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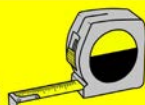
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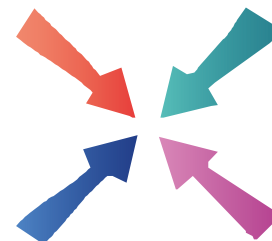
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## From the Editor

The first day of spring falls, this year, on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>.....if you are referring to astronomical spring, when, in the Northern hemisphere, days and nights are roughly equal in length. On the other hand, according to the Met Office, meteorological spring starts on March 1<sup>st</sup> and lasts until 31<sup>st</sup> May; the year being divided into four fixed seasons. Whichever 'start of spring' you choose to go with, there is no doubt that March is the month when, as the weather starts to get warmer, things will begin to change.

Daffodils, often described as one of the most welcome signs of spring, feature three times in this edition. You can see them on our front cover, wild daffodils, or Lent lilies, are described in the Yours Faithfully message from St. John's, Aust, and they are the main attraction at this month's NGS Open Garden in Elberton.

*Marelin*

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## The Cross Circle on Tockington Green

*The stone circle which appears on our front cover this month is a familiar sight, however many of us know very little – or nothing – about it. This article is adapted from the one we included last time this cover illustration was used (March 2020). Local historian, the late Eric Garret, researched and wrote the following back in May 2001.*

It is unknown when the 'Stone Cross Circle' built with local limestone and located on the village green, was erected. It is assumed to be associated with a Free Chapel (possibly on the Mustay land) that existed in Tockington between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. The Green at this period would have comprised the full triangle. (House development occurred from the 18<sup>th</sup> century.) The Chapel was possibly founded by Symon Fitz Pons and ended in the ownership of the Berkeley family. The last incumbent of the chapel took retirement in 1548, when Bristol Cathedral dioceses were being created.

The Cross circle comprises two diameters, the lower diameter is 24½ feet and the upper diameter is 23¼ feet. The maximum height above ground is 3½ feet; this varies due to sloping ground. The average height from lower large diameter to top of the smaller diameter is 2¼ feet. The Cross probably had two functions, one for religious purposes as the lower circle was suitable for kneeling and the top stones for elbow resting. Its second purpose was used as a market cross; Fairs and Markets were held on The Green from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. A Fair Status was granted in 1281.

It is presumed that the circle originally supported a wooden cross and it is assumed that in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century an elm tree was planted to replace the decayed wooden cross. The tree, with several decades of branch pruning, died and was removed in 1946 when the Green, as it stands, was gifted to the parish by the Salmon family whose estate of Tockington Manor was sold at auction.

At Meeting Point, we believe that the tree now growing within the stone circle was planted by the Olveston and Tockington W.I. as part of their Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 1978. If any reader knows more about the history of this tree, or even remembers the occasion of its planting, we would love to hear from you.

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## Autumn and Winter Highlights

Paul Godwin

Following a hot and dry summer I felt a great deal of uncertainty about the possible impact on our local wildlife. Autumn brought very mild weather and many plants just kept flowering, and insects seemed to be having an extended season. Bees were still in the garden at the end of November. But we needed rain and of course we got it!

Wildlife in our area appeared to be doing well despite the weather. Locally, fungi seemed to be abundant and there was plenty to see - especially around Tockington Hill and in the woodlands of The Slad. I observed more fungi this year than ever before.



*Dryads Saddle*

I have spent a lot of time in those woods this winter. In December and early January, the bird song was incredible, especially the sounds of song and mistle thrushes who were joined by our migrant winter thrushes, redwing and fieldfare. I went back several days in a row to hear them. We also had a small flock of redwing visit our garden to feed on various tree berries.



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*Redwing*

At Aust there is a new wetland area, and in December a scarce visitor arrived - in fact there were three - penduline tits. This bird does not feature in UK bird books. It is a bird found in southern Europe and Russia. Each year a small number are recorded in England, so it was very special for three to arrive. It was with great pleasure I managed to photograph them around the drainage ditches and reed beds. The one in the photograph below is a male with the distinctive band across its eyes.

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*Dunlin*

By the time you read this article, spring will be almost with us. We will begin to see and hear birds which are migrating to the UK from Africa and Europe, insects such as moths and butterfly will begin to appear and hopefully the rhines and ponds will be full of newts, frogs and toads. I hope you manage to get out to see and hear some of the wonderful wildlife we have in our area.

## Olveston and Tockington WI

How good is your knowledge of Tudor history? Our speaker at WI this month is going to tell us about Katherine Parr, Henry VIII's last Queen, whose life was apparently full of enterprise and intrigue, books and jewels! She also had local connections, as her home was Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire. So, she's definitely someone we should know about and it's sure to be a very lively talk.

On the social side, our annual calendar of extra events has got off to a splendid start with a brunch held at the Cow Shed café near Chepstow. A very happy morning was had, with delicious food and lots of happy chatter.

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This is a classic British comedy from 2002, starring Pauline Collins and John Alderton. It starts out with the demise of Pauline's abusive husband whilst she is still relatively young. She takes great pleasure in regaining power over her widowhood. Unfortunately, her son, a greedy so and so, decides to put Pauline into a retirement home (run by John Alderton) hoping to capitalise on an early death and an inheritance.

The retirement home is just like one of our worst nightmares, especially with the smell of boiled cabbage permeating the whole place. Our heroine then leads a rebellion against all the appalling rest home practices, with hilarious results. Lots of laughs plus the odd tear in this very funny film.

Venue: St Mary's, Olveston. Doors open at 7pm, film starts at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome and no entry fee (though we always welcome donations). Licensed bar, tea and coffee.

## Apologies

If you are one of the many people who received a copy of the February Meeting Point with missing pages or mistakes in the order of pages – please accept our apologies. This was a very rare occurrence, and our printers are looking into what went wrong.

You can of course read a (perfect) copy of the magazine online – please go to <https://www.olvoston.com/index.php/community-magazine> or simply put Meeting Point Olveston into your search engine and it will come up.



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I found a set of Kia car keys on Friday January 16<sup>th</sup> at around 11:30 am. They were in the field between Old Down and Tockington, close to the Cricket Club/Social Club.

The keys are quite distinctive and include Thule roof box keys. I have held onto them and have contacted the local schools, football club, and dealerships, but have had no luck finding the owner yet.

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Jenny Newley

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fortress', in the words of Cadw, the Welsh historic environment service. William was also Sheriff of Gloucestershire, responsible for Bristol Castle for a time.



William Marshal embroidery, Pembroke Castle

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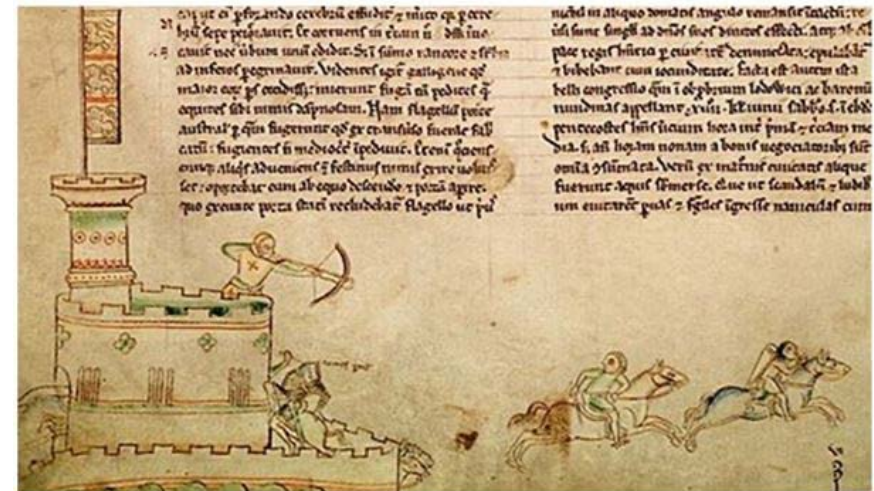
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2.00pm Severn Beach Village Hall, £5 to include tea and biscuits.

Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>

Uncovering Roman life on the Severn Estuary - Roman finds between Pilning and Severn Beach

Between August 2021 and October 2022, Worcestershire Archaeology stripped back over 4.5 hectares of pastureland south of Pilning, South Gloucestershire. Working in all weathers, they recorded the remains of Romano-British activity that had been sealed beneath centuries of flood deposits. The site is now in the final stages of a long post-excavation process, that involved detailed analysis of the finds and other specialist work ahead of final reporting. This talk explores the archaeology uncovered and the stories it tells.

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## Olveston's Round House

Nick Fear

Travelling through country villages it is sometimes possible to find small, intriguing solitary buildings. A stout locked door gains entrance to a small room with a flag stone floor and sometimes a wooden bench. These structures have no windows, although some doors have a barred inspection hatch in them. They seem ancient and many are beautifully preserved, but their use is not always obvious.

Dating from the late eighteenth century these had many names but were commonly known as the local 'lock-up'. Anyone who was considered troublesome after drinking too much alcohol, could be placed in the lock-up to be released once they were in a more sober state. The building was open for use by any parishioner who sought to restore a disturbed peace in their village - and hopefully care for an inebriated individual. It was some decision to make as the interiors were cold, damp and the pungent smell can be imagined.

There is a fine example of a lock-up in Thornbury, which has now been incorporated into a shop, but none are evident in our local parishes. This was not, however, always the case. In Gloucester archives there is an undated account from a local woman.

*'Mrs. Young, who is eighty, remembers when the 'Round House' stood near Olveston Church. It was round and without windows and was used whenever anyone was found hopelessly intoxicated. He was taken in and shut up without food or water for twenty-four hours, when he would be found, without doubt, sober. The building was situated on the south side of the church, in the road near the present war memorial and was probably removed about 1850'. A sketch was made from her description and attached to the account.*



The Round House

The narrative goes on to mention Olveston Stocks which were a few yards from the Round House. These were situated outside of the south gate, on the right-hand side on leaving the churchyard. They were in existence in 1875 when a bill for repairs was presented to the parish by a J Pool.

There are no surviving records of who had occupied the Round House or stocks. Perhaps both fell into disrepair and there was no local interest in restoring them. Had the Round House survived it would certainly have been a local curiosity. It may

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Millions of tons of plastic pollution enter oceans annually, contributing up to 30% of ocean pollution. Once in the environment they accumulate and persist. Microplastics have been found in the digestive tracts and tissues of various sea animals such as crabs, mussels and fish. Sea birds are likely to mistake microplastics as food floating on the surface, which can cause them to consume less food and lose energy. Lightweight single-use plastic accounts for approximately 50 percent of all plastics produced. Kerbside collection is provided locally and at supermarkets for the collection of these plastics so that they avoid landfill. Sadly, tons of these UK plastics are shipped out to countries such as Malaysia for disposal, where there they are so swamped in the stuff they are going to return it.

In Bristol a company called Matter has developed the first filter named Regen, designed to target microplastics in washing machines. They were finalists in the Earthshot 2025 global competition. It is a breakthrough filtration technology which captures microplastics preventing them from entering our waterways.

### Dates for your diary:

#### March 22<sup>nd</sup> World Water Day

<https://www.weforum.org/stories/2025/03/world-water-day-march-2025/>

#### March 26<sup>th</sup> Digital Clean Up Day - What can individuals do?

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## St. Mary's Music (Thornbury)

March's 3rd Sunday afternoon concert of the year will take place on March 15th at 4.00pm at St Mary's Church, Thornbury (BS35 1HQ)

Our guests are The Celli Peppers. This group of cellists comes from across the region and have been playing together for about ten years. Their aim is to explore the wide-ranging cello repertoire and have fun and enjoyment whilst they perform.

As usual, the concert will last about an hour and will be followed by refreshments. Admission is free and there will be a retiring collection, the proceeds of which go to St Mary's Music.

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Following a year in the life of a group of Edwardian painters, it traces their hardships and struggles for survival in a complacent and stagnating Edwardian England. These workers are the philanthropists who throw themselves into back-breaking work for poverty wages to generate profit for their masters.

The performance takes place at The Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Thornbury on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm. Interval tea and coffee.

Tickets £15 from [AAGThornbury@gmail.com](mailto:AAGThornbury@gmail.com) or 01454 850933.

### About AAG

The Action Arts Group (formerly the Armstrong Arts Group) (AAG) was created in 2019 as a result of the fund-raising effort to help redevelop the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury started in 2011 by Joan Hawkins, Daphne Ashton and Barbara Ray.



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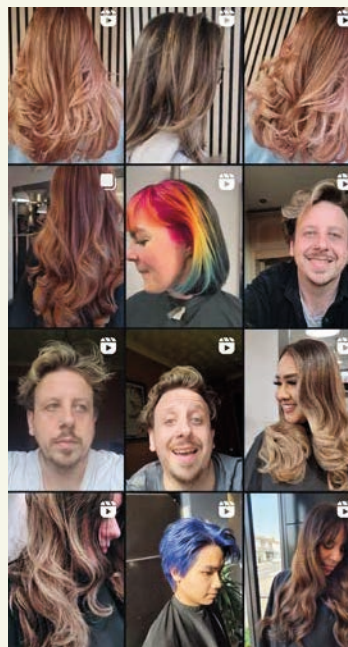
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Its aims are to promote and maintain entertainment opportunities in Thornbury for all ages and interests for the benefit of Thornbury and the surrounding area in which individuals will be able to enjoy and appreciate various cultural and entertainment events.

The programme organised by the AAG includes musical performances, drama productions and talks. Whenever possible, profits made by the Action Arts Group are passed on to local charities and the group is run entirely by volunteers.

## Thornbury Art Club

### Club Night Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

We have a real treat this month. Vincent Michael Brown is an Award-winning artist, a Bristolian and based in Bitton. He specialises in figurative paintings of people and for our demonstration, he will be producing a figurative painting using acrylics, and glazes. Working primarily in acrylic or watercolour, he was elected a member of NAPA (National Association of Acrylic Painters) in 2025. His work has won many awards, and been exhibited in prestigious exhibitions throughout the world, including four times at the National Portrait Gallery. He has been twice a competitor on Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the year.



During the evening's demo, we will have a short break for free tea, coffee, and biscuits. This will give us an opportunity to chat with member, visitors and the artist.

Don't miss this fantastic chance to learn, socialise, and enjoy an evening of art, whether you're just starting out or looking to refine your skills.

If you're interested in joining the Club, our membership secretary, Pat will be on the door to give you more information, or else contact us below.

Members free, non-members very welcome - £6 on the door, cash or card. 7.15pm until 9.30pm. St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, Thornbury, BS35 1DR Free parking on-site.

For more information contact: [www.thornburyartclub.co.uk](http://www.thornburyartclub.co.uk)  
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## u3a March News

**Thornbury u3a Coffee Morning.** Porch House, Christ the King, Castle Street from 10:30 – 11:30 on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Thornbury and District u3a is holding another coffee morning in Porch House, Christ the King, Castle Street. Members and non-members are welcome. Some u3a groups will be represented and will be happy to answer questions. There will also be refreshments. Please do come along to meet other people and have a coffee and chat.

NB: For members with no email address only, the Spring Newsletter will be available to collect.

**New Members' Welcome Meeting** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30-4:30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, BS35 1DR

This meeting is to welcome new and prospective members of Thornbury u3a. Following a short talk about Thornbury u3a, tea and coffee will be available and some of the interest groups will illustrate their activities.

If you have just joined do come along. Please also encourage anyone who is thinking of joining us to come along to find out more.

For more information visit our website <https://thornbury.u3asite.uk/> or contact the membership secretary [membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk)

## Thornbury Radio

Thornbury Radio successfully hosted its inaugural Radio Presenters Academy Day on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the Turnberries Community Centre, welcoming 29 enthusiastic attendees keen to explore the world of local broadcasting.

The Academy Day marks a major step in Thornbury Radio's mission to grow its on-air talent and strengthen its behind-the-scenes team, supporting the station's continued expansion as a social enterprise. The initiative aims to bring even more local voices to the airwaves — local people talking about local subjects for the local community — reflecting the station's belief that *Thornbury Radio is more than a radio station: Your Choice. Your Voice!*

Participants were guided through a full programme led by Thornbury Radio's presenter team, covering: The history and evolution of Thornbury Radio,



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Feedback from the day was overwhelmingly positive, with comments including:

*"It was brilliantly delivered by a team whose skill and enthusiasm was so much on show."*

*"Thoroughly enjoyed it!"*

*"Well done TR team – a fantastic initiative, well attended and delivered."*

Greg Robinson, Mid-Morning Presenter and Director at Thornbury Radio, said: *"It was our pleasure to launch the presenter academy, our community-based initiative to welcome more people into local radio. The day was fantastic, and it was great to see how interested our community is in local radio. We gave hints and tips on presenter style and gave the attendees an opportunity to practise using equipment we had purchased thanks to our grant donors — Thornbury and District League of Friends and the Thornbury Round Table. We hope to repeat the event in the future and hopefully grow the event with further purchases of equipment."*

# Thornbury Radio

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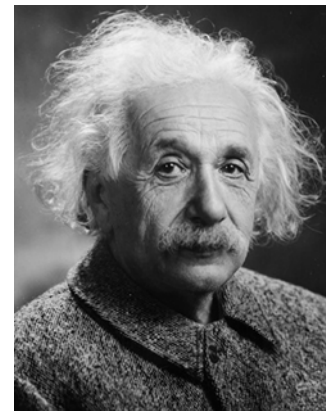
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## A March Quiz

1. Who is the Roman god of war that the month of March is named after?
2. What is the name of the astronomical event that occurs in March, marking the beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere?
3. Which saint's feast day is celebrated on March 17th?
4. "In like a lion, out like a \_\_\_\_" is a common phrase to describe March weather?
5. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1946, who said 'an iron curtain has descended across the continent'.
6. The March Hare is a character from which book?
7. Which book features the March sisters - Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy ?
8. What are the zodiac signs for early March until March 20? And what about the sign for the latter part of March?
9. Which UK Saints Day is on March 1st?
10. March is called *maaliskuu* in which European language?

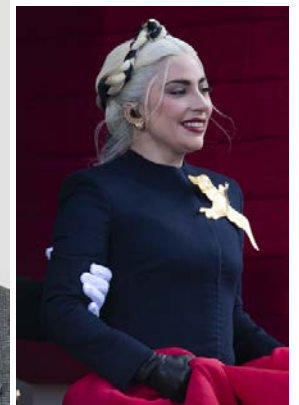
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## Shanties at The Ship


The Port of Bristol Shanty Singers are rolling up at The Ship, Bristol Road, in Alveston on the evening of April 25th at 7.30pm.



A gathering of shipmates has been convened by the Action Arts Group to keep the music going and the smiles on our faces!

The Port of Bristol Shanty group currently performs predominantly to raise funds for The Teenage Cancer Trust, keeping the tales of old Bristol's seafaring alive, creating new songs and revitalising the old. Get to know the members of the crew on their website at [www.pobshantycrew.co.uk](http://www.pobshantycrew.co.uk)

Tickets will cost £15 and can be booked by emailing [AAGThornbury@gmail.com](mailto:AAGThornbury@gmail.com) or ringing 01454 850933



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The morning and afternoon sessions will have a tour and talk given by Jekka, a member of our team or a Friend of Jekka's.

Our shop will be open selling herb seeds and herbal infusions, and our cafe will be open selling coffee, teas and homemade cake.

For tickets please visit: <https://www.jekkas.com/pages/jekkas-open-days>

## March Quiz Answers

1. Mars
  2. The Vernal Equinox (or March Equinox).
  3. St. Patrick.
  4. Lamb.
  5. Winston Churchill.
  6. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
  7. Little Women
  8. Pisces and Aries
  9. St David's
  10. Finnish
- March Birthdays
- A: Albert Einstein B: Prince Edward (Duke of Edinburgh) C: Lady Gaga



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## Yours Faithfully

Trevor Cook

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As spring advanced in North Yorkshire, where I was born, my father would drive us out over the moors in our old Austin 7 and drop down into the steep-sided valley of Farndale. There we could view the wild daffodils, otherwise known as Lent Lilies, and which I trust blossom there still, along the banks of the River Dove.



The name Lent lilies comes from their habit of flowering in March and April and thus during Lent.

They are said to symbolise renewal, hope, and new beginnings, and represent the arrival of spring and the promise of positive change.

All of which are particularly pertinent to us during Lent; those few days and weeks in which we either deny ourselves some of our pleasures or indeed dedicate ourselves to new acts of kindness. For our calling is to make what is, after all, a small sacrifice compared to the experience of our Messiah who was beset by the Devil's temptations.

And at the same time, as Spring and Lent advance, bringing us light and warmth and hope, it encourages us celebrate that greatest mystery of all, that of Jesus's life and death, Our Messiah who took it upon himself to pay the ultimate sacrifice to bring us hope of eternal life

The flowers in Farndale do not last long before they wither and retreat into the earth; there to live in the darkness until they appear again next Spring. And, when the proper season comes Jesus too will appear again, not from the rich earth but from the light of heaven; a hope that will sustain us as we continue to contemplate the mysteries of Lent

*Please note - I am biased in my choice of location for Lent lilies. You don't have to travel to Yorkshire to find them. There are several places in Gloucestershire where Lent Lilies grow, you can look them up on the internet.*



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## Church News

### ST MARY the VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Mar 1st	10am 6pm	Holy Communion Evensong - <b>Choir</b>	Rev David Lloyd Rev David Lloyd
Mar 8th	10am 6pm	Morning Prayer - <b>Choir</b> Holy Communion	Rev David Lloyd Rev David Lloyd
Mar 15th	10am 6pm	Mothering Sunday - <b>Choir</b> Holy Communion BCP	Janet McBride Rev Ann Lloyd
Mar 22nd	10am 6pm	Holy Communion - <b>Choir</b> Reflective Evening Prayer	Rev Ann Lloyd Janet McBride
Mar 29th	10am 6pm	Plam Sunday Communion Evening Prayer - <b>Choir</b>	Rev Ann Lloyd Rev Ann Lloyd

First Sunday of the month during term time, **Messy Church** 9am.  
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 Every Wednesday, Holy Communion, 10am.  
 NB Clergy may change.  
**Contact:** Rev David Moss, 01454 415190, mossds@gmail.com

### CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Mar 8th	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss
Mar 22nd	10am	Morning Prayer	Trevor Cook

**Contact:** Trevor Cook, 01454 618442  
**Church Wardens:** Jenn Dickens 632312 and Jon Burnett 633835

### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Feb 8th	9am	Morning Prayer	Judith Heybyrne
Feb 22nd	9am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd

**Contacts:** Judith Heybyrne 616725 **Church Wardens:** Catharine Gunnery 413225 and Cheryl Meredith 411065



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Feb 8th	3pm	Evensong CANCELLED	Rev David Moss
Feb 22nd	3pm	Evensong with Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

**Contacts:** Tracey Black 417660 and Tim Pyper 416422 /07802 419451

### OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Mar 1st	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Terry Palmer
Mar 8th	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship lead by Brenda Isherwood
Mar 15th	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Rev Simon Edwards
Mar 22nd	10am	Olv Ch	Local Arrangement service
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led Jenny Clark

**Contact:** Rev Dr Simon Edwards 418176  
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### THE VINE House of Prayer, Pilning Street, Awkley BS35 4HL

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### THORNBURY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Services are every Sunday at 10.45am Rev Neil Thorogood

# Diary Dates for March:

Information believed to be correct at going to press.

1 Sun	Litter picking	10am	OPH
2 Mon	Monday Movies Alveston Gardens Association talk	7pm 7.30pm	StM JHA
3 Tues	Citizens Advice every Tues Thornbury Art Club painting studio Every Tues WRBL meeting	10-12pm 1.30pm  7.30pm	TTH SMCH  DGCL
4 Weds	Table tennis every Weds Olveston Parish Historical Society	7pm 7.30pm	OPH OMC
5 Thurs	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop every Thurs Good afternoon, Choir, every Thurs Thornbury Art Club painting studio Every Thurs Pilning & Severn Beach History talk	9-1pm 9.30-12pm 1-3pm 1.30 pm  2pm	StM URC SMCH  SBVH
6 Fri	Tockington Community Café Haven Memory Café, every 1st & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday Friday Monthly Music Night	10-12pm 10.15- 11.45am 7.30pm	TMC URC CTK
7 Sat	Park Run every Sat	9am	MPF
9 Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club	2pm	SMCH
10 Tues	Thornbury Memory Café every 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues Olveston & Tockington WI	10.15- 11.45am 7.30pm	TMCH  OPH
14 Sat	Coffee morning Thornbury & District u3a coffee	10-12pm 10.30am	OMC CtK
15 Sun	St. Mary's Music,	4-5pm	StMT
16 Mon	Thornbury & District u3a new members welcome meeting	3.30pm	StMCH
19 Thurs	Thornbury Farmers Market	9-1pm	
21 Sat	AAG: The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists	7.30pm	TMCH

23 Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club: Practice	1.30pm	SMCH
24 Tues	Thornbury Art Club: Club night	7.15pm	SMCH
25 Weds	Alveston Local History Society talk	7.30pm	AMC
26 Thurs	Pilning & Severn Beach History talk	2pm	SBVH
28 Sat	Classic Car Event	10-12pm	StH

## Looking forward to April:

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> - AAG: Bristol Shanty Singers - 7.30pm - The Ship, Alveston

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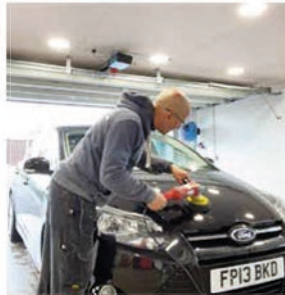




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