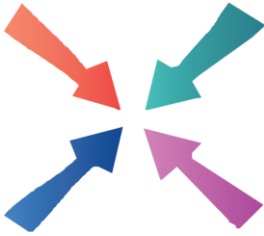


# Meeting Point



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## **From the Editor**

This time last year I was concerned that 'April Showers' would not disrupt the many local events that were being advertised in that edition of the magazine. This year, as we all know, there is a far more serious threat to our community activities and, indeed, to the health of many of our local residents. With the situation changing daily, it has been difficult to produce a magazine that is 100% accurate regarding local events, Church services and so on. We have done the best that we can under the circumstances.

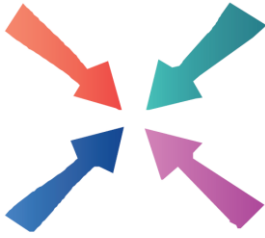
It is good that we have got some lovely, positive, articles this month. For example, the review of South Pacific, and details of the money raised for charity by the Fish and Quiz in the Olveston Parish Hall and the CRUK concert in Thornbury, make for very happy reading.

This month's cover, in recognition of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Olveston Methodist Church, was commissioned by Meeting Point and painted by Peter Floyd.

*Marelin*

Meeting Point Founded in 1976 by the Anglican and Methodist churches in Olveston, near Bristol.

**Meeting Point magazine and Meeting Point Directory are online at the  
Community Website: [www.olvestonandaust.com](http://www.olvestonandaust.com)**



## A Message to Readers from the Meeting Point Team

This edition of Meeting Point has been produced during one of the most worrying times in recent years. As we send it off to the printers (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March) the situation in the UK is still developing, as the Government is taking unprecedented peacetime measures to try to slow down the spread of COVID-19. To avoid disappointment, and with the situation changing so rapidly, we recommend checking with the organisers if you are interested in attending a particular April event. It is highly likely that many events featured here will be cancelled or postponed. We have included contact details for organisers wherever possible. **This online version of the magazine shows cancellations**

We intend to produce and circulate the magazine as normal in May, but this may be affected by circumstances beyond our control. **If we are unable to print and distribute the magazine, we still hope to gather articles and information, edit the magazine and have it available online by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month . It will be viewable at: [www.ovestonandaust.com/meetingpoint](http://www.ovestonandaust.com/meetingpoint)**

Stay well.

## Coronavirus: Help and Advice

The Village Contact Scheme (VCS), St. Mary's Olveston and Olveston Parish Council have collaborated to produce a leaflet giving details of who to contact for help and advice during the Coronavirus crisis. This leaflet should have arrived in all households by the end of March.

## 200th Anniversary of Olveston

### Methodist Church 17th-18th April 2020

#### **EVENTS POSTPONED**

Brief details of this celebration were in the March edition of Meeting Point, with the full programme due to follow this month. In the light of the current concern about the spread of the coronavirus infection, we have reluctantly made the decision to postpone our celebrations and, hopefully, reschedule much later in the year.

# Village Contact Scheme (VCS)



This month VCS is highlighting the helpful services of AgeUK located at 67 High Street, Thornbury tel. *01454411707*. Open Mon-Fri 9.30 to 1.00pm.

AgeUK offers a huge range of friendly advice on how to obtain the benefits you may need in later life. For example:

- Disability benefits and attendance allowance
- Means tested benefits
- Pension credits
- Council tax reduction
- Housing benefit

Age UK also helps lonely clients find volunteer visitors. All the safeguarding issues are taken care of and training is given. Client home visits are arranged to look for a nearby 'friend'. The need for volunteers is great, there is a waiting list of 30 people in Thornbury. See website [AgeUK.org.uk](http://AgeUK.org.uk) 'What's it like to be an AgeUK befriender?'

For more information see the VCS folders in Olveston Stores or St Mary's Church or contact Sue Farr on *614861* or Debbie Harries on *07870557961*.

## Tea and Chat **EVENT CANCELLED**

If you find it difficult to get out and socialise, why not come to Tea and Chat? Meeting once a month, Tea and Chat is for men and women just like you - people with enquiring minds who love to get out of the house to enjoy a piece of cake and some lively conversation. It's a great way to meet up with old friends and make some new ones at the same time.

The April Tea and Chat will be at the home of Pat Savage, Westmead, on Friday April 17th at 2.30. Do come along. Transport is provided and it's all free. To find out further details and to request transport if necessary, please telephone Lynn *01454 612201* or Lesley *01454 613804*

# Stone Circle Memories

*Peter Floyd*



My parents and I were bombed out of Bristol in about 1940 and, having lived with my godparents in Thornbury from 1940 to 1944 (by which time I should think everyone was pretty fed up with each other) my parents rented Cross House in Tockington when I was about 6 years old. We occupied about half of the big old house, formerly one of

Tockington's pubs, facing The Green and just opposite the Cross Circle. My father was in the AFS (Auxiliary Fire Service) and served through the Bristol Blitz, so had a phone on a tall stand; a car, CYC 265, with the fuel needed to get him into town. I was later told there were only 6 cars in the village at that time.

My friends and I were free to roam up onto Little Down, where there were butterflies on huge ant hills in the long grass of the headland; up onto the Park above Tockington Manor where the 'swinging trees' were, and down around the bottom of the village where we climbed under the bridge over the stream from Sheepcombe Valley which flows under the road. Most fields had cattle and a pond in which newts could be hunted.

I would be sent off up Oldown Hill to school of a morning, alone as I recall, in my boots with 'Blakeys' in them to protect the soles from wear, since soles and boots were in short supply. Oldown Infant School was a single huge room like a church and our teacher was Miss Durnell who, it was rumoured, could sit on her hair.

Around The Green, with no traffic (would you believe), we had road races on our bicycles. I tried to beat a 2-wheeler on my tricycle and had a terrible crash at Pool Corner, removing the skin from my knees and I think scaring my mother with rather a lot of blood. At the centre of The Green was the bleached skeleton of the Cross Tree on its massive stone circle, which we jumped off, beginning at the top end which was low and gradually moving around to the low end which was as high as me. When we tired of that, we practised jumping off backwards, but I never had the courage to jump off the very highest bit.

# April Movie Programme

Trevor Anderson

## FILM SHOWINGS NOW CANCELLED

Greetings to all readers from the Movie Club Team at St Mary's Olveston. Brief details of our two films for April are given below. More information about these films and our films for May and June can be found in our new Spring Programme leaflets which are on display just inside St Mary's Church door.

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.



**Mon 6th Apr at 7.30pm:** A fun, modern-day murder mystery drama where everyone is a suspect in the style of an Agatha Christie whodunit. When a rich author is found dead from what is first believed to be suicide, a private detective is enlisted to investigate. From the author's dysfunctional family to his devoted staff, the detective sifts through a web of red herrings and self-serving lies to uncover the truth behind the untimely death. With an all-star ensemble cast this witty and stylish film is guaranteed to keep you guessing until the very end. (2019, 2h 11m, Cert 12)

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Apr at 7.30pm:** Based on the thrilling and inspirational life of an iconic American freedom fighter, the film tells the extraordinary tale of a woman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes. Her courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history. The film serves as a sincere tribute to a pivotal figure in America's story of abolition. (2019, 2h 5m, 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.



Admission is free, 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](mailto:trevoranderson@btinternet.com)



# Olveston Parish Council

*Pat Savage*

## **Road Safety**

The Council is fully aware of the residents' concerns regarding both the volume and speed of traffic through the villages. Representatives from South Glos. Council have now visited the area and will be reporting back. In the meantime please email your concerns to [clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov](mailto:clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov)

## **Potholes**

They continue to be a problem. South Glos. Council is embarking on a programme of repairs. In the meantime, please do continue to report any to the South Glos. website.

## **Local Community Grants**

The Council is now taking applications for grants to be allocated in April. Applications please to [clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## **Parish Councillors**

The Council is now three Councillors short. In January we said goodbye to Adrian Baxter. Adrian had worked tirelessly on the Council's behalf whilst running a very successful software company and with his wife Jo raising a young family. He will be missed. If you are at all interested please contact the Clerk on [clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov](mailto:clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov)

## **VE Day Celebrations - NOW CANCELLED**

Regretfully we have taken the decision to cancel the Parish celebrations for the VE Day anniversary scheduled for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Our decision to cancel is based on the best available information at the current time.

We would like to thank all those, especially Nikki Clarke, for their support and contribution. We are conscious that many people had already put a considerable amount of hard work towards the event and are very grateful for their time and effort.

# South Pacific

Barbie Davies

It would be a crime if some of Rodgers and Hammerstein's finest songs and arrangements were sacrificed on the altar of political correctness. In fact, 'South Pacific' is a little historical and musical masterpiece. Set in a far-flung world in the turmoil of war, the warmth and success of the piece are derived from its prevailing sound moral messages: the championing of bravery and love '*sans frontières*' and a light touch of criticism at the lack of understanding between different races brought together through conflict. However, above all, 'South Pacific' is joyous and superbly crafted entertainment, and the Parish Players are good at this! Highly experienced director Linda Evans made the most of every comic, romantic and thought-provoking moment. Her casts are always well-disciplined, slick and committed to their roles.



The chorus provided really excellent singing, both in parts and solo passages, the younger members of the team showing a great deal of promise. In fact, the show opened with two such young actors (Sophie Allsopp-Jones and Nathanael Moss), singing and acting with real confidence.

The whole plot revolves around a love story (or two!). The suave free-thinking Frenchman, Emile de Becque, played with sincerity and emotion by David Proud, falls for small town American Ensign, Nellie Forbush, played by Sarah



Wiggins. Her superb skills in acting, singing and dancing combined with real warmth make her performance an utter joy and inspiration to those around her. How lucky are we to enjoy that kind of talent in tiny Tockington!

We also, of course, enjoyed very professional design and technology. Costume (Cath Chappel) was both authentic and sensitively chosen. The vast numbers of scene changes were most efficiently handled by the sharp back-stage team and Andy Black's practical, yet suitably exotic, set design. With some lovely artistic lighting and sensitive sound effects, the difficult job of transporting us to Bali Ha'i was well-achieved. And Lesley Clarke, as Bloody Mary, did a fine job of creating Bali Ha'i too, in her magical rendition of the famous number.

Bloody Mary weaves magic to lure a young GI to her daughter, Liat, delicately played by Amy Sunderland. Lt Joseph Cable (Paul Harrod), who genuinely falls for her charms, captured the decent young American most ably with real stage presence and, when confident, showed promise in his singing.

The gang of other GIs was led by fine singer, Paul Dimery (as Luther Billis), whose sense of comedy provoked some real laughter, not just when dressed in grass skirt, wig and coconut shells as Honey Bun, but in all those rumbustious scenes with the other guys. They all really supported him well in voice and visuals. Their superior officers (John Jones and Ray Hale) also had a real handle on the comic and serious moments. The chorus of girls worked just as hard, becoming nurses, nuns, or secretaries with equal panache and a lovely sense of fun.

Every musical number is a winner in this, one of Rodgers and Hammerstein's greatest shows. Musical Director Chloe Allsopp-Jones and her team yet again provided expert, spirited and sensitive support for the cast. Our heartstrings were pulled, and our feet set tapping, almost to the point of joining in, with the imaginative choreography from Jill Harris.

Seeing the Parish Players always has a feel-good factor, especially when the world is more or less set to rights amidst some romance, fun, and glorious, glorious music. Use it. Don't lose it!

## Thank You

June, Chris, Catherine and family would like to thank all those who sent cards and have visited following the death of Illyd Hughes on February 28<sup>th</sup>. It has provided a great deal of comfort to all of us.

# Olveston Parish Hall News



The recent Fish and Quiz evening was again a resounding success!

Thank you to all those who took part. The winning team was 'Waiting for Inspiration' who obviously enjoyed lots of inspiration on the night!

The nominated Charity this year was KRUNCH South West, which is a

charitable youth organisation serving the community of Thornbury and surrounding areas. The picture shows Pat Savage presenting a cheque for £600 to Penny Baker from KRUNCH.



## Wanted - Clerk to the Governing Body

Olveston CEVC primary school is an established and successful school in the village of Olveston. We are looking for an enthusiastic, motivated and organised individual to support our team of friendly and hardworking

Governors.

The Clerk would attend two governors' meetings per school term (12 meetings per year). Meetings are held in late afternoons and early evenings at the school. Outside of meetings, work would be carried out at home. The rate of pay is £10.81 per hour (£1316.16 per annum.) The start date is as soon as possible.

Please contact the Chair of Governors, Andy Hollingdale, for further details: [andrew.hollingdale@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:andrew.hollingdale@sgmail.org.uk) or phone the school office 01454 613299

# Olveston and Tockington W.I.

*Vicki Townsend*

At our February meeting we had an interesting talk by Hugh Price, a volunteer member of Avon and Somerset Search and Rescue. The team works in conjunction with the emergency services in a missing person situation. Many searches have taken place in the Cheddar and Avon Gorges, involving rock climbing in hazardous environments. Fast running water is another dangerous element they have faced on other occasions. The team members must be very fit, and continuous training in the various situations ensures that they are kept as safe as possible. The sobering result of searches is that many of their victims are no longer alive, suicide, mental illness and dementia being contributory factors. Hugh told us that knowing that they are helping families in their time of distress, together with the camaraderie of working with the team and the emergency services, spurs the members on to volunteer in this unending but rewarding work.

A group of members visited Oakham Treasures at Portbury in February. Oakham is an interesting museum of memorabilia from the 20<sup>th</sup> century. A real 'blast from the past' for members, most of us grew up with many of the exhibits!! We followed this with a very pleasant lunch at the museum café.

The next meeting will be on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, and Gill Leaper will talk about 'Butterfly Space'. **THIS EVENT IS NOW POSTPONED OR CANCELLED**

## New Girls' Cricket Team

The newly established Tockington and Thornbury Tornadoes cricket team is looking for players and holding a welcome training session for girls of any age to come and try the sport. This collaboration between Tockington Manor School and Thornbury Cricket Club is fully supported by the Gloucestershire Cricket Board to promote and develop the game of cricket amongst girls, following increased interest in the sport and the success of the England Women's team and local team, Western Storm. Regular training sessions at Thornbury Cricket Club run from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. For more information email: [rhawkins8097@gmail.com](mailto:rhawkins8097@gmail.com)

**THIS EVENT IS NOW POSTPONED OR CANCELLED**

# A Glorious Celebration of Severn Salmon Fishing

**EVENT POSTPONED OR CANCELLED**

THE GLORIOUS UNCERTAINTY  
Salmon Fishing in the River Severn



Nick Large

*In association with Thornbury & District Museum*



‘The Glorious Uncertainty -  
Salmon Fishing in the River

Severn’ was written by local resident and ex-Marlwood teacher Nick Large, and is jam packed with over 120 photographs.

Nick started recording this local industry in the mid-1960s, not knowing that he was documenting the end of 1,000 years of history. The decline of the industry accelerated during the time that Nick was investigating it. In June 2019, the Environment Agency placed a prohibition order on taking any salmon from the Severn, such has been the deterioration of stocks.

On Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> April, Olveston Parish Historical Society is very pleased to welcome museum volunteers Meg Wise and Tony Cherry to Olveston. They will talk about how Nick was persuaded, over a period of three years, to turn his copious research (including countless interviews with Severn fishermen on both sides of the river) into a book. They will explain how, when Nick very sadly and unexpectedly died in December 2018, just before finishing the book, they took on the job of completing the work.

It was an enormous task, but it has all been worth it. The book is stunning. Nick was a brilliant photographer and he wrote in a most engaging style. This is local history at its best and serves as a fitting tribute to its author. Copies will be on sale for £20.

As an added bonus, we are delighted also to welcome Christabelle Tymko, who worked her father’s ranks of salmon putchers at Oldbury-on-Severn, when he went off to war. Come and join us for a very fishy evening!

**Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> April. 7.30. Methodist Church, The Street, Olveston BS35 4DR**  
**All are welcome; visitors pay £2. **EVENT POSTPONED OR CANCELLED****

# News from St. Mary's



*Debbie Harries*

Following the latest government guidance, **St Mary's Church services with congregations are cancelled until further notice.**

## **Save the date!**

We very much hope that we will be holding 'The 1920's Ball' on Saturday 4th July in the marquee at Tockington Manor. Tickets £60. More information will follow, but for any enquiries please contact Debbie on 07870557961 or Julia on 07966302762.

## **From the Registers of St. Mary's, Olveston**

February 22nd                      Marriage of Jack Robert Cannon and Emma Victoria Knight

March 8<sup>th</sup>                              Baptism of Alys Charlotte Hallworth and Luke Thomas Hallworth, daughter and son of John and Joanne Hallworth

## **Aust Parish Council Matters**

*austparishcouncil@googlegmail.com.*

### **Parish Council meeting - PUBLIC EVENT - NOW CANCELLED**

The annual meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 7:30pm and all are welcome. The guest speaker this year will be PC Will Price, the Severnside Beat Manager. This is a good opportunity to meet him, put a face to the name and find out what he is doing to keep us safe.

### **Parish Clerk**

Kath Godden has now left, and the Council would like to extend a thank you to her for the work she has done in the 12 months she has been Parish Clerk. The Council is in the process of recruiting a new Clerk and it is hoped it will be successful in finding a replacement soon. In the meantime, if you have any queries please contact the Chairman, Catherine Collinson: *catherine.collinson@btinternet.com.*

# Tockington Together

It hasn't always been easy to get to know each other in Tockington, the village having no shop or school. Five years ago, a group of local people decided to try and find ways to bring the community together. Cath, Mandy and Katie set up the Tockington Together Facebook Page and invited everyone to 'Meet Your Neighbours' at the Swan one evening in March 2015. The evening was a great success and spurred the First Friday Locals' evenings on the first Friday of each month at the Swan. Discussion that evening also resulted in the annual Carols on the Green and Big Lunches as well as increased community involvement in the annual Harvest Fair in September.

To mark five years of Tockington Together, we are holding a **Tockington Get-Together** on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at the Parish Hall from 6.30pm**. (The evening will probably run until about 9.30pm). Just bring a plate of food to share, BYO whatever you and your family would like to drink and maybe some activities and toys for keeping the children entertained. Anyone free to come from 6pm to and set up tables and chairs/music etc would be welcome!

We hope the evening will be another chance for everyone to get to know those neighbours they may not have met and maybe find out more about what's going on in our village! If anyone has any queries, you're welcome to email [cathpurchase@hotmail.com](mailto:cathpurchase@hotmail.com)

Hope to see you there! **EVENT NOW POSTPONED/CANCELLED**

## CATS is coming to Olveston **CANCELLED**

Come and hear all about CATS at the Olveston Methodist Hall on Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30pm. CATS (Climate Action Thornbury and Surroundings) is a part of Sustainable Thornbury and was formed in response to the October 2018 report of the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) which told the world of the need to become Carbon Neutral within just a few years if we are to ward off the worst impacts of climate change.

We in CATS believe it should be possible for Thornbury and all the surrounding areas to become carbon neutral by 2030 if we act now. All of us will have a part to play, as individuals and as associates of the companies we work for, the institutions we study at and the clubs and societies we participate in. CATS is starting to work with local government, businesses, community groups and other organisations to develop projects that will contribute to a

carbon neutral future. Projects will enable reductions in carbon emissions and also increased biodiversity of wildlife.

Meanwhile we are currently holding monthly educational meetings open to the public (optional £1.00 donation for room hire) on climate solution issues. They will usually be at the Chantry in Thornbury but in April we will be out and about with meetings in Alveston (St Helen's Church on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>) and Olveston (Olveston Methodist Hall on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.) Both meetings will start at 7.30pm. We will tell people what CATS is trying to achieve and find out how we can fit in with initiatives already going on in the villages. If you can't make the meeting for your village, you will be very welcome to turn up at the other one.

In May we will back in Thornbury on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> for another themed evening, probably on waste and recycling. Previous themed meetings have been held on local biodiversity and how the local councils work. For further information and details of the next meetings contact [cats@sustainablethornbury.org](mailto:cats@sustainablethornbury.org) or go to [www.sustainablethornbury.org](http://www.sustainablethornbury.org).

## Auditor Needed

A local Olveston Society is looking for a volunteer qualified accountant who would be willing to audit their annual accounts. Accounts are on an Excel spreadsheet and very simple. They need to be authorised by June 2020.

If you are able to help please contact Thornbury Volunteer Centre on 01454 413392 or email [mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk](mailto:mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk)

## Collectors' Book Fair **CANCELLED**

An annual Observer's Collectors' Book Fair takes place at Easter Compton Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 12 noon.

In its 15<sup>th</sup> 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 like natural history, transport and 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.

# Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner  
07889 727729

## 150 Club Winners March 2020:

£50 Reg Purchase  
£15 Greg Welsher  
£5 Ian Bradly

## Latest Bonus Ball Winners:

08/02/20 Roger Riggs  
15/02/20 Reg Purchase  
29/02/20 Greg Welsher

The Club is actively recruiting in the 11 years to 15 years age groups. If you have children interested, please contact Reg Purchase on 07778 701703.

# Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the March draw, held on 5th March 2020 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	370	Dr M Wright, Olveston
£75	598	Mr P Haworth, Olveston
£25	413	Mr R Lloyd, Tockington
£25	256	Mrs C Healey, Olveston
£25	455	Mrs C Phillpott, Tockington
£20	617	Mrs F Tait, Elberton
£20	596	Mr P Haworth, Olveston
£20	348	Mr & Mrs D I Copley, Olveston
£10	573	Mr P Haworth, Tockington
£10	286	Mr R Thorne, Dorchester
£10	460	Mr & Mrs R Smith, Olveston
£10	194	Mr J Brown, Alveston
£10	249	Mr & Mrs R Williams, Olveston

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



# U3A Welcome Meeting - CANCELLED

Thornbury and District U3A has nearly 1,800 members and around 90 different interest groups meeting at various venues throughout the area, but there is always room for more! The groups mainly meet during the day and interest range from Archaeology to Walking with all subjects in-between. Details of all our groups, including Group Leader contact details, venue and times of meeting, can be found on our website – [www.thornburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.thornburyu3a.org.uk).

Our next Welcome Meeting will be held on Monday 20th April at 3:30 pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Road, Thornbury, BS35 1DR. Please come along, we would love to meet meet you. For further information visit our website or phone our Membership Secretary, Jackie Gitsham, on 858438 or our Chairman, Norman Taylor, on 418396. **CANCELLED**

## New Use for Telephone Box?

*Sue Farr*

Having just discovered the Alveston Book Share in their old Telephone Kiosk, I wondered whether there was interest in improving the one in Tockington which is damp untidy and neglected?

I am not sure how it is set up but there must be other readers in Tockington, like myself, who would be interested in helping to use and maintain it? Please contact me on [farrdoodie@hotmail.com](mailto:farrdoodie@hotmail.com)

## Alveston Gardens Association



'Out and About with AGA'  
presented by Roland Harley.  
**CANCELLED**

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall  
on Monday 6th April 2020

All welcome – Visitors (£3)

Full programme on [www.alveston.org](http://www.alveston.org)

# Thornbury Fitness Festival

**PROBABLY POSTPONED OR CANCELLED - CONTACT ORGANISER**

Thornbury is going to host its first Fitness Festival 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at the Armstrong Hall Complex and we want you to save the date so that you can join in with as many of the fun activities as possible and also tell your regular instructor to contact us to be a part of the Festival!

Our local fantastic band Ride the Edge are playing a session on the Friday night at registration night when you pop to Armstrong Hall to sign up for your choice of sessions over the weekend. There will be an exercise session to live music, a raffle then free dancing to get the weekend off to a bang!

Over the Saturday and Sunday local instructors will be delivering amazing sessions to give you a taste of what their classes are like but also to give their regular members something special for this fundraising weekend. All independent instructors in Thornbury and surrounding areas are invited to be part of the Festival. Please contact Natasha as soon as possible to be in the leaflet being delivered in April and to reserve a session for your class. Any class style considered – it's a Festival – let's celebrate all the wonderful and diverse exercise opportunities in our area!

We also want to hear from as many local Personal Trainers as possible so we can include them in the Festival. There is a special session for local PTs to bring their clients to called The Victory Games where each PT brings 5 clients, each group pays £30 and the winning group chooses which charity receives the subs from The Victory Games It's all to play for! Fancy dress fully encouraged for this fun competitive session.

For more information please contact Natasha Johnson 07810068722  
[natashaleschinski@gmail.com](mailto:natashaleschinski@gmail.com).

## Severn Vale Flower Club

Please note that there will be no meeting 15<sup>th</sup> April with Sally Taylor. This has been postponed until June when Sally will be doing the demonstration. Afterwards tea and cake will be provided. This is instead of our usual strawberry tea which we have in June.

Members should remember to check their programme.

# Cancer Research UK

## Concert

In February a most enjoyable musical evening was held at the United Reformed Church in Thornbury. The event was to raise money for CRUK and was run by the local Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee. String players from the Poets Quartet played music by Mozart, Chopin and Massenet, and joined with the Thornbury Good Afternoon Choir to accompany them in some of their songs. Organizer, Jennie Watson, was pleased it all went so very well and wishes to thank all who gave so generously to the retiring collection, raising £1100 for Cancer Research UK.

## Quiz - **NOW CANCELLED**

Unfortunately, the quiz night with Fish and Chip supper on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at Manorbrook Primary School, Thornbury, is now **cancelled** in the light of the current coronavirus situation. FFI: Gill Blackborough on 07866580608

## Severn Vale Art Trail **CANCELLED**

The Severn Vale Art Trail (part of the Thornbury Arts Festival) will be showcasing almost 70 artists this year. This popular free event runs from Friday 1st May until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. The Trail comprises a number of group exhibitions, together with many individual artists, displaying their work in Thornbury, neighbouring towns and villages in Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire. Take a break from the Trail and enjoy artwork, coffee or lunch at The Anchor Pub, Morton! Most venues are open from 10am-5pm.



This Art Trail is a wonderful opportunity for the public to access and view the work of established and new artists across the Severn Vale area. Art works range from watercolour and oil paintings to photographic prints, enamel and glass work, jewellery, basket weaving, pottery and wood carving. Visitors will

have the opportunity to talk with the artists about their work, and buy high quality art at affordable prices.

A Showcase Exhibition, offering a taste of art that can be viewed on the Trail, will be on display at Papilio at Heritage on Thornbury High Street, from

Thursday 23rd April to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. A free colour brochure, with maps and venue locations, will be available from Thornbury Town Hall, numerous other outlets and online.

For enquiries contact Eryl Daniels (Thornbury Arts Festival) 01454 419688 or email: [eryl.daniels@gmail.com](mailto:eryl.daniels@gmail.com). You can also visit our virtual gallery: [www.thornburyartsfestival.com/arttrail](http://www.thornburyartsfestival.com/arttrail)

## News from Local Schools

Olveston School is always pleased to receive news from former pupils and was delighted to hear that the four boys selected by Marlwood to take part in the Regional Final of this year's UK Mathematics Trust Team Maths Challenge had all attended Olveston School. The team did amazingly well, coming 5<sup>th</sup> out of 20 schools (behind four Independent schools). Well done boys – the school is extremely proud of you!

Tockington Manor School and Nursery have been named winners of a nationwide Marks and Spencer EPIC Primary Schools Plastic Challenge by Wastebuster. Children learned about the impact of plastic waste on the environment and how to recycle plastics at home.

## Charity Fashion Show

In February, The Almondsbury Gymkhana Horse and Pony Show held a very successful charity fund-raising event at M&Co fashion store in Thornbury. Local volunteer models ranging from 2 years old through the generations to more mature ladies, delighted the spectators and were further entertained when Josh, a paramedic with Great Western Air Ambulance was also willing to take to the catwalk and model the menswear, accompanied by Charlie the GWAA bear mascot. The evening was captured on camera by local professional photographer, Sarah Button, who kindly donated her photography skills for the evening, and donated a photo shoot raffle prize. ([www.sarahbuttonphoto.com](http://www.sarahbuttonphoto.com))

The wide range of choice at M&Co meant that all ages, heights and sizes could be easily catered for and we had a wonderful selection of clothes paraded before us. The tills were buzzing at the interval as people mingled and shopped. We are extremely grateful to Sue Kettle and her staff for hosting and running this event.

With donations from a number of local shops, we were able to run a great raffle, and overall, with the ticket sales, we were delighted to have raised just over £600. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.

# Allison and Calvin Dix

*Pat Thirkettle*

When I interviewed Eric Garrett last September, I said he was that rare person nowadays who has lived all his life in Olveston Parish. Now Allison, his daughter, tells me she is the fourth generation on her mother's and father's side, (surnames of Thomas - Browning, Organ - Garrett) who have lived in the Parish for over a hundred years....the Thomas and Brownings have lived in several adjacent houses on Upper Tockington Road where Allison and Calvin live.

Allison went to Olveston and Marlwood Schools before joining Rolls Royce as a Secretarial Trainee, travelling to work with several of her family who were already there. She stayed for sixteen years and finished as Senior Secretary for Company Staff, before leaving to become a full-time mother. She met her husband, Calvin, through mutual friends and they married in 1996. Calvin is a farmer's son from Oxfordshire, and much to my surprise I discovered his sister is Delia Robins from Olveston. Before getting married they spent time in New Zealand with Allison's family and in fact became engaged in Queenstown while they were there. They 'ran away' to St Ives to get married secretly but invited family and friends to a big garden party a week later in The Old Forge, where they were then living. Their son George was born in 1997 and he is the fifth generation of the family to go to Olveston School.



Calvin started a building business locally in 2004 which has expanded through word of mouth. In 2011 he started building their new home in the garden of The Old Forge part time, while still working for others. Applefields was ready to move into by December 2013, and today is a beautiful house. Calvin's interest lies in wood, either up cycling or creating small pieces of furniture, bowls and ornaments. He particularly loves collecting and renovating antique carpentry tools.

Allison does the business accounts and provides the same service for an expanding activated carbon business in Alveston. She also looks after her extended family, including her father who is now living in The Old Forge. They love walking, going to the theatre, especially when watching their son George perform, visiting National Trust properties and touring the UK and France. Calvin loves sea fishing, rural crafts and bird watching, a country boy at heart, just as Allison is very much a Tockington girl, and after twenty-three years of marriage they have yet to have a cross word!

# Yours Faithfully

*Fr. George Malecki  
Christ the King, Thornbury*

Fleeting glimpses of major cities in a whistle -stop tour can leave the experience of one city much like another. To discover a city's true beauty and charm, it is not enough to simply follow the crowd or the guidebook. You have to step off the beaten track and explore the humble side streets and out-of-the-way places to discover its true spirit.

To witness the crucifixion as a stranger and a visitor to Jerusalem, you would only have had to follow the crowds heading for Golgotha. A public execution was very much a form of entertainment. The evidence for Jesus' death was brutal, public, unavoidable His resurrection, however, takes place in the quiet and in the dead of night, far from public gaze.

Perhaps the women, the first witnesses to the resurrection, who went to the tomb, did not quite know what they were looking for. To find the resurrection they had to search for it. The resurrection is not an event that can be witnessed at second hand. When the women had seen their risen Lord, they could not convince their friends. The disciples must go and see. They must go themselves and look.

It can be tempting for us to avoid looking for the resurrection. We can continue to be focused in on our own failures and weaknesses and forget that Christ came to lift us out of these and to bring us, no matter what life might throw at us, a sense of peace and joy. There is an innate desire to blend in with the crowd. It can give us a feeling of security even though we may only be half alive. But if we are prepared to look and to search, we will discover what we are truly looking for. When we witness so much suffering, we do not always know where to look for the signs of hope – just as the women at the tomb did not know what they would find.

The light in the darkness will be revealed to us by God if we are prepared to search for it. The crowd may not notice. Our friends may be unbelieving or take some persuading. But when we open ourselves up to God in the midst of confusion and pain, we **will** meet the Risen Jesus. And that will change us forever. A Happy and Holy Easter to all.

## Church News

Please note that there are many changes to Church Services this month. Details of changes from St. Mary's are given within the main part of the magazine. Please use contact details given here for more information from other churches. Thank you.

**ALL CHURCH SERVICES HAVE NOW BEEN CANCELLED.**

### ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

April 5	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Helen Webb
	10am	PALM SUNDAY: Holy Communion with Choir	Revs S Oram & A Lloyd
	6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Paul Harrod
April 10	1pm	Walk of Witness from North Severnside churches to St Mary's, Olveston	
	2pm	Good Friday Service	
April 12	6.30am	Benefice Sunrise Communion, at Old Down Cricket Field	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	EASTER DAY: Holy Communion with Choir	Rev S Oram & Trevor Cook
	6pm	NO SERVICE	
April 19	10am	Service with the Methodists for the 200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Olveston Methodist Chapel	No service at St Mary's
	6pm	Evensong	Revd. David Moss
April 26	10am	Service of Celebration for 'Sow and Grow' with Mike Beresford, Director, Christian Engineers in Development (CED)	Janet McBride
	6pm	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev David Moss

**Information on services correct at time of going to press.**

**Rev David Moss**, 01454 415190; email: [mossds@gmail.com](mailto:mossds@gmail.com)

**Rev Steve Oram**, 07830 151622; email: [steve.oram@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:steve.oram@blueyonder.co.uk)

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

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

**WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION:** At 9.15am, except 4<sup>th</sup> Wed when it is at Olveston Methodist Church 9.15am

**Morning Prayer:** 8.30am daily ex. Wed

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## CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

April 12	10am	Easter Holy Communion	Rev Ann Parker
April 26	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Parker

**Focal Minister:** Rev Ann Parker 01291 329569 e-mail  
 annatdibley@btinternet.com  
 or Trevor Cook, 01454 618442.

**Church Wardens:** Jon Burnett 633835 & Jenn Dickens 632035

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

April 12	9am	Easter Day Communion	Mrs Tracey Black
April 26	9am	Holy Communion	Rev Steve Oram

Contact: Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

April 12	9am	Easter Holy Communion	Judith Heybyrne
April 26	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs Judith Heybyrne 01454 616725

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

April 5	10.30	St Andrew's Ch Filton	Morning Worship led by Rev Simon Edwards
April 12	10am	Olv Ch	EASTER. Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by David Bainbridge
April 19	10am	Olv Ch	United 200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service led by the Chairman of District Rev Dr Jonathan Pye, and Rev Simon Edwards. 200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service led by Rev Dr Lord Griffiths and Rev Simon Edwards
	6pm	Olv Ch	
April 26	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr J Creech

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> April To book your lunch, please ring 416528.

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP:** will meet at The Swan at 12.15 on Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> April.

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

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

**CREAM TEAS:** Tockington Chapel and The Green on Easter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2.30 to 5pm

**CONTACT:** Rev Simon Edwards tel 01454 418176

email: [simon.edwards@methodist.org.uk](mailto:simon.edwards@methodist.org.uk)



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### **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**

April 5	6.30pm	Steve Loader
April 12	6.30pm	Tony Ward
April 19	6.30pm	Wully Perks
April 26	6.30pm	Alan Mann

Each Thurs at 7pm Prayer & Praise Time

Contacts Jenny Parfitt [jennyparfitt@ymail.com](mailto:jennyparfitt@ymail.com)

Sue Tett [stett56@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Mass at 10am

Tel 01454 412223, [www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk](http://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](mailto:hawkinsb863@gmail.com) 01454 854867

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

# Diary Dates for April 2020

The information given below is subject to change in the light of Government advice.

**NOTE: FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS, ALL EVENTS LISTED HERE ARE LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. IF IN DOUBT, CHECK WITH ORGANISERS.**

1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Brownies Table Tennis, every Wednesday: <b>Cancelled</b> OPHS - Severn Salmon Fishing	6.15-7.45 7-8.30 7.30	WR PH OMC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	Coffee Shop Thornbury Farmers' Market Olveston Playgroup St Peter's Hosp, Flower Demo, Sally Taylor Rainbows RBL Women, 'SS Great Britain'	9-12 9-1.30 9.30-11.30 2.30 6-7 7.30	OS+  MH TMC WR DGCL
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	Haven Memory Café Thornbury Carers' Support Group	10.15-11.45 1-3pm	URC Chy
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Litter Pick	10.30-12 1pm	MH PH
5 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Classic Car Meet, Old Down Country Park	10-1	
6 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club practice Monday Movie	1.30 7.30	AH StM
7 <sup>th</sup> Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Tea/Coffee & Biscuits 50p Monthly Raffle Macular & Low Vision Support Group	10.30-12  10.30	DGCL  TMH
8 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Brownies	6.15-7.45	WR
9 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	Olveston Playgroup Coffee Shop Craft Session	9.30-11.30 10-12 10-12	MH OS+ LVH
11 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12 10.30-12	AVH MH
13 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Cream Teas: Tockington Chapel & the Green	2.30-5.00	TCh
14 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Thornbury Memory Café Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Aust Parish Council - Annual Meeting WI	10.15-11.45 10.30-12 7.30 7.30	TMH DGCL EVH PH
15 <sup>th</sup> Wed	USA Investment Club, tel 418974 Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	10.00 8-10.30	TCh

16 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	Thornbury Farmers' Market Olveston Playgroup Coffee Shop	9-1.30 9-30-11.30 10-12	MH OSt
17 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Haven Memory Café	10.15-11.45	URC
18 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning & Olveston PC Surgery	10.30-12	MH
20 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Monday Movie	7.30	StM
21 <sup>st</sup> Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12	DGCL
22 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club demonstration Brownies Alveston Hist Soc - Royal Palaces of Cheddar	2pm 6.15-7.45 7.30	AH WR AMC
23 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	Coffee Shop Craft session Rainbows	9-12 10-12 6-7	OSt LVH WR
25 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Olveston Parish Council Surgery	10.30-12 10.30-12	MH MH
28 <sup>th</sup> Tues	Thornbury Memory Café Friends of Daldry Gardens coffee morning 'Sew Almondsbury'. £3, Jo, 07511 807 586 Olveston Parish Council	10.15-11.45 10.30-12 7-9 7.30	TMH DGCL OSH AP
29 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Brownies	6.15-7.45	WR
30 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	Coffee Shop Craft Session Rainbows	9-12 10-12 6-7	LVH WR

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

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