Cherry Tomatoes	5
3	Onions from Sets	3
4	Shallots	5
5	Leeks	3
6	Runner Beans	5
7	Longest Runner Bean	1
8	Beetroots	3
9	Longest Parsnip	1
10	Carrots	5
11	Heaviest Marrow	1
12	White Potatoes	5
13	Coloured Potatoes	5
14	Heaviest Potato	1
15	Cucumbers	2
16	Courgettes	2
17	Blackberries	20
18	Heaviest Pumpkin	1
19	Harvest Box of Vegetables and/or Salad Vegetables (Box or basket size 30cm long x 50cm wide)	6 different varieties
20	Bunch of Mixed Herbs (display maximum size 40 cm overall)	1 bunch
21	Most Amusingly-Shaped Vegetable (with caption)	1
22	Any Unclassified Vegetable	2
23	Hen or Bantam Eggs	6
24	Other Eggs e.g. turkey, duck	6

Section B – Fruit

Class	Description	Qty
25	Cooking Apples	3
26	Dessert Apples	3
27	Cooking Pears	3
28	Dessert Pears	3
29	Cooking Plums	5
30	Dessert Plums	5
31	Dish of Mixed Fruit	3 different varieties

Section C – Floral

Class	Description	Qty
32	Flowering Plant in a Pot	1
33	Foliage Plant in a Pot	1
34	Fuchsia in a Pot	1
35	Asters	5 stems
36	Sweet Peas	5
37	Hybrid Tea Roses	5
38	Collection of Roses	3 different varieties
39	Specimen Rose	1
40	Chrysanthemums	5
41	Pom Pom Dahlias	5
42	Dahlias	3
43	Single Large Dahlia	1
44	Collection of Garden Flowers	at least 3 different varieties
45	Largest Sunflower Head	1
46	Unclassified Blooms	3
Floral Arrangements (purchased flowers can be used)		
47	Arrangement – 'Country Garden'	
48	Arrangement – 'A Rock'	
49	Miniature Floral Decoration (maximum size 15 cm overall)	

Section D – Cookery

Class	Description
50	Jar of Chutney
51	Pot of Jam
52	Pot of Jelly
53	Pot of Marmalade
54	Pot of Lemon Curd
55	Fruit Cake
56	Victoria Sponge
57	Any Quiche (max size 23 cm diameter)
58	Apple Tart
59	Your Favourite Biscuit (6)
60	Three Oldbury Tarts
61	Loaf of Bread made by hand
62	Loaf of Bread made in a bread maker
63	Bottle of Apple Juice
64	Bottle of Cider
65	Bottle of Wine
66	Bottle of Sloe Gin

Section E – Handicraft

Class	Description
67	Handmade Greetings Card (any occasion)
68	Embroidery
69	Knitting / Crochet
70	Painting (oil or watercolour)
71	Drawing (pencil or charcoal)
72	Any other Handicraft Item (original)
73	Any other Handicraft Item (from a kit)

Section F - Photography (A4 max and unframed)

Class	Description
74	Monochrome
75	'Trees'
76	'Our Community'

Section G – Children's Classes

Class	Description
Pre-School	
77	Colouring (picture will be provided)
78	Two Homemade Decorated Biscuits on a Plate
79	Floating Flower Heads in a Bowl
Reception to Year 2	
80	Miniature Garden on a Plate
81	Animal Made of Vegetables
82	Handwriting – 'My Favourite Poem'
83	Posy of Flowers from the Garden
Year 3 to Year 6	
84	Miniature Garden on a Plate
85	Lego Creation (not from a kit)
86	Greetings Card (any occasion)
87	Animal Made of Vegetables
Year 7 – Year 11	
88	Photography – Village Landmark
89	Animal Made of Vegetables
90	Greetings Card (any occasion)

Entry Forms to be in by 5pm Wednesday 2nd September, either via the village shop or by email to oldburyshow@gmail.com - for more information, please ring Matthew on 07877413298.

Entries to be displayed in the Hall either at 6pm-8pm Friday 4 September, or 8.30am-10am Saturday 5 September. Show opens to the public at 3pm.

'A great community event'

Sailing Club News

Thornbury
Sailing
Club



It seems incredible that July is here already and that our main event of the year, the Regatta, is already referred to in the past tense. The fluctuating weather conditions meant that some of our usual visitors from far afield sent their apologies, which was understandable as towing a boat for a long distance only to arrive and find it too windy to sail is disappointing. One regular visitor from Gravesend, and used to our racing conditions, did make the journey and enjoyed himself immensely both on the water and socialising afterwards.

The *Port of Bristol Shanty Crew* began the evening by introducing their very young 'cabin boy' by name of 'Herbie'. Although all the singers were excellent, Herbie stole the show by keeping us enthralled by his memory for the words of the songs and for his little acts of dramatisation. The Crew were singing to raise money for The Teenage Cancer Trust, and Herbie's Treasure Chest was quite full in addition to the £565 in donations which members and guests had already contributed through their tickets for the event.

Those with the stamina completed the evening enjoying the dancing and listening to the music of the local *Narwhal Monument Band*.

We would like to thank those villagers who supported the event in any way, whether spectating the racing or joining in the evening hog roast and entertainment. It is always good to see familiar faces, both on these occasions, and also when acknowledging each other as we pass on the roadway.

Hopefully the July weather will pick up for us all to enjoy our gardens and any holidays this month before our annual Club Week begins on 7th August. This is always a well-supported event whatever the weather brings and it



is a chance for family members of all ages, both sailing and non-sailing, to get together for a full programme of sailing and social activities.

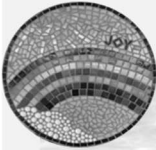
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Oldbury Pigeon

Values Prayer Station Afternoon

On Monday afternoon, 15th June, we welcomed members of St Arilda's Church into school to lead a prayer afternoon based around our six school values. Look at all the fun we had!

Respect: Children looked closely at themselves in the mirror and created self-portraits, reflecting on the qualities, talents, and strengths that make them unique. They celebrated the gifts God has given them and learned the importance of valuing and respecting themselves.



Joy: Children reflected on what brings them joy and wrote their ideas on ribbons. They then ran with their ribbons in the wind, sharing their happiness and celebrating God's gift of joy.

Growth: Each child reflected on how they have grown this year, just like a caterpillar transforms into a butterfly. They shared their hopes and worries for the future, remembering that God is with them through every stage of their journey.



Values Prayer Station Afternoon continued...



Care: Children reflected on how they can care for God's creation and used handprints to share ways they help others and the world around them. Together, their handprints formed a tree, showing how we can all work together to care for our community and the



Community: Children created small plasticine models of themselves and placed them on a map of their community. Together, they explored the people, places, and groups that help them belong, discovering how everyone is connected and has an important role within our school community.



Friendship: Children reflected on friendships and how forgiveness can heal hurt feelings. By watching a vitamin C tablet fizz away in water, they explored how forgiveness can help restore relationships and make friendships

Hill & Rockhampton WI
Report of Meeting – June 2026

Although a little breezy, the weather gods were on our side and kept the rain away for our Picnic Meeting at Hill.

Jill had arranged a short walk and Scavenger Hunt. Those of us taking part started from the Marquee, whilst other members sat around chatting and reviewing the photos that Mair Hunt had brought along.

The more competitive amongst us took off quickly, whilst those of a more collaborative nature dawdled and helped each other find the answers to clues and to pick up the bits for the Scavenger Hunt. We were lucky that the road through Hill remained closed for water works so we could dash from one side of the road to the other without concerns of getting flattened by a vehicle. Although our apologies to the lone cyclist who did have to weave his way through a gaggle of giggling ladies. Should have had a bell!

When we returned, the prizes were handed out; Patsy for thinking outside the box, Pattie for the funniest answer and for whistling with a blade of grass, and Jennie for the largest dock leaf.

We then took a break to eat our picnic. Thanks to the Committee who provided the food and non-alcoholic Elderflower Fizz.

Then we moved on to general Institute matters. On Saturday 20th June Rockhampton were holding their annual Folk Festival. We had been asked to provide the teas and cakes, for which Jill had negotiated a percentage of the takings for our funds. Our next meeting will be on July 14th when we will be visiting North Nibley Flower Farm and enjoying an afternoon tea. We will meet at Rockhampton Hall at 1.30pm, leaving at 1.45pm to arrive at Nibley for 2pm, car parking at Nibley is limited so car sharing is advised.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed, with still a great deal of laughter going on.

Ann Jones
Secretary, H&R WI



Calling on all "Great Knits" of Oldbury



The Memorial Hall was built over 100 years ago as a monument to those courageous service personnel who gave up their lives for King and Country during the First World War. The Hall acknowledges this great sacrifice by placing three soldier figures to stand by the Memorial Plaque during the Armistice period. This year we would like to add to this commemoration by way of a poppy display, which is where we are hoping that you can support us. The nature of the display will depend on the number of poppies that are donated, but this will hopefully be built on year by year.

If you are able to support us, we would be very grateful, so please get your knitting needles or your crochet hooks out, and create some poppies for our display – they can be as simple or as creative as you wish to make them. We are happy to provide patterns and/or wool should you need us to. Red is the preferred colour, but the odd white or purple poppy would only add to the display.

Thank you in advance, including to those who have already started on their poppy contribution.

You can contact me on 07983 416202 or cjlj@hotmail.com

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**Saturday 18 July from 9am – 5pm
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There will be over 30 stalls including: willow weaving, traditional knitting, knife making, upholstery, marionette making, parquetry, stained glass, ceramics, tufted rug making, woodturning, marbling, leather tanning, fabric conservation, calligraphy, silversmithing, guitar making, lace making and more!

**61st Annual
Summer Exhibition
Thornbury Art Club**

25th July – 2nd August 2026

Thornbury Methodist Church Hall

Mon-Sat: 10 AM – 6 PM

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Summer Fair at Beech House Care Home, Thornbury, BS35 1EG
Saturday 25 July from 1.30-4pm with FREE ENTRY!

You are warmly invited to a lively and welcoming Summer Fair designed for the whole community. Admission is completely free, making it accessible to everyone.

This family-friendly fair promises something for everybody, regardless of age. Visitors can enjoy live music performances and take part in a variety of fun, family-friendly activities. There will be a range of stalls to explore, offering different attractions and items.

Guests can also relax and enjoy hot drinks and cakes, making it a perfect afternoon outing with friends and family. The event encourages the community to come together, have fun, and support Teenage Cancer Trust.



A note from the Severn Vale Village Agent

The Great Landline Switch: What It Means for You

By January 2027, all traditional landlines will be replaced with a new digital system. For most people, the change will be simple.

However, there are a few important things to be aware of.

- Digital phones will not work during a power cut. This means it's wise to have a mobile phone or backup solution for emergencies. If you have no mobile signal and are registered as a vulnerable person, providers are required to offer free "resilience solutions", such as battery backup to ensure you can call during a power cut.
- If you have a personal alarm, fall detector, or telecare device, contact your phone provider as soon as possible. These systems may need updating to keep working — they can check your equipment and provide extra support if needed.
- Be cautious of scams, as this support is a free service. Contact your existing landline provider directly with any questions.

If you would like more information or help registering as vulnerable, please contact me by telephone on 07880 344460 and leave a message, or alternatively please email me at elizabeth@wern.org.uk with your query.

Elizabeth



**200th Anniversary Celebration Organ Recital
Saturday 18 July at 7pm at URC, Chapel Street, Thornbury, BS35 2BA**

Thornbury's United Reformed Church has achieved its 200th year!

To celebrate, it is to hold an organ recital by renowned Musical Director and organist Simon Lole. For over 30 years he has worked as a professional church musician, as a composer, arranger, vocal coach and Music Producer. He is in great demand by well-known artists and has directed many TV and radio broadcasts such as "Young Chorister of the Year", "Songs of Praise" and Radio 4's "Daily Service".

His organ recital comprises: *Entrée Pontificale* - Enrico Bossi; *Prelude and Fugue in C Minor* - J.S. Bach; *Choral Prelude: "O Mensch Bewein"* J.S. Bach; *Suite du Second Ton* - Jean Guilain; *Theme & Variations* - Hendrik Andriessen; *Prelude on "East Acklam"* - Francis Jackson; *Crown Imperial* - William Walton; *Meditation on "Annie Laurie"* - Simon Lole; *Toccata in G* - Theodore Dubois.

Tickets £20 from AAGThornbury@gmail.com or 01454 850933

"What Have I Missed Seeing Today...?"

PAINTINGS BY STAN GILES

INSPIRED BY THE POETRY AND MUSIC OF IVOR GURNEY

Tuesday 14th July - Monday 20th July

Daily 10am - 4.30pm | Sat/Sun 10am - 5.30pm | Mon 10am - 3pm

The Lansdown Hall and Gallery, Stroud, GL5 1BB

This series of paintings relates to the places that Ivor Gurney mentions in his poems, and reflects his deeply personal love of his home county of Gloucestershire, and his longing for the places, sights and sounds of home, during his time serving in France in WW1.

The exhibition also includes paintings started in and around the areas where he served: Ypres and the Somme.

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Tide Table: Inward Rocks, River Severn

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July 2026

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Phase	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wed 01		4:24 AM BST 1.94 m	9:29 AM BST 10.23 m	4:41 PM BST 2.02 m	9:46 PM BST 10.49 m		4:56 AM BST	9:31 PM BST	10:52 PM BST	5:51 AM BST
Sat 04		6:15 AM BST 1.49 m	11:14 AM BST 10.30 m	6:32 PM BST 1.62 m	11:32 PM BST 10.42 m		4:59 AM BST	9:30 PM BST	11:38 PM BST	9:35 AM BST
Sun 05		6:52 AM BST 1.48 m	11:52 AM BST 10.08 m	7:09 PM BST 1.64 m			4:59 AM BST	9:29 PM BST	11:49 PM BST	10:50 AM BST
Tue 07	12:55 AM BST 9.83 m	8:11 AM BST 1.71 m	1:20 PM BST 9.45 m	8:30 PM BST 1.88 m		Last Quarter	5:01 AM BST	9:28 PM BST	12:00 AM BST	1:25 PM BST
Fri 10	3:46 AM BST 8.97 m	10:44 AM BST 2.24 m	4:20 PM BST 8.88 m	11:16 PM BST 2.26 m			5:04 AM BST	9:26 PM BST	12:49 AM BST	5:44 PM BST
Sat 11	4:55 AM BST 9.03 m	11:51 AM BST 2.27 m	5:28 PM BST 9.16 m				5:05 AM BST	9:25 PM BST	1:19 AM BST	7:11 PM BST
Sun 12		12:27 AM BST 2.15 m	6:02 AM BST 9.42 m	1:03 PM BST 2.13 m	6:33 PM BST 9.75 m		5:06 AM BST	9:24 PM BST	2:04 AM BST	8:25 PM BST
Tue 14		2:49 AM BST 1.36 m	7:58 AM BST 10.82 m	3:18 PM BST 1.33 m	8:22 PM BST 11.31 m	New Moon	5:09 AM BST	9:23 PM BST	4:35 AM BST	9:54 PM BST
Sat 18		6:10 AM BST 0.04 m	11:08 AM BST 11.78 m	6:30 PM BST 0.37 m	11:31 PM BST 11.87 m		5:13 AM BST	9:18 PM BST	10:30 AM BST	11:02 PM BST
Sun 19		6:52 AM BST 0.28 m	11:56 AM BST 11.27 m	7:11 PM BST 0.67 m			5:15 AM BST	9:17 PM BST	11:49 AM BST	11:13 PM BST
Tue 21	1:11 AM BST 10.44 m	8:15 AM BST 1.32 m	1:38 PM BST 9.79 m	8:33 PM BST 1.70 m		First Quarter	5:17 AM BST	9:15 PM BST	2:21 PM BST	11:40 PM BST
Fri 24	4:07 AM BST 8.25 m	10:40 AM BST 3.02 m	4:39 PM BST 8.04 m	11:12 PM BST 3.09 m			5:21 AM BST	9:11 PM BST	5:59 PM BST	12:20 AM BST
Sat 25	5:13 AM BST 7.98 m	11:48 AM BST 3.27 m	5:43 PM BST 8.00 m				5:23 AM BST	9:09 PM BST	7:01 PM BST	12:52 AM BST
Sun 26		12:26 AM BST 3.18 m	6:15 AM BST 8.06 m	1:02 PM BST 3.27 m	6:42 PM BST 8.29 m		5:24 AM BST	9:08 PM BST	7:51 PM BST	1:36 AM BST
Wed 29		3:23 AM BST 2.29 m	8:36 AM BST 9.59 m	3:42 PM BST 2.26 m	8:53 PM BST 10.03 m	Full Moon	5:29 AM BST	9:03 PM BST	9:18 PM BST	4:52 AM BST
Fri 31		4:41 AM BST 1.51 m	9:45 AM BST 10.59 m	4:57 PM BST 1.50 m	10:01 PM BST 10.96 m		5:32 AM BST	9:00 PM BST	9:46 PM BST	7:24 AM BST

Rockhampton Cricket Club

Rockhampton Ravens U11 girls' softball cricket team extended their unbeaten run to 12 matches last week with a commanding 90-run win over neighbours Thornbury CC. Charlotte Williams top-scored with 17, while Ella Dent and Emily Betty took two wickets each in a match played in excellent spirit by both sides.

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The Ravens' girls' section continues to grow, with an enthusiastic squad of players aged 8 – 13, supported by experienced coaches. They are also looking forward to a guest session with former England international Fran Wilson. Training is held on Thursday evenings, with softball and hardball taster sessions available. New players are always welcome, so why not come along and give it a go?

RCC Senior 'Home' Fixtures for JULY

For information on other and Junior fixtures visit: -
<https://rockhampton.play-cricket.com/Matches>

Saturday 4 July

2nd XI vs Charlton Kings CC - 2nd XI
3rd XI vs Oldlands CC - 1st XI

— The Boundary Field, 13:00
— The Common, 13:00

Monday 06 July

Glos County 2's vs Unknown

— The Boundary Field

Tuesday 07 July

Glos County 2's vs Unknown

— The Boundary Field

Saturday 11 July

1st XI vs Apperley CC - 1st XI
3rd XI vs Stroud CC - 3rd XI

— The Boundary Field, 13:00
— The Common, 13:00

Monday 13 July

Glos County 2's vs Unknown

— The Boundary Field

Tuesday 14 July

RCC Ravens Women vs Frampton on Severn CC - Women's Softball
— The Common, 18:00

Saturday 18 July

2nd XI vs Shurdington CC - 1st XI
3rd XI vs Ruardean Hill CC - 1st XI

— The Boundary Field, 13:00
— The Common, 13:00

Saturday 25 July

1st XI vs Cirencester CC - 1st XI
4th XI vs Frampton on Severn CC - 2nd XI

— The Boundary Field, 13:00
— The Common, 13:00

Tuesday 28 July

Ravens Women vs Quedgeley & Hardwicke CC - Tanzanites

— The Boundary Field, 18:00

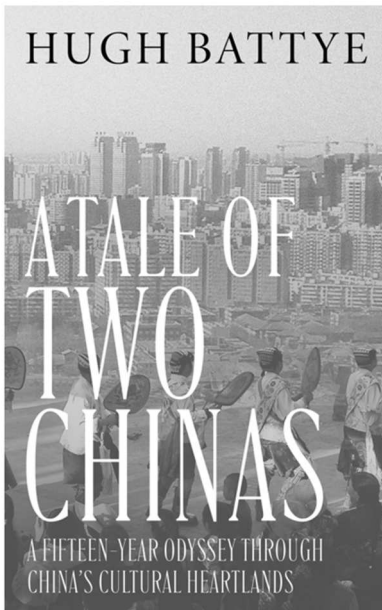
Thornbury u3a Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th July from 10.30am – 11.30am

Porch House, Christ the King Church, Thornbury

Thornbury and District u3a is holding another coffee morning in Porch House, 11 Castle Street, Thornbury, Bristol, BS35 1HA. Members and non-members are both welcome. Some u3a groups will be represented, and will be happy to answer questions. There will also be refreshments.

A Tale of Two Chinas



Many thanks to everyone who came to the launch for my book, *A Tale of Two Chinas*, at the Memorial Hall in June, or who bought a copy separately! In total, £450 was raised, which was distributed equally between Thornbury Foodbank and St Arilda's Church. For St Arilda's, the money is allocated towards the planned purchase of new outside folding chairs, to be used for services by the Labyrinth. If anyone would still like to purchase a book, I have more at home, so feel free to contact me on 07818 264725; alternatively, it is available in both paperback and e-book formats on Amazon and other platforms, and now also in audio format on Spotify. Thank you all once again!

Hugh Battye

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Calendar Dates for Oldbury



5 th	July	Sun	St Arilda's Mini-Fete, 1pm-3pm
11 th	July	Sat	Summer Concert, Memorial Hall 7.30pm
17 th	July	Fri	School Summer Fair 3.30-5.30pm School Field
18 th	July	Sat	St Arilda's Walk
21 st	July	Tue	School Leavers Service 1.15-3.00pm St Arilda's church
23 rd	Aug	Sun	Charity tea at Meadowside, Oldbury Naite 2-5pm
29 th	Aug	Sat	Duck Race, Anchor Inn 1pm
5 th	Sept	Sat	Oldbury Produce and Craft Show. Memorial Hall
3 rd	Oct	Sat	Open Mic Night, Memorial Hall

OVCC Film Show, second Friday of month, Memorial Hall, doors open at 7.15pm

*If you have any more local events that you would like to include in this diary, please email the magazine at **4wardmag@gmail.com***

Oldbury Elders Luncheon Club

Meet at 11.45am in the dining room, lunch served at 12noon.
on the last Tuesday of the month.

Thanks to Mark Sorrell and the team at the Anchor.

Any enquiries to Janet Astle 07747 198878

Oldbury Whist Drives, first and third Saturdays

of the month, at 7.30pm in the Westmarsh Lane Pavilion.

New players always welcome!

*If anyone would like to learn the game or brush up on their skills,
please feel free to contact me - Matthew Riddle - 07877413298*

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