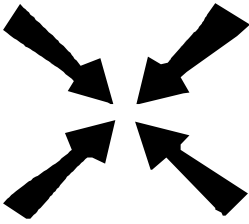


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From the Editor

March 2015 is the 30th anniversary of the registration of the first 'dot com' internet domain. What on earth did we do before e-mail, Google, Wikipedia, e-bay, Facebook etc, etc? Thankfully Meeting Point is still produced as a hard copy for every household, but of course it is also available on-line from our community's very own website olvestonandaust.com, along with much else besides.

And it's the 'much else besides' that is the key to understanding the internet's huge influence and success. But its accessibility, as well as the breadth of its reach, is vital. One of my treasured memories of the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympics is of Sir Tim Berners-Lee saying 'this is for everyone'.

You might be interested to know that a pretty impressive partial eclipse of the sun is due on Friday 20th March, from about 8.30 to 10.30. Hope for a cloudless sky!

The cover: Aust Evangelical Chapel, photo by Peter Haworth.

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Bill and Betty Morgan



Profile by Pat Thirkettle

Bill was last interviewed for Meeting Point in 2005 when he was assistant editor. He became Chairman of the Meeting Point Committee, a job he relinquished in October 2012 in order to devote himself, with Betty, full time to the creation of a museum and learning facility to be called the Bristol Aerospace Centre which will open in Filton in the spring of 2017.

This project grew from humble beginnings called the Bristol Aero Collection, housed in a hangar at Kemble airfield in Gloucestershire, the only affordable place. For many years Betty organised volunteers and Bill was involved in the management of the charity. In 2012/13, at great expense, the Collection moved into store in the old Brabazon hangar at Filton, where they have a lease expiring in July 2016. Thus the Collection was back in its birthplace, together with Concorde and a Bristol Blenheim aircraft rescued from the Californian desert and transported back by land and sea; rather like an aircraft version of the Great Britain rescue.

When the museum and learning Centre opens in 2017, archive material collected from BAE Systems, Rolls- Royce, Airbus and others will provide the definitive record of aircraft and engine design and production in Bristol from the foundation of the Bristol Aeroplane Company in 1912 to the present day. Much of this material has national significance. The social history of the Patchway/Filton area will be described by oral memories of those who lived and worked there. The geographical history of the area will be displayed by a chronologically layered exhibit, from pre aircraft production days up to the present new housing development, showing the Centre which will be accessed from Hayes Way, the new road between Patchway and the Mall.

Exhibits are not restricted to aircraft and aero engines; many different products were engineered on the site. The first exhibit as you walk into the Centre will be an 1895 Bristol horse drawn tram, others will include: the Bristol car, a glass fibre boat, a prefab house structure, an unmanned under-water device and pioneering satellites such as Prospero and Envisar, the last and largest Space article produced in Filton.

All this needs large numbers of volunteers to prepare the exhibits, their recruitment being Betty's job. At present she has a hundred and twenty five who work on restoration, archive material, and administration. When the centre opens seven days a week, she will need another two hundred and fifty as guides and helpers. Luckily she has a potential pool of volunteers both from those retiring from Rolls- Royce and Airbus and others wanting to be involved with heritage and visiting public.

The BAC Trust has over four hundred members who receive quarterly newsletters and a winter series of monthly talks. Sir George White, great grandson of the founder, is involved with the Trust. The Centre will occupy nine and a half acres and three hangars; the first two being listed WW1 hangars that will house the older exhibits from 1910 to 1960 and the third will be built for Concorde and evolving new technologies. The total cost will be £16 million, most of which is pledged, leaving only £2.3 million outstanding.

Bill retired in 1992, and since then he and Betty have been involved with this local industrial heritage, first in Kemble and now at Filton. Now funding is well under way, the future is exciting.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU FROM THE ALVESTON SINGERS

During 2014 Alveston Singers performed two concerts in June and two in December to raise monies for their chosen charities.

At the Christmas concerts they collected just over £1077. This, in addition to the summer collections and other donations means

a total of £3000 was raised.

The monies will be shared equally by

**Parkinson's UK & Hope for Tomorrow (Mobile
Chemotherapy Units)**

News from St Mary's

Lent Preachers

Roly Bain

We used to have Advent Talks but now we've got Lent preachers at our 10am services. On March 1st, The Revd Sandy Williams who used to be the minister at Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church returns to Olveston. She was a lecturer at Wesley College till it closed down. On March 8th the Revd Patrick Forbes, who founded Holy Fools with me, is coming. He's a broadcaster and author, and was Broadcasting Officer for the Church of England for a while, before doing the same job for Mission to Seamen. March 15th is our Mothering Sunday service, and on March 22nd we've got Bishop George Cassidy, formerly Bishop of Southwell in Notts, and now Assistant Bishop in this Diocese on his retirement. He fondly remembers being custard -pied by me! Our final preacher on March 29th, Palm Sunday, is Preb Carl Attwood, Rector of Colwall in Herefordshire for many years, but also a concert pianist amongst other things, who I was at college with many moons ago. They're an interesting lot - why not come along and find out for yourself.

Lent Films & Lunches

On Tuesdays in Lent, we're showing films again, for the fifth year running. I hope you didn't miss Chariots of Fire on Feb 24th! On Mar 3rd it's 'The Grapes of Wrath' starring Henry Fonda. Robert Duvall stars as 'The Apostle' on March 10th, and we finish off with that TV classic, 'Jesus of Nazareth' starring Robert Powell. The original series was six episodes but this will be in two parts, lasting four and a half hours over the two nights. This film has become the standard against which all other films on the life of Christ must be judged. On Fridays from 12.30 till 2pm, we're serving soup lunches with bread and water. Both the lunches and the films are in aid of Christian Aid - we're not doing a door to door collection in May this year - so donations at both would be most welcome.

Olveston Fete - Church and School Together

Preparations are already underway for the Fete on June 20th with the church and the school joining forces once again. We were wondering whether anyone wants to sponsor one of the stalls, either individuals or local businesses. Things like the plant stall, the book stall, or the cream teas or one of the sideshows - something that's appropriate to you. The Fete will take place in the church, the Vicarage garden, the school playground and school hall. The Portishead Concert Band are providing the music - perhaps you'd like to sponsor them!

The Beach Ball

After two changes of date, the Ball is finally settled on Friday, July 10th in the marquee at Tockington Manor. Manhattan Nights are providing the music again, and it's black tie with a splash of the seaside. Tickets at £60 are available from Julia Johnstone on 07966 302762.

One Life. What's it all about?

Christianity Explored is an informal course for anyone who wants to think about what Christianity says about the meaning of life. You can ask any question you want, and meet other people who are interested in the same topic. A course will

be running on Sunday evenings starting in March at Littledown, Haw Lane, Olveston. Each session will begin with cheese and wine and will include a DVD about the life of Jesus Christ. You can come to one or more sessions. For more details, please contact Lynn or Peter Shelley on 01454 612201.

Back to Front

Our next Back to Front is on March 22nd at 4pm, but delicious cake is served from 3.45pm. Come along for a time of praise and worship - there's stuff for the kids too.

Beaver (*Castor Fiber*)

There is a mystery in Devon: For the first time in 500 years wild Beavers have been found breeding on the river Otter. Nobody knows where they came from or how they got there. It's a puzzle.



Beavers are Europe's biggest rodent, and were hunted to extinction in Britain due to their sumptuous thick, soft and waterproof coats. Also for their "castoreum oil" which is secreted from the base of their tails. In medieval times this medicinal oil was used to treat headaches and today scientists have discovered it contains salicylic acid from the willow trees they eat. Salicylic acid is an active ingredient of aspirin! Our ancestors knew a thing or two didn't they.



There is controversy about Beavers being reintroduced. Their dam building is renowned. Beavers teeth never stop growing, so they can continue chewing tree trunks all their lives. Inside their mud lined lodges they will also build an underwater larder of fresh cut branches to supply leaves all winter. This can alter the course of rivers, forming new ponds and canals; encouraging more aquatic plants to form a better habitat for fish some say. For others it's vandalism, causing water stagnation and killing fish. Some say chewing down trees is terrible, others that it's natural coppicing, allowing light into the woods, again improving diversity.

Whatever your opinion, it appears Beavers are coming back. Might be worth keeping an eye on the streams, if it can happen in Devon... Who knows.

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The Great Olveston Wine Challenge

Friday 20th March 2015

One of the most popular events of the local social calendar, the OPTA wine challenge, is on Friday 20th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. We challenge you to test your knowledge of wines - and your ability to drink them. You will be served a selection of anonymous, and hopefully delicious, wines and all you have to do is match the wines to the descriptions on your answer sheet. The evening is sure to be great fun - it always is.

Tickets cost £12 for OPTA members and £14 for non-members, to include all the wines and some tasty nibbles.

To make sure of your place you will need to buy your tickets in advance - please call Noel on 01454 614099.

Stop Press: The French are coming.....

We have heard from our French friends in the village of Bréhan, Brittany. They are planning their visit to Olveston for the weekend of May 1st to 3rd. We will be giving out more details of this visit nearer the time but if you do want to find out more, and get involved, please make contact with one of our two co-chairs Robert Harris (01454 618331) or John Clayton (01454 612641).

Parish Hall Annual General Meeting

AGM

The **2015 Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 11th March at 7.30 pm** at the **Parish Hall**. All parishioners are invited to attend. Cheese and wine will be served after the meeting. The current Chairman is not seeking re-election. If you like to put your name forward for nomination please contact Pat Savage on **01454 610388** or email pat@savageassociates.co.uk

Fish & Quiz Evening

If you are reading this before **February 27th** there is still time to form a team and come to the **Quiz at the Parish Hall** (for further information and to reserve a table contact Pat Savage on 01454 610388).

Mushrooms and the Tockington Tardis

Claire Ackland

The Tockington Tardis aka phone box in front of the Swan pub has been busy with lots of fabulous Food Bank donations and plenty of interesting books and CD's.

Where do the mushrooms come in? Well, unfortunately the phone box has sprung a leak and the luxurious square of wool carpet donated by a kindly Latin teacher turned into a prolific breeding ground for mushrooms. If I had known more about mushrooms, perhaps they could have been included in the delivery to the Food Bank but being a squeamish sort, I thought it prudent to ditch them and the carpet. The management of the Swan have offered to fix the leak so hopefully we will have seen the last of the mushrooms. Watch this space.

For all of you who have left food in the Tardis, a big thank you and some interesting statistics. The food is distributed to people in need in Thornbury under the aegis of the Trussell Trust and volunteers also assist with crucial debt advice.

In 2014, a total of 763 people were fed: 475 adults and 288 children. The majority of voucher holders were referred due to problems related to Benefits and unfortunately the demand continues.

When food bank collections started in the Tockington Tardis a couple of years ago, some people were concerned about vandalism and the good news is that there has been none – so far. The books are available for everyone and if anyone has nicked a tin of soup, I'm sure they needed it....

Olveston and Tockington W.I.

At the January meeting the guest speaker was Joan Flower. She gave an interesting and informative insight, aided by a slide presentation, into Women in World War 1. It was a graphic illustration of the roles taken on by women, replacing the men who went to war. This period laid the basis for the future of women's changing role in society.

March's meeting of the Olveston and Tockington W.I will be at 7.30pm on 10th March at Tockington Parish Hall:

Wind in the Willows, a musical rendition by Tim Lewis and Sheila Furneaux.

Olveston Parish Council Matters

Richard Rogers (olvestonpc@gmail.com)

At the last Parish Council meeting Geoff Chappell's resignation was announced, and the Parish Council wished him well with his future projects. Since all the seats on Olveston Parish Council will be offered up for election in May, no further action needs to be taken. However if you would be interested in finding out more about the role of a Parish Councillor, please email the Clerk.

Since last summer, dog owners have had an increasing number of sites where they can deposit bagged faeces, as the Litter bins emptied by South Glos Council have been recategorised to accept this type of waste. Despite this, there are still significant numbers of complaints about dog fouling in the play area at Vicarage Lane, along the Street and around the Stores. It is very sad that a small minority of dog owners should be so inconsiderate, especially as apart from the visual impact, smell and general unpleasantness, there is evidence that dog faeces carry *E.coli*, hepatitis and Toxocara (100 people each year (mainly children) have eye diseases caught by swallowing the Toxocara egg, which can lead to blindness).

The South Glos Council Dog Warden is happy to contact dog owners to make them aware of the regulations concerning dog fouling and if necessary issue a £50 fixed penalty notice, and can be contacted on 01454 868000 or via email to streetcare@southglos.gov.uk. However to be effective, the dog warden will need to know a description of the dog and the owner, where the dog is regularly exercised, and if possible details about discrete incidents.

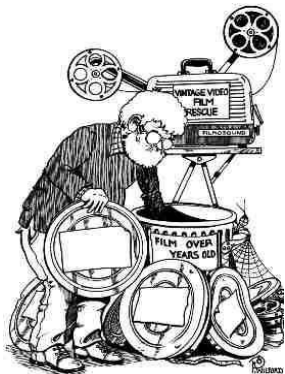
The Parish Council would urge all people out walking or exercising their dogs to take plastic bags with them so that they can clean up as they go. The BBC Website has a number of useable suggestions to reduce the incidence of dog fouling, the Parish Council would be happy to support a group of residents with this or an event at School to demonstrate the health consequences of dog fouling. Given the increased use of all three Play Areas in the parish as spring approaches, it would be wonderful to ensure that they are clean of dog poo and suitably safe.

Olveston website editors have kindly agreed to provide links to information regarding 'Community Land Trusts' in addition to the other information pertaining to the parish (www.olveston.com). The Parish Council also receives a regular copy of the Schools newsletter, and would be willing to forward an electronic copy to anyone interested.

Vintage Films of the South West

Olveston Parish Historical Society

Wednesday, 4 March 2015, 7.30pm, Olveston Methodist Church



In a change to our advertised programme (Ronald Hutton's talk on Charles II has been postponed until next January), we are delighted to welcome to this meeting Sue Giddings, who will be giving us a wonderful, old-fashioned film show, from the days before Powerpoint.

Over 60 years ago, Sue's grandfather, as part of his job, used to show 16mm films to farming audiences. Made originally to sell agricultural machinery or to demonstrate farming practices, over time these films have become 'vintage' and offer glimpses of the rural, social and industrial

history of the West Country.

Thanks to Sue's father, Jim Wilkie, who developed a passion for rescuing these and other discarded 'Dustbin Films', we can glimpse the past through mini-documentaries made from the 1930s to the 1960s. Sue will bring along a selection of these short films which, besides farming and rural life may include the building of the first Severn bridge and a tourist guide to Gloucestershire. Come and see what Sue chooses to bring along on the night - we may even have popcorn! All welcome. Visitors pay £2 on the door.

www.olvoston.com/historical-society

Olveston and Tockington Tennis Club Fundraiser

Chris Dawes organiser and OTTC committee member

Our efforts to raise funds for our new, much-needed clubhouse continue, following our very successful and well-supported Race Night, quiz and big breakfast events last year. On Saturday March 21st at 7.30 in the Parish Hall we are holding a Pies and Promises auction which should be lots of fun and raise valuable funds for our cause. Entrance £5 per person, includes pie and first drink. Please look out for our posters around the village for more details.

Death Café

Why talk about Death? We hear so much about people living longer, what to do with them (us), our children having to make decisions for us, having to make decisions for our parents. How can we have a good death? Wills, funerals, advance decisions? And that's without any spiritual or philosophical considerations.

Jon Underwood set up the first Death Café in 2011 believing that we avoid the issue and tend to outsource this important and meaningful experience to doctors, nurses, priests and undertakers.

At a Death Café people gather together to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death. The objective is to increase awareness of death with a view to helping us make the most of our (finite) lives. Discussion is group-directed with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counselling session.

Thornbury's 3rd Death Café will be held on Sunday 22 March between 2-4pm (please arrive early with cake!) at The Chantry, 52 Castle Street, BS35 1HB. The event is free – suggested donation £4 to cover room hire etc. For more information: Deathcafe.com Jackie 01454 415895.

Putting on the Style!

Bristol revue group Three Mens Company will be bringing a taste of the 1920s and '30s to the Cossham Hall in Thornbury on March 21st. Three Mens Company are no strangers to the Thornbury stage since their first highly successful visit to Thornbury Arts Festival in 2009.

On this occasion Jeremy Watkins as vocalist, pianist John Marsh and presenter John de Barham will transport you back in time by presenting their unique light-hearted sequence of words and music.

The entertainment 'Putting on the Style!' will comprise songs, humour, wit and great music with a strong sense of nostalgia.

Enjoy contributions from Hoagey Carmichael, Noel Coward, the Gershwin brothers, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Rodgers & Hart, Vincent Youmans, WH Auden, AP Herbert, Damon Runyon and PG Wodehouse.

The concert which is part of the fund raising project in aid of the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project will be held in the Cossham Hall on Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm.

Tickets to include interval finger food are on sale now at Thornbury Town Hall at £10 or by phone on 412272.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This will take place at St Mary's Church, Almondsbury on Friday 6th March at 10.15am. All are very welcome; some places now call it just World Day of Prayer, but historically the service is prepared by women.

This year's service is from the Bahamas where, although it's one of the most prosperous places in the West Indies and predominantly Christian, there are also areas of deprivation. Women tend to have poorly paid jobs in hotels and restaurants, and single parent families are common. The theme is taken from Jesus' words in St John's Gospel after he had washed the disciples' feet: 'Do you know what I have done for you?' This will challenge us to demonstrate the same unconditional love for others shown by Jesus. There will no address as it was felt this would disturb the flow of the service. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the RBL Olveston and District Branch will be held at the White Hart Pub, Olveston on Wednesday, the 11th March 2015 at 7.30pm.

Your local British Legion Branch meets **MONTHLY on the second Wednesday of every month at The White Hart in Olveston at 7.30pm** - anyone who would like to hear more about the services we provide is more than welcome to come along.

We look forward to seeing friends both old and new.

*Martin J Scott JP, Lt Col.(Retd)
Chairman, RBL Olveston & District*

Litter Picking- thanks

Thanks to the many residents who pick-up litter as they go about their daily business, refusing to be beaten by the feckless few!

There will be a Litter Pick on Saturday 7 March. Please meet at the Parish Hall car-park at 1pm.

Rod Williams 612850.

Aust Parish Council Matters

Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

Closure of Wide Load Lay-by at Aust

It's happened! The lay-by has now been closed and at the time of writing the work to cover the area with soil and grass is nearly complete.

Parking near Aust church

Commuter parking has long been a problem in the main street in Aust, particularly when there are funeral or other services at the church during the week. South Gloucestershire Council provided a grant to Olveston and Aust Parish Councils to buy some traffic cones to put out for temporary parking restrictions and these have now arrived. Our thanks to colleagues at Olveston Parish Council and Councillor Riddle for arranging this.

Computer Clinic

Mon 2-4pm, Wed 10-12noon, Fri 7-9pm, Olveston Methodist Hall.

This is the Internet Café revamped! After a slow but steady year we've changed the name to encompass the needs of our users. For some it might be the Internet that seems daunting; for others it might be using an external hard drive, or understanding the need to have a 'backup' and how best to go about it, or even putting an image into a word document for the annual newsletter.

So don't feel shy about your lack of IT wizardry! Our excellent team are here to help you. In March our 'theme' will be on 'backing up your data and how best to go about it'. This is a free community resource but we ask for a £2 minimum donation.

We thank Olveston Parish Council for funding this community initiative and also the Olveston and Tockington Methodists for use of the hall. However, local residents will need to use it or lose it!

So come along and discover for yourselves that there is no need to say 'abracadabra' every time you use your computer/ lpad or laptop!

Olveston Toddlers

Jo Baxter 07773 709155

Once again our numbers are low for our Thursday 1:45-3:15pm group (term time only) in the Olveston Methodist Hall.

So please support this group – come and meet other parents/ carers and children in your local area.

Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in the February draw, held on 5th February 2015 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	202	Mrs E Jackson, Olveston
£75	496	Mrs J Williams, Pilning
£25	217	Mrs J Hahn, Olveston
£25	568	Mr J Mayes, Tockington
£25	489	Mr I J Lyons, Cowhill
£20	370	Dr M Wright, Olveston
£20	444	Mrs J Skinner, Olveston
£20	490	Mr I J Lyons, Cowhill
£10	389	Mrs S Shaw, Olveston
£10	422	Dr D Cochrane, Olveston
£10	297	Mrs J Dickens, Aust
£10	293	Mr R Hicks, Cornwall
£10	420	Mr R Bush, Westbury-on-Trym
£10	174	Mrs J A Jones, Olveston

New telephone scam

South Gloucestershire Trading Standards have been made aware that some residents within the district have received unsolicited telephone calls about crime prevention and alarms. The caller claims to be ringing on behalf of the local 'Safe and Strong' group.

South Gloucestershire Council's Safer and Stronger Community Groups DO NOT contact people unexpectedly by telephone to offer crime prevention advice or sell equipment such as alarms. THIS IS A SCAM.

If you receive a call claiming to be on behalf of the Safe and Strong group please hang up immediately.

If a telephone number is recorded on the 1471 facility, please report this to Trading Standards by contacting the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm).

Old Down CC

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners February 2015: £50, Jean Panes; £15, Angus MacDonald
£ 5, Richard Panes

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners: 17th January Barbara Binns
31st January Simon Higgs

Saints, Sinners and Suffering!

A Thornbury & District Museum talk at Thornbury United Reformed Church, Chapel St. (opposite the Wheatsheaf), Friday 27 March, 7.30pm



As part of our local museum's Winter Talks programme, Jane Marks and Pauline Montgomery will be telling the stories of some remarkable women who have lived in, worked in or visited our area - the saintly and the far from saintly, with quite a bit of suffering thrown in!

Featured women will include our local martyred

saint, Arilda of Oldbury-on-Severn (pictured above), and Margaret Pole, Countess of Salisbury (pictured right). Her daughter Ursula married the Duke of Buckingham's son Henry Stafford and had her first child at Thornbury Castle. Margaret, though much wealthier and more powerful than Arilda, came to a similar sticky end.



Tickets £5 (including refreshments) must be booked in advance from Thornbury & District Museum by phoning 857774 or emailing

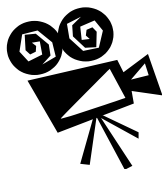
enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk or visiting the museum in Chapel Street: Tues – Fri, 1 - 4pm, Sat 10am–4pm). www.thornburymuseum.org.uk

A Thank You

During late December and into the New Year I was rather unwell resulting in a month in hospital. I have to say that the clinical and nursing care I received in the new Southmead hospital was exceptional and I am truly grateful to all the staff there. I am also very grateful to the many people who visited me and those who sent "get well" cards and gave their thoughts and prayers for my recovery. I'm now regaining my strength at home. Thank you everyone.

Martin Gibson

Movies at St Mary's: March *Trevor Anderson*



The MOVIE CLUB at **St Mary's Church Olveston** is now well into its fifth year. We show films for the 'grown-ups' on the first and third Monday evenings of each month and for 'children of all ages' every Monday morning during school holidays.

If you haven't yet been, do come along - everyone is welcome. As always, there is no need to book and admission is free, although a **donation** at the end towards expenses is always appreciated.

Refreshments available at all the shows: licensed bar and tea/coffee in the evenings and popcorn, soft drinks and biscuits in the mornings.

There will be THREE Movie Club films in March:

MONDAY MOVIES (*Recent releases and popular classics*)

Mon 2nd Mar at 7.30pm: Based on the beloved international bestselling book, the film tells the story of Liesel, an extraordinary and courageous young girl sent to live with a foster family in World War II Germany. She learns to read with encouragement from her new family and Max, a Jewish refugee who they are hiding under the stairs. For Liesel and Max, the power of words and imagination become the only escape from the tumultuous events happening around them. It is a life-affirming story of survival and of the resilience of the human spirit. (*Cert PG*)

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

Mon 16th Mar at 7.30pm: Nearing the end of a long prison sentence, Colin Briggs is transferred to an open prison in Gloucestershire (filmed in and around Leyhill) where the inmates get job-training for their impending releases. The prison Governor discovers Colin has a talent for growing flowers and commissions him to cultivate a garden with a chance to compete at the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. Loosely based on a true story, it is all smiles from start to finish and is sure to cheer you up. (*Cert 15*)

CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB (*Every Monday morning in the hols*)

Mon 30th Mar at 10.00am: DreamWorks latest animated feature about a hyper-intelligent dog and a young boy, after they go back through history in their time-travelling machine. (*Cert U*)

For copyright reasons we can't name the films here, but if you **join the Movie Club** we'll send you titles, details and regular updates by email. It costs nothing to join and it will save you the hassle of trying to guess the film titles from the cryptic descriptions – apparently quite a challenge for some of our readers! To join, contact trevoranderson@btinternet.com or 613279.

Olveston Parish and a Community Land Trust: Second Public Meeting

Following requests made at the 1st public meeting about a proposed Community Land Trust for Olveston Parish in November'14, a 2nd meeting was planned for February 25th to hear about and discuss

- How a Somerset village built a 10 house development of affordable homes and secured the future operation of the village shop and P.O.
- Choosing and directing a Partner to design the type and style of housing, the allocation of tenants and on-going management
- Establishing housing needs, land availability and securing planning permission
- Other Community Assets and Services a CLT can help protect in perpetuity
- The Rules, democratic accountabilities of a CLT and its commitment to engagement and openness,

and to consider a specific proposal to: “Endorse the formation of a strategy group charged with proposing draft Articles of Association for an Olveston Area CLT (OACL) to be brought back to the community for consideration before inviting founder members to join for £1 and vote on the Articles and on the appointment of the CLT Honorary Officers”.

If you are reading this before 25th February, you are welcome to attend the meeting, at Olveston Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

The results of the meeting, sponsored by Olveston Parish Council, will be reported in the April Edition of Meeting Point.

Further background information, meeting notes and relevant links are on Olveston.com website together with an on-line forum for comments.

(See: www.olvoston.com/community-land-trust)

Contact Richard Rogers, Clerk to Olveston Parish Council,
olvostonpc@gmail.com

Speedwatch!

The local Speedwatch team, after taking a break over Christmas, will be back out in earnest and so need more volunteer watchers! Full training is given and commitment can be as little as an hour a month. If you think you can help please contact: olvoston-speedwatch@gmail.com.

Winston's Wish is the leading childhood bereavement charity in the UK, helping children and young people rebuild their lives after the death of their mum, dad, brother or sister, and enabling them to face the future with confidence and hope.

Throughout Gloucestershire, Winston's Wish run a unique bereavement support program called SWITCH. The program is aimed at children aged 8-14 who have suffered a close family bereavement which is having a negative effect on their behaviour. The bereavement may not be recent but may still be having an impact on the child. The SWITCH program offers family work, individual work for children and their carers and group work. We end the program with a celebration day. The aim of SWITCH is to provide children and families with the opportunity to work through their experience with qualified professionals and to help them make sense of their emotions and feelings, meet other people in similar situations and provide them with coping strategy to help them reach their full potential.

We would like to reach as many of these children and families as possible in Gloucestershire. If you or you know a child or family who would benefit from the SWITCH program or would like any further information, please contact Sheila Elliott, Family Program Lead for SWITCH: selliott@winstonswish.org.uk or switch@winstonswish.org.uk. Or phone the office on 01242 515157 and ask to speak to myself or a member of the SWITCH team. .

For further information about other services Winston's Wish can provide for children who have suffered a bereavement, please go to our website www.winstonswish.org.uk.

Sunshine On Leith



Northavon Youth Theatre Company

www.nytc.org.uk

This year fifty Students of the Northavon School of Drama, who perform as the Northavon Youth Theatre Company, invite you to join them as they travel North of the Border, to Scotland and in particular Leith, a suburb of Edinburgh and home of twins Craig and Charlie Reid, otherwise known as *The Proclaimers!* Stephen Greenhorn has woven 18 of their songs into an amazing musical, so we are proud to present the area première of *Sunshine On Leith*, from 01 to 04 April, 2015, at Thornbury's Armstrong Hall, at 7.30 pm

on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, with a 2.30 pm Matinée on Easter Saturday.

It's 2009 and we meet two young Soldiers: Ally and Davy, who are on patrol in Afghanistan, but they encounter an enemy ambush and not long after decide to leave the Army and return home to sunny Leith. You'll laugh and you'll cry, but you won't want to miss it, so ring our Box Office number: 07980543691, send a postal booking with SAE to BONDS of Thornbury, 14 The Plain, Thornbury, BS352BD, or call into Wildings, in Thornbury High Street from 16 March. Bring your friends and get a discount for ten or more seats and Family Tickets are available for the Saturday Matinée!

Thornbury Orchestra Open Rehearsal

www.thornburyorchestra.org.uk

A FREE invitation to young musicians and music-lovers of all ages. Come and hear a top local orchestra rehearse some great music, including:

ELGAR: Pomp and Circumstance March No.4

HOLST: Mars and Jupiter from the Planet Suite

Meet and talk to players, find out how experienced adult musicians rehearse and prepare for a concert. Experience the sounds of a symphony orchestra at full blast playing some wonderful music.

If you would like to come along, then please join us for the evening. (Children should be accompanied by an adult).

Wednesday 11th March 2015, 7.45pm – 9.45pm, United Reformed Church, Chapel Street, Thornbury, BS35 2BA.

Police Report

PCSO Kelly Dimery

There were 5 reported crimes for January, including criminal damage to CCTV cables in Foxholes Lane, criminal damage to a vehicle in Olveston, theft of a road sign from Tockington, and theft of horse rugs from stables in Pilning Street and Moor Lane.

I am pleased to report that PC Peter Wozniak has taken up the position of permanent Beat Manager for the area, PC Wozniak has 23 years' experience and has come from a specialist crime prevention background.

The next Beat Surgery dates are Wednesday 11th March and Wednesday 8th April, from 09.15 to 10.00am.

Contact the local Beat Team (PC 328 Peter Wozniak or PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery) on 101 or 07889659691.

Britain's best known birdwatcher to fly into Thornbury

Lynne Hutchinson

TV PRESENTER and conservationist **Bill Oddie** will help launch the 2015 Thornbury Arts Festival.

Regarded as Britain's best known birdwatcher, the star of popular nature programmes such as *Springwatch* will appear at the ten-day festival's opening event. He is set to join award winning and Emmy-nominated composer and singer-songwriter **Sarah Class** in a musical safari in the Armstrong Hall on Friday, April 17. Among Sarah's credits are the score for the BBC wildlife film *The Meerkats* and music for the TV series *Africa* that was narrated by Sir David Attenborough.

Both Bill and Sarah are involved in the work of international conservation charity the **World Land Trust**, which protects the world's most biologically important and threatened habitats. With a guided walk around the Kites Hill reserve, near Painswick, planned for the following day, festival-goers will have the chance to see just one of the sites that it supports.

Having recently announced comedian **Jo Caulfield** as another big name at the festival, the organisers have also secured a talk by father and daughter acting team **Philip and Samantha Bond**.

Philip is best known for his appearance in the long running BBC drama *The Onedin Line*, while Samantha played Miss Moneypenny in a number of the James Bond films. She was also in the TV comedy *Outnumbered* and appeared as Lady Rosamund Painswick in *Downton Abbey*.

As part of an expanded festival programme for this year, **Sir Mark Walport** will give an insight into his role as the Government's chief scientific adviser, while the film *The Great Escape* will be screened ahead of a talk by author and journalist **Simon Pearson**. His book *The Great Escaper* recounts the story of Squadron Leader Roger Bushell, who engineered the mass breakout of allied officers from Stalag Luft III that was immortalised in the film.

Performance storyteller **Ben Haggerty**, Thornbury's own award winning artist **Sophie Ploeg** and local musicians **Keith and Julie Tippett**, appearing with Bath-based band **Radio Banska**, have also been signed up for the festival, which will run from April 17-26.

Meanwhile, children can join in a number of activities specially organised for them, ranging from a circus skills workshop and learning about the art of film making to a Mad Hatter's tea party.

Online booking will be available soon via a new website.

Yours Faithfully

By Fr. Lazarus MSIMBE, Christ The King Roman Catholic Parish

From Tanzania to Thornbury.

I am from a village called Homboza, in Morogoro Region, Tanzania, East Africa. I came to Thornbury three years ago. After one week of assessment I realized that Thornbury is a good place to live. I didn't see mosquitoes, flies or insects, no snakes, no scorpions, no lions... The town is quiet and peaceful.

In Tanzania we have twelve hours daylight and twelve hours night. The sun rises and sets almost the same time every day. I was astonished to see the sun sets very late during summer and darkness begins very early during winter. The weather is terribly cold!

Another challenge which I experienced in the first week was to see I was the only black person in the Church. I lost confidence not only because of that but also because of my English. The parishioners at Christ the King Parish have encouraged me so much. They helped me and made me feel welcome. Now I realize that there are very good, kind and generous people in Thornbury.

Driving was another challenge. After driving for 12 years in Tanzania, I had to learn again and be tested. I failed the test three times! Why? Anyway, I came to understand that I really needed to learn again here. Driving in Tanzania is simple because most of the roads are not good (mud roads), there are very few road signs. While here there are many good roads, roundabouts (keep left) many road signs and marks etc. Now I drive with confidence after learning, passed the test and received a driving licence.

To make a long story short, I enjoy my stay in Thornbury because the people are very kind and cooperative. I like the events which take place in Thornbury, social and religious. People in Thornbury love each other and work together regardless of differences in religion or race.

I would like to welcome everyone to Tanzania. You can visit the National parks, experience a different culture, and enjoy the goodness of our God!

From the registers of St Mary's Olveston

29th January 2015. Funeral service, followed by burial at St Mary's Olveston, of Ann Dilys Dobson.

**MEETING POINT
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2014**

RECEIPTS	2014	2013	PAYMENTS	2014	2013
	£	£		£	£
Balances at 31st October 2013 and 2012					
At Bank:					
Current Account	3338.11	2087.17	Printing	11600.50	11606.00
Clubs & Charities A/C	3009.97	3006.40	Insurance	305.39	368.43
Advertisements	14117.00	13517.00	Postage	872.00	88.00
Interest	3.01	3.57	Stationery/Materials	82.79	129.82
Donation	7.00	-	Book Binding	42.00	42.00
Insurance Rebate	-	67.69	Gratuities	67.80	99.50
			Corporation Tax	54.80	-
	20475.09	18681.83		20475.09	18681.83
	20475.09	18681.83		20475.09	18681.83

At Bank:

Current Account	4436.83	3338.11
Clubs and Charities A/C	3012.98	3009.97

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

J. S. Howells
J S Howells F.C.A.

1/2/2015

T.W. Webb

Treasurer

Dated

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Mar 1	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong with Choir	Rev Roly Bain Revs D Bone & S Williams Rev. R. Bain & Mr D. Jones
Mar 8	8am 10am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship with Choir Breakfast Club Holy Communion	Rev Roly Bain Rev R Bain & Rev P Forbes Breakfast Club Team Rev Philip Rowe
Mar 15	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Family Service with Choir Evensong	Rev David Bone Rev H Webb & J McBride Rev Roly Bain
Mar22	8am 10am 3.45 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Fourth Sunday with Choir Back to Front Evensong (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain Rev R Bain & Rt Rev George Cassidy Revs A Lloyd & P. Rowe
Mar29	8am 9.45 6pm	Holy Communion Palm Sunday Procession & Holy Communion with Choir Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain Rev R Bain & Preb Carl Attwood Rev Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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

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

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

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

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

MORNING PRAYER: 8.30am daily ex. Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Mar 8	5.30	Holy Communion.	Rev. Ann Parker
Mar22	5.30	Evening Service	Rev. Ann Parker

Focal Minister: **Rev Ann Parker**, 01454 632329

Church Wardens: Terry McLeavy 633680 Janet Ford 633300

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Mar 1	9am	Matins	Mrs Tracey Black
Mar 15	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Pole

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Mar 8	9am	Family Service	Sandra Edgerton
Mar22	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

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

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Mar 1	10am	Tock. Ch	Church Anniversary Service led by Rev David Hardy
	6pm	Tock. Ch.	Evening Worship led by Mr Stephen Holliday with St Andrew's Congregation
Mar 8	10am	Olv. Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr. Glyn Varney
Mar 15	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Superintendent Minister Rev David Hart
Mar22	10am	Olv.Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
	3.30	Westbury Ch	Circuit Service at Westbury-on -Trym Meth
Mar29	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams

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

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15pm in the Swan on Thurs 19th March. To book please ring 613241 or 612112

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

PRAYER MEETINGS Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 in Olv. Methodist Church.

HOUSE GROUP Tues 10th Mar at 10.30am at 7 The Green Olveston..

THE OLVESTON COMPUTER CLINIC Olveston Methodist Hall

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

Ring 07833 354672 or 07957 433091 for further information.

CONTACT: Rev Pete Brazier Tel 01454 418176,

e-mail pete@thebigfishcafe.co.uk

THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer & conversational Bible studies incorporating Communion, on Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm We also visit other Churches and events so please check our Notice Board or contact .

Mike and Barbara Matthews, tel. 07512 917229 or email:
thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Mar 1	6.30pm	Courtney Harris
Mar 8	6.30pm	Ruth Richardson
Mar 15	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan- Davies
Mar 22	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Mar29	6.30pm	Martin Taylor

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & PraiseTime

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

Paul Ashford, 07774 110 814 or email: Paul@CalebGroup.net

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

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

www.THEDOORYOUTH.CO.UK or tel 07837234949

For more details, please phone 632564.

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

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

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

Local contact: Roger Howell at rogerhowell2@talktalk.net 01454 294367

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

Diary Dates for March 2015

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

1 st Sun	Bingo every Sun at Sports & Social club	7pm	
2 nd Mon	Computer Clinic every week Severn Vale Flower Club Practice Monday Movie Alv. Gardens Assn - Veg. Growing	2-4pm 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	MH AH StM JH
3 rd Tues	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00	WR DGCL
4 th Wed	Computer Clinic every week Holy Communion at Daldry Gardens O.P.H.S. Vintage Films of the South West	10.00-12.00 2.30pm 7.30pm	MH DGCL OMC
5 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market (& 3 rd Thurs) Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Open Mic. at White Hart	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 8.30pm	OST MH
6 th Fri	Women's World Day of Prayer Thornbury Carer's Support group Computer Clinic every week St Peter's Hospice Quiz	10.15 1-3pm 7-9pm 7.15	Chy MH AH StM
7 th Sat	Coffee Morning Litter Pick	10.30-12.00 1pm	MH PH
9 th Mon	Mobile Library Orchard Rise(also 23rd) Mobile Library Daldry Gardens (also23rd) Mobile Library Old P.O.- L-O-S (also23rd)	11.10-11.25 11.30-11.50 12.00-12.15	
10 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Aust Parish Council W.I.	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR DGCL TMH EVH PH
11 th Wed	R.B.L. meeting at White Hart Parish Hall A.G.M.	7.30pm 7.30pm	PH
12 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Cl. Practice	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 7.30pm	OST MH TMH
14 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	AVH MH
16 th Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
17 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00	WR DGCL

18 th Wed	Severn. Vale. Flower Club Demonstration Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	2pm 8.30pm	AH
19 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15	OS+ MH
20 th Fri	Great Olveston Wine Challenge (OPTA)	7.30pm	PH
21 st Sat	Coffee Morning Tennis Club 'Pies and Promises'	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH PH
22 nd Sun	Death Cafe	2-4pm	Chy
24 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Olv. Parish Council meeting	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm	MH DGCL TMH AP
26 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers Th. & District Flower Cl. Demonstration	9.00-12.00 1.45-3.15 7.30pm	OS+ MH TMH
28 th Sat	Coffee Morning Thornbury Food Fair Castle St/Plain	10.30-12.00 10.00-2pm	MH
30 th Mon	Children's Movie Club Severn. Vale. Flower Club Practice	10.00 1.30pm	StM AH
31 st Tue	Tockington Toddlers Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	9.30-11.30 10.30-12.00	WR DGCL
Looking ahead to April			
17 th -26 th	Thornbury Arts Festival		

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

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.olvostonandaust.com. If you would like to update your organisation's details, please email: meetingpointsecretary@olvostonandaust.com

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