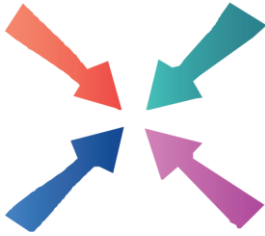


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From the Editor

I very much hope that the 'April showers' that feature in the well-known rhyme are not too prolific this month and that we see plenty of blue skies. We'd appreciate good weather when we have visitors from our 'twin' village in Brittany arriving for the weekend on Saturday 13th and the organisers of the Cream Teas on Tockington Green, on Easter Monday, would certainly want a bright day.

A short article on the recent Parish Hall Quiz reports that it raised £500 for St Peter's Hospice. In January the OPTA quiz sent a similar amount to a local foodbank. Isn't it good that we can enjoy sociable and enjoyable events and then be able to pass on substantial donations to local charities when the evening is over?

Both Olveston and Aust Parish Councils are holding their Annual Parish Assembly this month. An excellent opportunity to find out more about what is happening, and being planned, locally.

Marelin

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News from St. Mary's

Mothering Sunday

This is a reminder, in case you get your Magazine early, to join us for our parade service on Sunday March 31st 9.30am with the Shine Junior Choir performing. We look forward to welcoming you.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday April 18th 6.30pm. We will be joining St Helen's Alveston to share an Agape Supper.

Good Friday April 19th

There will be a walk of witnesses from each church in the Benefice. Alveston, Aust, Elberton and Littleton meeting up at St Mary's Olveston at 2pm for a service of reflection following the stations of the cross. See the timetable further on in the magazine for all services on Easter Day.

Lent

The Journey to Easter continues to Easter Sunday, 21st April, when we celebrate that "Christ is Risen – He is risen indeed, Alleluia".



Pilgrim continues to examine a core Christian belief, both in each Sunday service and in the Study Groups. Each stands alone, so don't worry if you have missed one of

them. Join in when you can!

Films in Lent

Monday 8th April 7.30pm. 'Tortured for Christ' – a biography of Pastor Richard Wurmbrand, the founder of Release International.

Murder Mystery

Calling Inspector Clouseau. Join us for a night of fun and sleuthing, 'Murder at Midwynter Manor' on Saturday 27th April, 7pm, Olveston Parish Hall. There will be a 3-course supper with a bar for the purchase of drinks. If you would like to 'dress up' to add atmosphere to this exclusive dinner party at Midwynter Manor please do so.

Tickets £20 and all profits to go to St Mary's Community Outreach project, Sow and Grow. For tickets contact Gail Lowe 01454612709 or from the Olveston Stores.

Electoral Roll

This year we must completely renew our Electoral Roll, which is the official membership of St Mary's and is a list of those allowed to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (to be held this year at 7.15pm on Sunday 28th April). If you have been baptised and wish to be included on the Electoral Roll please contact Sarah Wigmore on 01454 616326 or email olvestonstmarys@yahoo.com by April 7th for an application form.

Advance Notice of Treasure Hunt and BBQ Saturday June 15th 4pm -10pm

We have decided to take a break from our Annual Ball this year, but we are arranging a village treasure hunt followed by an evening BBQ instead! More information to follow next month but put it in your diary!

Stephen Oram

Stephen, the new priest at St.Mary's, Olveston, is a local lad, born and bred in Bristol. After leaving school Stephen trained and qualified as a Registered Mental Health Nurse before being accepted for ordination training by the



church at Salisbury and Wells Theological College. Stephen was ordained Deacon at Worcester Cathedral in 1984 and Priested in 1985 serving his title in Kidderminster.

Following his curacy Stephen became a RAF chaplain serving at RAF Bruggen in Germany and then at RAF Leuchars in Scotland. During his time at Leuchars Stephen supported families of personnel posted in the Middle East during the First Gulf War. Following his short service commission, Stephen became vicar of St. Anne's in Bristol for 5 years before being appointed Vicar of Cricklade in Wiltshire in 1997.

In 2004 Stephen left parish ministry to become a hospital Chaplain at Southmead Hospital, where he was involved in the planning of the new hospital, especially the Sanctuary. Stephen was Chaplaincy Team Leader for a few years of both the Chaplaincy and Bereavement teams at Southmead Hospital and The Bristol Royal Infirmary. Since 2016 Stephen was Chaplain at Bristol Children's Hospital and St. Michael's Maternity Hospital.

During his parish ministry Stephen has been an Assistant Area Dean as well as Press Officer for the Diocese of Bristol. He has also been a regular contributor to Radio Bristol's Thought for The Day. In his spare time Stephen enjoys walking, theatre, travelling and music.

From the Registers of St Mary's, Olveston

- 20th February Funeral of Cynthia Eileen Black, followed by cremation.
- 10th March Jack Edward Hortop, son of Ben Hortop and Amy Coppock.
- 15th March Funeral Service for John Arnold Shepherd followed by
burial at Elberton Church

Collectors' Book Fair

Saturday 13th April, Easter Compton 10am to 12 noon

An annual Observer's Collectors' Book Fair takes place at Easter Compton Village Hall on Saturday 13th April. In its 14th year, the regional event, run by the OPSCS, features thousands of vintage collectable books for sale.

As well as Observer's, other books include; Warne publications such as Wayside & Woodland and Beatrix Potter, Ladybird books, and many different series on subjects such as natural history, transport and the military.

All book enthusiasts are welcome and admission is free. Advice and valuations are available from the experts who come from all over the country. Refreshments served. Telephone *01454 632170* for further details.

OLVESTON PARISH TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Visitors from Bréhan

Our friends from our twin village of Bréhan, in Brittany, France, will be arriving on Saturday 13th April for this year's twinning visit. We are delighted to be welcoming 22 adults and 10 children for the weekend. We have got a range of activities organized for them and will report on the visit in next month's Meeting Point.



Annual Parish Assembly

Oveston Parish Hall
Tuesday 2nd April 7.30pm

This year the meeting will have a new format. The Annual Assembly should be viewed as an opportunity for Parishioners to enquire about, or question, the activities of the Parish Council. It should also be the forum to promote the many varied clubs and activities which regularly take place in the Parish.

During the month of March, the Council approached a number of organisations to enquire whether they would like to take part in the meeting by showcasing their club or activity for the benefit of their fellow parishioners. We have suggested that presentations should take a maximum of ten minutes.

The evening will commence with the Chairman's report and a review of the year. This will be followed by the Financial Report presented by our new Parish Clerk, Malcolm Evans. The evening will conclude with refreshments.

Oveston and Tockington W.I.

Vicki Townsend

In February we were entertained and informed by Martin Venn, an advisor from Co-op Estate Planning. His subject was Tax, Care and Toy Boys. 'Tax' was advice on the management of inheritance planning, 'Care' was about the cost of long-term care, something we need to consider although maybe prefer not to think about. 'Toy Boys' was information of how to avoid a toy boy (we should be so lucky!!), or later partner getting all the inheritance that was meant for the children. He also emphasised the importance of making a will and revisiting it regularly to check that your wishes have not changed.

For the future we are planning a tour of Bristol Docks and a visit to Highgrove House.

On our 9th April meeting, 7.30pm at Oveston Parish Hall. We will be welcoming Amanda Prowse. Mandy is a local resident, very successful author, television contributor and W.I. member, who will be recounting experiences from her busy life. Please join us, you will be most welcome.

The Sound of Music

Barbie Davies



My favourite things about the Parish Players' productions include the cracking pace, the intimacy of audience and performers in Olveston Parish Hall, and the complete commitment, discipline and enthusiasm of cast and crew. All of these result in you leaving the evening with a feeling as good as gulping the pure Alpine air that could invigorate you to climb any mountain. No wonder the shows are early sell-outs.

But 'The Sound of Music' is a big challenge for a small hall and company. For a start, how do you solve a problem like Maria? Simple! Get Sarah Wiggins to kick Connie Fisher off the mountain with her glorious voice and kissable characterisation, never mind an ability to dance like a dream. The audience were really captivated, and Julie Andrews would have applauded her diction! Christopher Plummer is reputed to have found the role of Captain von Trapp rather difficult. Not so Dan Phillips – so winning, credible and capable: the perfect partner. And Mother Abbess (Louise Luft) might have been younger than the actress in the film, but consequently had touches of mischief and warmth, as well as a lovely fulsome voice. In fact, all the nuns provided some very good plainsong and part-singing in their impish mix of humour and dignity.

But God bless the children! On stage for most of the show, they provided energy, sweetness and some excellent singing and dancing. No wonder Frau Schmidt (Judy Jones) was played with such warmth for her wards. Even the most elegant Baroness Schraeder (Amy Sunderland) fell for their charms, and we, in turn, fell for hers – a super voice and playful partner for Max Detweiler (David Proud), who provided just the right mix of well-timed clowning and kindness in his role.

As to the villains of the piece, the speed of movement, vibrant flags, carefully chosen sound effects (Mike Chappel) and costume all helped to create the menace which shadowed Europe and the production's two romances. Rolf (Marcus Burton) and Liesl (Talia Nicholls) portrayed young love most sensitively, and their beautiful young voices were a treat in 'Sixteen going on seventeen'.

By the way, how did they manage to get a delivery bike on that tiny stage? Answer: from the usual excellent stage management, and it's needed with scene changes like these. But all Andy Black's scenery worked well; like the attractive filigree abbey scene which became a summerhouse or hiding place, and the abbey colonnade which became the mansion veranda and ballroom setting. This was all enhanced by sensitive lighting (Richard Churchill) and the lovely Austrian feel of the costumes (Cath Chappel); especially the girls in white dresses with blue satin sashes.

So, thank you so much, Linda Evans, for your expert direction of yet another box office hit. And thank you Chloe Allsopp-Jones and her most able quartet for all the glorious 'sounds of music'. I shall be dancing home, if clever choreographer Jill Harris will take me in hand!

*This review is of the performance on Saturday 23rd February.
You can find out more about the Parish Players at
<https://www.facebook.com/OlvestonParishPlayers>*

Alveston Gardens Association



A Presentation on Trees for the Modern Garden will be given by Don Everett.

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall
on Monday 1st April 2019

All welcome. Visitors £3. Full programme on
www.alveston.org

Listen to BILGE and support the CRAP

Dr Rovert

Research has shown that if you remove vehicle tolls from a road or bridge, then traffic increases. As an example, when the Severn Bridge tolls were removed in December, traffic increased by an estimated 42%.

If removing tolls increases traffic, then introducing tolls should decrease it, so says The British Institute for Local Government Experiments (BILGE). After considerable research, they have come up with a Country Road Amendment Plan (CRAP) to reduce traffic on the main road through Olveston and Tockington. The proposal is to make it a toll road from The White Hart in Olveston through to The Green in Tockington.

A questionnaire to a small sample of local residents and businesses confirmed there is likely to be good support for the proposal. They said that through traffic has been a major problem for some years and that the increased traffic from the Severn Bridge has made things worse.

BILGE say the next steps with their CRAP will be as follows:

1. Obtain legal consent to designate the main road from Olveston Church Hill to Tockington Green as a Toll Road.
2. Hold two consultative meetings, both on **Monday April 1st**, to discuss charging arrangements. The first to be at the Olveston War Memorial at 10.00am and the second to be on Tockington Green at 11.00am. All residents and local business owners are invited to come along.
3. Announce a competition to design the two toll booths, one at each end. Should the designs be modern or traditional? Over to you. Entries to be submitted to the Council on or before April 15th in an envelope marked 'CRAP.'
4. Inform local people of the decisions at a Public Meeting in the Parish Hall in late April to which all local residents and businesses are invited.



Income from tolls will provide much needed funds for the Council and will be managed by their Road Improvement Planning Officer (RIPOff), to whom any queries and comments should be directed.

Deer

Trevor Cook

You don't see deer very often (or perhaps it's just me) which is strange because the Countryfile website reports that there are currently around two million deer living the UK, more than at any time since the Ice Age they say.



I have seen Roe Deer around the fields from time to time. Their footprints have certainly been found crossing my allotment and I think that some of the missing cabbage tops are their work too. However, I had not expected to encounter Fallow Deer, but when one ran across the road in the front of me on Elberton Hill, its spotted back instantly identified it. And finally,

Marelin, our Editor, told me that over in Winterbourne Down her relatives were enjoying sightings of Muntjac Deer.

As there are six types of deer found in the UK it begs the question whether any of the other three species roam the area; are there Red Deer, Sika Deer or the Chinese Water Deer living amongst us?

With the deer population increasing, there are those who wish to cull them, stating three main reasons for their proposal. Firstly, they point to the damage they do to the under-brush in woods, which is said to destroy habitat for other creatures. Secondly, they point to the increasing number of traffic accidents they cause (up to 74,000 per year is reported) and thirdly, because the ticks that they carry spread Lyme's disease.

Although it's a joy to see them, it's worth being alert to their presence especially when driving and to be aware, when walking in the countryside, that ticks are becoming increasingly common along with the deer.

See more about deer at <https://www.countryfile.com/wildlife/mammals/british-deer-guide/> and <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tick-surveillance-scheme>

Olveston Parish Hall Quiz Success

The recent Fish and Quiz evening in the Olveston Parish Hall was a resounding success! Thank you to all those who took part. The winning team was 'Minus One'. The nominated Charity this year was St. Peter's Hospice, for which we raised £500. This is now very much part of the Hall's annual events do make a diary note for the 2020 Quiz which will be held on Friday 28th February.

GWR - The Badminton Line

Wed. 3rd April, 7.30 pm. Olveston Methodist Church, The Street, Olveston

Alan Freke, a popular past speaker, recounts the history of GWR - the Badminton Line. This is a lively, informative, often humorous, account of creating a new railway route in 1903 to speed up journey times between London and South Wales.

As well as explaining how roughly 33 miles of track were laid and embankments, viaducts and tunnels created, the talk includes some fascinating anecdotes of the local aristocracy and their expectations.

All welcome...just turn up. Visitors: £2.

Olveston Parish Historical Society www.olvoston.com/historical-society



Aust Parish Council Matters

Kath Godden austparishcouncil@googlemail.com.

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm in Elberton Village Hall. This is will be your opportunity to talk to your parish councillors about parish affairs and to hear reports from the Chairman and Ward Councillor. A member of 'The Forgotten Landscape' team will also talk about the Severn Vale Festival. All are most welcome to attend.

Parish Council Elections

Parish Council Elections are held every four years. The next elections are scheduled to take place on Thursday 2nd May 2019. For information on standing for election and voting please contact electoral.services@southglos.gov.uk.



APRIL PROGRAMME

Trevor Anderson

Greetings to all readers from the Movie Club Team in Olveston. Guided by recommendations from our 'regulars,' our selection of films for April, May and June has been agreed. Movie Club members will already have received details of the programme by email and paper copies are available to pick up from just inside St Mary's Church door. Details our two April films are given below. Everyone is welcome to come along (you don't need to be a Movie Club member), admission is free and there is no need to book.

MONDAY MOVIES (7.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month)

Mon 1 April: When an old man dies from shock after winning the lottery, two life-long friends discover the body and agree that their old mate would have wanted them to benefit from his good luck. They embark upon an outrageous scheme to claim the ticket – but first they must convince all the neighbours to go along with their plan. This gentle comedy about friends pulling together to make a dream come true is a smile from start to finish. (1998, 1h 30m, Cert PG)



Mon 15 April: Based on a true-life story, this moving and uplifting film will touch the heart of everyone. When a young homeless London busker and recovering drug addict finds a ginger cat in his sheltered accommodation, he has no idea just how much his life is about to change. (2016, 1h 34m, Cert 12)



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 at any morning films.

We make no charge for entry, but we do value and appreciate a small donation towards church running costs if you have enjoyed the show.



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

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners March 2019:

£50 Matt Snell
£15 John Welsher
£5 Dave Gardner

Latest Bonus Ball Winners:

09/02/19 Ian Maunder
16/02/19 Ian Maunder
09/03/19 Paddy Gardner

Up the Down!!

25 Years of 'Friends of St Mary's'

Hi there, we just thought that we should give you a quick update about the Friends of St Mary's. Some of you may only know us by the 'winners list' in Meeting Point every month but, believe it or not, we have our 25th Birthday this year. Where has the time gone? We are a small committee who try to do our bit to help the Church and the wider Church community. Although we have organised a series of fund raisers during that time, our primary fund raiser nowadays is our 'Local Lottery'.

Some of you have been in our Lottery scheme from day one, while some of you are still contemplating joining and that's fine with us, but to try to help you decide to join, perhaps we should let you know what we have done for the Church during that time.

We have given over £100,000 to the Church which also means we have given a similar amount in prizes. Almost every FOSM member has had at least one win. We have donated to nearly every organisation that is connected to the Church including the bell ringers, the choir, the handbell ringers, the flower arrangers, the churchyard crew and the cleaners. We donated the carpets in the Church, the hymn numbers and the refurbished toilets. We provided a few sockets, cupboards and shelves and refurbished the external entrance gate lights. We have given financial help to umpteen projects and erected and decorated the Christmas tree every year throughout that time.

Anyway, that's probably enough about us to help you make up your mind.

If you would like to join our local lottery scheme and help us keep up the good work, all you have to do is fill in the form on the back of our brochure in the Church and become one of our members. Alternatively, you can ring Andy Phillips on 01454 614890 who can help you join.

How much will it cost? Just £2 a month. One pound goes to the Church through our quarterly payments and one pound goes into the prize pot, which is currently running at £400 per month, split into about 12 individual prizes. Your £2 buys a 'Lucky Number' which goes into the monthly draw (Obviously you can buy as many 'lucky numbers' as you like at £2 per go). It's nice to win but also nice to feel you are helping the local Church, which is always there for us when we need it most. Don't forget If you're not in – you can't win! We look forward to you joining soon!

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the March draw, held on 7th March 2019 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were: -

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	309	Mr & Mrs A Vizard, Tockington
£75	326	Mrs M James, Olveston
£25	421	Mr R Bush, Westbury-on-Trym
£25	536	Dr M Wright, Olveston
£25	534	Dr M Wright, Olveston
£20	494	Mr J L Henniker -Heaton, Olveston
£20	165	Mrs P A Kemp, Stoke Lodge
£20	497	Revd D Bone, Tockington
£10	468	Mr G Clark, Olveston
£10	314	Mr & Mrs R Birtle, Olveston
£10	492	Mrs J Lyons, Ingst
£10	509	Mr P Floyd, Old Down

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

Fun with Flowers

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to the Spring Flower Demonstration in the Thornbury Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday 2nd April at 2.30pm. Entrance £5.00 to include cream tea. Tickets available from the Town Hall. Please come along and support St Peter's, your local Hospice.

Thornbury Macular and Low Vision Support Group

This newly formed group offers help and support to anyone affected by vision loss, their carers, family and friends. The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 10.30am in the Methodist Church Hall, Castle Court, Thornbury.

For further details please contact John on *01454 885301*

Easter Egg Hunt/ Open Afternoon

Wednesday 3rd April 1pm -3pm

Come and join us for an Easter egg hunt in the woods at Stepping Stones Preschool in Elberton and see our lovely outside learning environment. You will have the opportunity to see the session running and will be able to join in with Easter activities in the hall, garden and adjoining woods.

For more details please visit our website www.steppingstoneselberton.co.uk or email Gill at gillpowell1961@hotmail.co.uk.

Tea and Chat

Do you find it difficult to get out and socialise? Would you like to meet other people for tea and cake once a month? Transport is provided and it's all free. The April Tea and Chat will be at 2.30 pm on Friday April 12th at 2.30 at Orchard House, Old Down Hill, Tockington.

For details or to request transport if necessary, please telephone Gail: *01454 612709* or Lesley *01454 613804*

Thanks

Many thanks to Richard, the jogger, who helped John, the cyclist, when he came off his bike in Moor Lane on Sunday 2nd Feb. John had 10 stitches in a chin wound, along with a few bumps and bruises, but is healing up well and hopes to be back on the saddle soon.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Calling all 16 to 18-year olds! Would you like to have the chance to go on an all-expenses paid course to help develop your personal and leadership skills?

If so, then read on...The Rotary Club of Thornbury is offering two places on the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) course which is being held in the Forest of Dean from 23rd to 28th July 2019. This is your chance to enjoy a memorable and enjoyable opportunity to learn and develop.

The course will provide you with the chance to set your own goals and challenge yourself through a series of practical and theoretical tasks. You will quickly become part of the team and, through your shared experiences, make new friends.



It is not an outdoor adventure programme, but activities include a ropes course, canoeing, climbing, and orienteering. These challenges, backed by theory, are used to give participants the opportunity to put their learning into practice in a safe and supportive environment.

All you need is to have a reasonable level of physical fitness and be prepared to push boundaries and challenge yourself. You will be in a group of 40 students from across the greater Bristol and Gloucestershire region.

The courses are run by professional tutors throughout the year at the centre in the Forest of Dean. Standards of safety and security of the students is paramount.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Guy Rawlinson of The Rotary Club of Thornbury, by email; guy.rawlinson@blueyonder.co.uk.

Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church Cream Teas

Our first Cream Teas for 2019 will be held on Easter Monday, 22nd April at Tockington Chapel, The Green, Tockington from 2.30pm to 5pm.



Picture by Cheryl Miller ARPS

The Charity we have chosen to support on this occasion is Jigsaw, a Thornbury based group that provides help and understanding for families who have children aged up to 25 years with additional needs and disabilities.

So, come along and join us. Enjoy a pleasant afternoon and sample some of our delicious cakes and scones with bottomless cups of tea. Also, be assured that you will be supporting a very worthy cause.

PS Please bring the sunshine with you.

Save Our Community Communion!

Mike Lewis

On the first Wednesday of most months (not January or August) there is a short Holy Communion service, followed by tea, cake and biscuits, in Daldry Gardens communal lounge. This peaceful hour, led by June Robbins, goes back many years to the days of the local Guild. Initially held in different houses each month and then in St. Mary's Church, the Community Communion found a new home at Daldry Gardens almost 20 years ago.

Everyone is welcome to attend this service. Despite the lovely short service and the delicious cake and biscuits, usually provided by Dorothy Hedges, numbers have dipped in the past year. We realise that many of us are getting older, frailer and less mobile, so it would be lovely to see some new faces to boost our numbers.

Make a note and try your best to join us. You are guaranteed a very warm welcome. The next date is Wednesday 3rd April at 2.30pm.

News from Friends of Marlwood School

FOMS are delighted to have been accepted onto the Tesco Bags of Help scheme at their Thornbury store. With Tesco's help, we hope to purchase up to £4000 of brand-new gymnastic equipment for the school. Our Gym for Teens at Marlwood School project will be in Thornbury Tesco for voting during March and April.

Every time you shop at Tesco you get a coin-sized plastic token which you deposit into the charity of your choice, and we would be very grateful for as many tokens as possible from the wider Marlwood community. The more tokens we receive the larger our grant will be.

Cancer Research UK Coffee Morning

The Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee is holding a Coffee Morning at the Alveston Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday 1st May between 10.30am and 12 noon. There will be homemade Cakes, Jams, Chutneys, Used Books, Jewellery and Crafts for sale.

Admission is £1.50 which also includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits.

Please come along and support us in raising funds for this very worthwhile Charity.

The Royal British Legion Women's Section, Olveston Branch

Our first meeting of 2019 was in March and was an opportunity for socialising and catching up. We also managed a few games of beetle. This month we are looking forward to a presentation on 'Women in Politics' and there will be a report on that in the May Meeting Point.

We will continue to meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month throughout the rest of the year.

Severn Vale Flower Club

Forging Ahead is the title of a floral demonstration to be given by Pam Lewis at our Open Meeting on Monday evening 8th April in the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury. Doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm.

Pam is an excellent demonstrator. She has done many workshops and taught herself blacksmithing. A lot of her wrought iron work is used for her designs and exhibitions. There will be Refreshments, Raffle, Plants and Sales tables.

For more information ring 01453 811089 or 01454 885213.

Golden year for Thornbury Arts Festival



A landmark anniversary will be reached this year when the 2019 Thornbury Arts Festival celebrates 50 years of bringing top class entertainment to the town. The 2019 festival runs from Friday April 26th to Saturday May 4th

As one of the longest running arts festivals in the country, the Thornbury event is run entirely by volunteers and boasts a mix of daytime and evening events to appeal to as wide an audience as possible. A strong music offering has been included for 2019, ranging from Celtic rock band RockPipes and The Temperance Seven, which specialises in popular music and jazz from the 1920s and 30s, to the multi-award-winning folk duo Show of Hands. Mezzo-

soprano Marienella Phillips will also perform during a lunchtime recital, appearing with pianist Bradley Parker.

Among other afternoon events will be Fiona Warin's humorous look at the history of allotments and the BBC's Antiques Roadshow militaria and arms expert Mark Smith sharing the history of the Victoria Cross.

Full programme details are available on the arts festival website www.thornburyartsfestival.org.uk



Severn Vale Art Trail

The Severn Vale Art Trail (part of the Thornbury Arts Festival) will be showcasing over 70 artists this year. This popular trail will run from Friday 2nd May until Sunday 12th May. The trail consists of a number of group exhibitions, together with many individual artists, displaying their work in and around Thornbury and neighbouring towns and villages in Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire. Most venues are open from 10am-4pm.

A Showcase Exhibition, offering a taste of art that can be viewed on the trail, will be on display at Papillion at Heritage on Thornbury High Street, from Friday 26th April to Sunday 28th April. Brochures of the trail, with maps and venue locations, will be available at Thornbury Town Hall and numerous other outlets.

For enquiries contact Eryl Daniels (Thornbury Arts Festival) 01454-419688 or email: eryl.daniels@gmail.com. You can also visit our virtual gallery: www.thornburyartsfestival.org.uk/severn-vale-arts-trail

April News from The Chantry

Free Family Seed Sowing Saturday 20th April

Is your family interested in growing some of your own healthy food? Plenty of people in Thornbury grow a little in tubs, in their gardens, allotments and at their schools. If you would like to join them by sowing a few veggie seeds, then please come along to our free Family Vegetable Seed Sowing event on Easter Saturday. **Sustainable Thornbury Grow Your Own Food** group will be at the Chantry ready to welcome you any time from 10am to 12 noon. We shall have some beans and other seeds together with compost and small pots to sow them in. Plus, if you would like to bring along any of your own seeds or containers, they would also be welcome. Free event. Bring the whole family – pre-schoolers to Grandparents.

Candle Making Workshop 27th and 28th April. 10am-12.30pm or 1.30pm-4pm
A fun and informative morning or afternoon session learning the basic skills to create 3 different scented soy wax container candles (ideal as handmade Christmas presents!). All materials and tools provided plus unlimited tea coffee and biscuits. For more information and booking visit:
www.MountCottageCrafts.co.uk or call 01454413103

Fundraiser Quiz Night will return on the 18th April. Come and test your knowledge at our monthly Quiz. £1 per person and up to 4 in a team; bar open.

Contact details for The Chantry: email office@thechantry.org.uk
or telephone 01454 414268

Yours Faithfully

Rev. Ann Lloyd
St.Marys, Olveston

Suppose we retold the Easter story as it might be reported now on BBC news. *'Reports are coming in that Jesus has entered Jerusalem on a donkey,'* Then as the journalist relays the news of the crucifixion, the newsreader might warn that *'some viewers may find the following scenes upsetting'*. And after describing the resurrection of Jesus, the reporter would conclude *'in all my years of reporting I've never seen anything like this.'*

Were it to happen today, the empty tomb would be treated as a crime scene, cordoned off while forensic investigators searched for evidence. The police would treat the tomb as a place where a robbery had occurred, a body had been stolen – or had it? The burial cloths were still lying there. Surely any thief would work in a hurry and would take the corpse still wrapped.

There's a famous story about an atheist rally held in Kiev in 1920, just after the Russian Revolution, when the powerful orator Bukharin came from Moscow and for an hour demolished the Christian faith with argument and ridicule. At the end there was silence. Then questions were invited. A man rose and asked to speak. He was a Russian Orthodox priest and he just said three words, the ancient liturgical greeting for Easter Day, *'Christ is risen!'* And at once the whole assembly stood up and responded *'He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'* Bukharin made no reply. That's the power of the empty tomb, when the stone is rolled away.

Enjoy your hot cross buns and your Easter eggs.



**MEETING POINT
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2018**

RECEIPTS	2018	2017	PAYMENTS	2018	2017
	£	£		£	£
Balances at 31st December 2017 and 2016					
At Bank:					
Current Account	4095.92	2634.66	Printing	12186.00	11459.00
Clubs & Charities A/C	3022.04	3015.99	Insurance	327.00	324.00
Advertisements	13296.00	14229.50	Postage	793.65	850.84
Interest	3.02	6.05	Stationery/Materials	134.89	74.00
			Book Binding	46.00	45.00
			Gratuities	29.00	-
			Corporation Tax	145.50	-
			Photocopying	5.40	5.40
			Quiz Prizes	-	10.00
			Donation - Olveston School	500.00	-

At Bank:	-	-
Cash in hand	3224.48	4095.92
Current Account	3025.06	3022.04
Clubs and Charities A/C		

20416.98	19886.20
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Documents relative to this Statement have been examined and found correct.

BRIAN ARKELL

Dated

Treasurer

13/2/2019

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

April 7	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Helen Webb
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Revs S. Oram & A. Lloyd
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Paul Harrod
April 14	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
	9.30am	Palm Sunday with Choir	Rev S. Oram & Trevor Cook
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev D. Bone
April 21	6.30am	Holy Communion (Cricket Field at Old Down)	Rev Ann Lloyd
	9.30am	Easter Holy Communion with Choir	Revs S. Oram & D. Bone
	6pm	Evensong	Trevor Cook
April 28	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	9.30am	Fourth Sunday	Janet McBride
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Rev David Moss

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Rev David Moss, 01454 415190; email: mossds@gmail.com

Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk

WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION: At 9.15am, except 4th Wed when it is at Olveston Methodist Church

Morning Prayer: 8.30am daily ex. Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

April 14	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev Ann Parker
April 21	10am	Easter 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

April 14	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black
April 21	9am	Easter: Communion by Extension	Mrs Tracey Black

Contact: Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

April 14	9am	Morning Prayer	Judith Heybyrne
April 21	9am	Easter: Holy Communion	Judith Heybyrne
April 28	9am	Morning Prayer with Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs Judith Heybyrne 01454 616725

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Apr 7	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Tim Lansdown
Apr 14	10am	St. Andrew's Ch, Filton	United Service led by Rev Simon Edwards
Apr 21	10am	Tock Ch	Easter Morning Worship led by Mr Damon Ujvarosy
Apr 28	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Rev Simon Edwards

CREAM TEAS will be served in Tockington Church and on the Green on Easter Monday from 2.30 until 5pm. Proceeds in aid of JIGSAW, a Thornbury-based charity which supports children with special needs.

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 10th April. To book your lunch, please ring 416528.

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP: will meet in the Swan at 12.15 on Thursday 18th April.

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

PRAYER MEETINGS: Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 in Olveston Methodist Church.

HOUSE GROUP: Tuesday 16th, 10.30am at 6 Manor Close led by Rev Sandy Williams.

CONTACT: Rev Simon Edwards Tel 01454 418176,

email: simon.edwards@methodist.org.uk

THE VINE House of Prayer

Pilning Street, Awkley BS35 4HL

Designated as a 'House of Prayer for all Nations' in 2005 we continue to meet in a relaxed atmosphere seeking, with God's help, to find ways to influence the world in which we live through prayer and relevant actions. We meet, 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

Apr 7	6.30pm	Alan Mann
Apr 14	6.30pm	Jonathan Brain
Apr 21	6.30pm	Michael Jenkinson
Apr 28	6.30pm	Rev Philip Hope

Each Thurs at 6.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

Contacts: Jenny Parfitt jennyparfitt@gmail.com

Sue Tett stett56@hotmail.co.uk

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact Danny Bamfield 01454 419324.

e-mail danny@thebamfields.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: Brian Hawkins, hawkinsb863@gmail.com 01454 854867

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

Diary Dates for April 2019

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

1 st Mon	Monday Movie	7.30	S+M
2 nd Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
	Tea/Coffee & Biscuit 50p Monthly Raffle		
	St Peter's Hospice Spring Flower Demo	2.30	TMH
	British Legion: 'Women in Politics' by Diane Barnwood	7.30	DGCL
	Annual Parish Assembly (Parish Council)	7.30	PH
3 rd Wed	Holy Communion followed by tea & cake	2.30	DGCL
	Table Tennis every Wednesday	7.00-8.30	PH
	OPHS: GWR & The Badminton Line	7.30	OMC
4 th Thur	Coffee Shop	9-12	S+M
	Oveston Playgroup	9.30-11.30	MH
	Thornbury Farmers' Market	9-1.30	
5 th Fri	Haven Memory Café	10.15-11.45	URC
	Thornbury Carers Support Group	1-3	Chy
6 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12	MH
	Coffee Morning	10.30-12	AVH
7 th Sun			
8 th Mon			
9 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12	DGCL
	Thornbury Memory Café	10.15-11.45	TMH
	W.I. - Mandy Prowse, 'Writer & Member'.	7.30	PH
	Aust Parish Council	7.30	EVH
10 th Wed			
11 th Thur	Oveston Playgroup	9.30-11.30	MH
	Coffee Shop	10-12	OS+
12 th Fri			
13 th Sat	Bréhan visitors arrive for weekend	12	PH
14 th Sun			
15 th Mon	Haven Memory Café	10.15-11.45	URC
	Monday Movie	7.30	S+M
16 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12	DGCL
17 th Wed	Jazz at the White Hart Oveston	8.00	
18 th Thu	Thornbury Farmers' Market	9-1.30	
	Oveston Playgroup	9.30-11.30	MH
	Coffee Shop	10-12	OS+

19 th Fri	Haven Memory Café (check it's on)	10.15-11.45	URC
20 th Sat	Coffee Morning Parish Council Surgery	10.30-12 10.30-12	MH MH
21 st Sun			
22 nd Mon	Cream teas on Tockington Green	2.30-5.00	
23 rd Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Thornbury Memory Café Olveston Parish Council	10.30- 12 10.15-11.45 7.30	DGCL TMH AP
24 th Wed	Alveston Historical Soc - The Harman family's Lundy Island, 1925 - 1969.	7.30	AMC
25 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup Craft Session	9-12 9.30-11.30 10-12	OS† MH EVH
26 th Fri	Thornbury Arts Festival commences		
27 th Sat	Coffee Morning Murder Mystery with Dinner	10.30-12 7.30	MH PH
28 th Sun			
29 th Mon			
30 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12	DGCL
Looking ahead to May			
2 nd Thurs	Parish & District Council Elections		PH

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; **OS†** – 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; ; **TMS** Tock Manor Sch.. **URC** United Reform Ch Th

Contact details for any clubs or organisations in the Meeting Point area can be found in the Meeting Point Directory on the community website: www.olvestonandaust.com. If you would like to update your organisation's details, please email: meetingpointsecretary@olvestonandaust.com

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