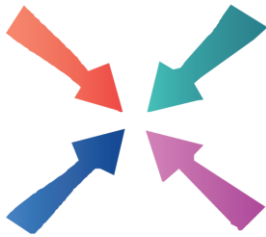


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## **From the Editor**

I love the picture that has been chosen for this month's front cover. It feels like an image of Littleton on Severn that could have been taken last week, last century, or even earlier. This edition of Meeting Point, however, presents an image of an area that is very much in the present - and very busy.

Polling cards will have landed on our doormats recently for the Elections for the new West of England Combined Authority. There is a short piece in here about what this and the new Metro Mayor might mean. There will also be a chance to find out more at the Olveston Annual Parish Assembly on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There is also a very moving account of the Memorial Service for Roly Bain, which was held in Southwark Cathedral on April 1<sup>st</sup>. It was clearly a very special day.

*Marelin*

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# News from St. Mary's

*Trevor Cook*



## Alpha Supper

We are holding an Alpha supper in St Mary's on **Sunday 7th May** starting at 7.30pm. A bread, soup and cheese supper will be served and on the big screen we shall show a short talk introducing the Christian faith.



Millions of people across the globe have tried Alpha - and we do think it helps explain what Christianity is all about, and correct a few common misunderstandings.

If you would like to come please contact [paul.harrod@gmail.com](mailto:paul.harrod@gmail.com) or ring 613642. Or just turn up on the 7th May. All are welcome!

## Thy Kingdom Come

Archbishop Justin Welby is inviting Christians to pray as one for people around the world to know "The life-transforming love of Christ". As part of that initiative, St Mary's is holding a 12 hour day of prayer from 8am to 8pm on **Ascension Day, 25th May** and there will be a prayer trail set up in church from then until **Pentecost (Whitsun) on June 4th**. Come and join us.

Also on the **4<sup>th</sup> June** there will also be a Pentecost lunch in church after an 11am service.

## Champagne Ball

A date for your diaries. On **8<sup>th</sup> July** the high point of the parish's social calendar take place. Tickets are available now from Julia Johnstone, telephone 07966 302782.

## New Vicar

After the excitement of interviewing a candidate, there was disappointment when we learned that things did not work out and so the position remains unfilled.

# Olveston and Tockington WI

*Vicki Townsend*

Matthew Riddle was the speaker at our March meeting. He gave an insight into the main functions and responsibilities of the South Gloucestershire Council, of which he is Leader. He told us, for example, that geographically the area is 80% rural and 20% urban, but that its population is 20% rural and 80% urban! The Council office in Yate houses 1000 employees and is a very 'green' building; making it cheaper to run, using computers for all work, and it has gone 'paperless'. Matthew is councillor for this area and is known to many WI members. He was subjected to pleas for pothole filling and more yellow lines on corners, amongst other issues, the inevitable result of talking to locals!! All of which he promised to investigate and follow up.

Susan Marshfield was the speaker for our April meeting with interesting and entertaining stories in a talk entitled 'Strange Things Do Happen'. Anecdotes from her own and her friends' lives included one about a visit to her bedroom by a small mouse with a taste for chocolate and his repatriation to Frampton Cottrell, and another about a church minister in California and his unusual method of demonstrating a parable story. Susan is a popular local speaker, so I will give no more details of her many stories. If you have the opportunity to attend one of her sessions, you will hear the completion of the tales. It was certainly a chance for ladies of the W.I. to enjoy an amusing and uplifting evening.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 9th May 7.30 pm at Olveston Parish Hall**. The speaker is Gordon Craig and his subject will be 'Chocolate', probably not involving mice!! All visitors are very welcome.

## Woodland Remedy

*Angela Daymond*

The Japanese have term 'shinrin-yuko': 'Forest bathing' or 'taking in the forest atmosphere'. Studies are showing us that there is actually relevance to health benefit claims of being under a forest canopy.

Scientists believe by taking deep breaths in the woods we are absorbing organic compounds which support our cell function. A slow relaxed walk, surrounded by nature has been shown to help:

- Improve the immune system
- Reduce hypertension
- Improve mood

Better sleep

Faster recovery from surgery or illness and more.

The woods are a delight in Spring. Carpets of Wood Anenomes, with their delicate white petals - a welcome stop to hungry emerging bumble bees - interspersed with violets and primroses, giving way eventually to the English favourite, the bluebell. What's not to love?

Next time you get the chance, try to just pause, breathe, look at those flowers, listen to the breeze, feel it on your face, hear the birdsong, smell the woody dampness and think - this is a lot cheaper than a NHS prescription.

'In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks'. John Muir.

## Old Down Cricket Club

*Tony Gardner 07889 727729*

### **150 Club Winners April 2017:**

£50 Alan Maunder  
£15 Alex Grosvenor  
£5 Sylvia Gould

### **Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:**

18/03/17 Tony Gardner  
25/03/17 Barry Reeves  
01/04/17 Richard Panes  
08/04/17 Sylvia Gould

### **Fixtures at The Park May 2017 (1.30pm Start)**

06/05/17 2nd XI v Frenchay  
13/05/17 1st XI v Knowle  
20/05/17 1st XI v Bristol Pakistanis  
27/05/15 2nd XI v Stanton Drew

**Up the Down!!**

## Annual Almondsbury Plant Sale

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May opening at 10.00 am**

6 Knole Close (off Townsend Lane)

A range of plants will be available as usual. For further details contact Peter Atkey 01454 612312.

# Monday Movies in Olveston: May

Trevor Anderson



Greetings to all readers from the Movie Club Team in Olveston. Our popular spring programme continues with three very different films this month.

As always, doors open 30 minutes before the films start, allowing you to indulge in a glass of wine or soft drink whilst having a chat or waiting in your seat. (*In how many cinemas are you invited to do that?*). Everyone is welcome (you don't need to be a Movie Club member)

and there is no need to book.

## MONDAY MOVIES (*1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Mondays of each month at 7.30pm*)

**Mon 1 May:** An airline pilot glides his disabled plane onto the frigid waters of a river, saving the lives of everyone on board. However, even as he is being heralded by the public and the media for his unprecedented feat of aviation skill, an investigation unfolds that threatens to destroy his reputation and his career. (2016, Cert12)

**Mon 15 May:** An award-winning Icelandic film about two sheep-farming bachelor brothers, stubborn and estranged for 40 years, who are forced



together when a deadly disease strikes their flocks. This sombre but gripping film, with flashes of humour, is exquisitely filmed and captures the harsh beauty of the remote Icelandic countryside and the character of the people. (2015, Cert 15)

## CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB (*Monday 10.00am in the school hols*)

**Mon 1 May:** A Disney live-action movie which charts the adventures of an orphaned boy named Pete and his best friend Elliot, who just so happens to be a dragon. (2016, Cert PG)



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 in the mornings.



We make no charge for entry, but we do value and appreciate a small **donation** at the end towards expenses if you have enjoyed the evening.

More information? Contact me on [trevoranderson@btinternet.com](mailto:trevoranderson@btinternet.com)

# New tennis season is here



The Olveston and Tockington Tennis Club membership runs from April to March, so there's no better time to dust off your racquet and get back on the court.

We're a very friendly club where all new members are most welcome. Club nights are run every Thursday evening and both men's and ladies training evenings are held for those wishing to take their play to another (league) level.

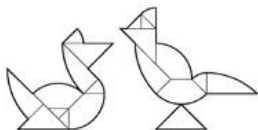
We're putting the finishing touches to our magnificent new club house, which will prove to be a huge asset to the club. Watch out for the opening event coming in June!

For further details please visit [www.ottctennis.co.uk](http://www.ottctennis.co.uk) or call Martin Dawes on 07720 509653.

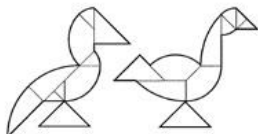
## May Puzzle

*Jan Winter*

I expect most people know that we now have new pound coins, designed to be less easy to forge. Apparently a very high proportion of the old pound coins in circulation are forgeries.



Suppose you have ten piles, each containing ten coins and you know that in one pile all the coins are forged and the other piles are genuine. You know a forged coin weighs 1 gram more than a real coin and you know the weight of a real coin.



How can you use an ordinary kitchen scale to identify the pile of forged coins, with only one weighing?



## April Solution

Shown above is the solution to the **April Easter Egg Bird puzzle**. How well did you do?

# Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church Outings

We will be having two more Coach Outings this year. The first one will be on **Tuesday 6th June** to Totnes and Dartmouth. Everyone welcome to join us.

The cost of the trip is £18.00 including the drivers gratuity.

At Totnes Quay, depending on times and tide, there will be an individual option of a 2 hour boat trip to Dartmouth costing a further £11.00 each. Clarification and arrangements to be confirmed on the day. Passengers not taking the Boat trip will be taken to Dartmouth by coach for leisure time.

For further information contact Jack Vokes on 01454 413862

To book your seats contact Trevor Watkins on 01454 416528

The Coach departs:-

Alveston: Junction of Stoney Stile and Greenhill Roads at 8.50am

Olveston: The bottom of Haw Lane at 9.00am

Tockington; The Green at 9.05am.

## Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the April draw, held on 6th April 2017 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	443	Mrs J Skinner, Tockington
£75	314	Mr & Mrs R Birtle, Olveston
£25	226	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£25	297	Mrs J Dickens, Aust
£25	349	Mrs L A Thomas, Tockington
£20	387	Mrs M Baker, Olveston
£20	470	Mrs J Dawes, Olveston
£20	608	Mrs E Marsh, Tockington
£10	440	Mrs C E Black, Thornbury
£10	592	Miss J M Davies, Olveston
£10	257	Mrs C Healey, Olveston
£10	599	Miss J M Davies, Olveston
£10	602	Mrs V Brazell, Olveston
£10	274	Mr & Mrs J Croome, Exmouth

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



# Kelly Dimery, our PCSO\*

*Pat Thirkettle*

Kelly was born in Wotton-under-Edge, went to Katherine Lady Berkeley School, her son also went there and she still lives in Wotton. She had a very happy childhood, with many friends who she still sees, but found her teenage years limited growing up in a small town. She left school at sixteen and went to Stroud College for two years to study secretarial and business administration.

She then felt like doing something different and at eighteen went to Connecticut, USA, as a nanny. She liked the family and the States but was homesick and came back after six months. Agency jobs followed, then administrative jobs and, after the birth of her son, she worked as senior administrator at Social Services in Dursley.



From 2002 to 2005 Kelly worked in Thornbury Police Station as a front office clerk. She then applied to become a Police Community Support Officer, which involved six weeks classroom training at Police Headquarters in Portishead followed by six months out and about on the beat with a tutor.

In 2007 she was appointed to the Severn Beat area, which includes Olveston and has been here ever since. Her job involves low level policing, anything not involved with the law. She works closely with police officers if there is an incident on her patch, for example road traffic accidents, burglaries etc. She gives talks to primary and secondary schools, (she was invited back by a former teacher to talk about working for the Police at KLB School), and will talk to any organisation that asks. She holds monthly surgeries; Olveston's is in the Stores, details can be

found in the Coffee Shop and in Meeting Point. Kelly makes victim visits and works closely with Lighthouse, which is a team of staff from the police and victim support organisations working together to guide, advise and support victims and witnesses.

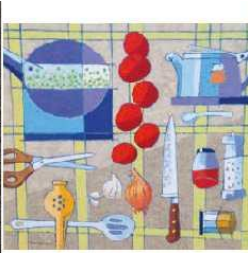
Kelly is a truly local community officer, the nearest to the 'bobby on the beat' that Olveston has had since the local policeman lived in the village.

*\* Police Community Support Officer*

# Jewellery, Paintings, Prints & Glass

Friday 28 April to Sunday 7 May, 10am to 4pm, DAILY

Three artists will be taking up residence in Thornbury and District Museum during the Art Trail – and it's FREE to visit them and the rest of the museum.



Come and see:

- Rosemary Millar's **silver and gold jewellery with semi-precious stones**
- Robert Hirstwood's **prints and paintings**
- Claire Alway's beautiful **glass engravings**

You may even spot something you'd like to buy...

Thornbury & District Museum, Chapel St, Thornbury. (Free parking for 2 hours: St. Mary Street Car Park.) Extended opening hours for the Art Trail.

Tel: 01454 857774 email: [enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk)

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

## Alveston Gardens Association Plant & Cake Sale

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 9.30am – 11.30am

Alveston Methodist Church Hall



# Easter Experience

*Jo Baxter*

At the beginning of April, St Mary's church held the Easter Experience. Olveston School children came along to explore the meaning of Easter whilst travelling along various prayer stations representing the Holy Week story. The children were encouraged to explore a human journey as they did this, from



the high hopes of the 'King' arriving on the donkey, to the confusion why their teacher should suddenly turn servant as he washed their feet, to the last supper where Jesus asked his disciples to remember him as they eat bread and wine (or in the children's case blackcurrant juice), to the garden where Jesus was alone as all his friends had fallen asleep, to the sorrow at

Golgotha at the Crucifixion and Mary's joy at the tomb when she realised Jesus was alive. All the children participated in various activities and at the tomb various students represented Jesus, Roman soldiers, an Angel and Mary as we concluded our journey and discovered the great joy of Easter.

All those involved - from the volunteers who 'manned' the stations to the children and their teachers - had a great time. Here are some of the comments:

Year 1

"I liked getting my feet washed." James C

"I enjoyed the last supper because we got squash." Connie

Year 2:

"It was all awesome" Edward Y

"I enjoyed acting out the story when Ellie was Jesus." Matilda

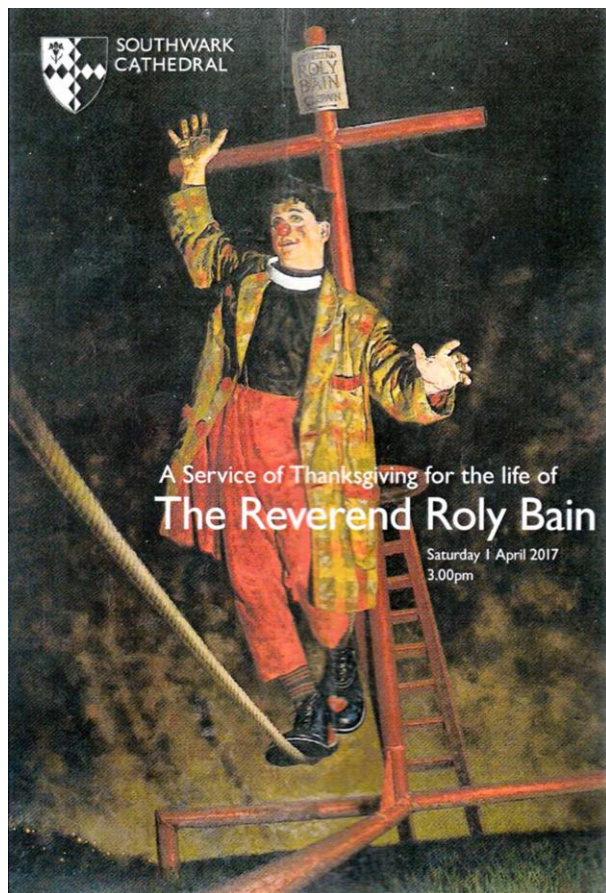
Year 3:

"Our group washed each other's feet just like Jesus washed the Disciples' feet. It was fun. I love washing feet. Rosemary told us all about the reasons too".

# A Rousing Remembrance of Roly

Mike Lewis

**Roly Bain Memorial Service**  
**Saturday 1 April 2017. Southwark Cathedral.**



The packed cathedral was the setting, on a most appropriate date, to celebrate the life of a Holy Fool. Roly Bain, was ordained priest in the Cathedral in 1978 and returned 3 years later as its succentor. He was also Chaplaincy Assistant at Guy's Hospital. During his four years in Southwark Roly co-founded Holy Fools. An organisation committed to clowning in ministry and worship. At the time Roly explained "I hope all this will encourage the Church to make a fool of itself." Roly went on to extensively tour the USA and Australia. He was allegedly banned from one prison as his act involved a ladder.

The opening procession included Sister Hilda

Mary, in a clown costume, complete with feather duster. The Dean of Southwark, the Very Revd Andrew Nunn, welcomed the congregation "on this All Fools Day" and, looking at the clowns in the front row, said it was "Good to see so many of you dressed properly."

Author Sandra Pollerman spoke at length of Roly's early days and the founding of Holy Fools. Neil Jenkin read the Rainbow Reward. The Revd Patrick Forbes, Holy Fools co-founder, read the lesson (*1 Corinthians 1. Verses 18-31*) including the words 'God chose what is foolish in the world to shame

the wise'. The House of Commons Speaker's chaplain Rose Hudson-Wilkin described the Clowns Service at her former church Holy Trinity in Dalston. She recalled the annual memorial service for the first clown Joseph Grimaldi, as being worship "full of energy".

The choir of St Mary's, Olveston, conducted by Director of Music David Shaw



provided memorable music for the occasion. The anthems were '*God Is Gone Up With A Merry Noise*', which by Roly's request had also been sung at his funeral last August, and '*O Lord Support Us All the Day Long*'. Roly's niece Iona Bain read from Roly's books; his son Jack Bain told '*Giovanni's Story*' and nephew Matthew Bain played '*Send In The*

*Clowns*' on the piano. Bubble Prayers were led by Sister Hilda Mary.

In his address, the Dean reminded everyone that the parish included some world famous theatres and that Edmund Shakespeare's body was buried in the cathedral.

"The fool is a character in a number of Shakespeare's plays, characters who use their wits to outdo people of higher social standing. Feste, the Fool in '*Twelfth Night*', says 'Well, God give them wisdom that have it; and those that are fools, let them use their talents.'

"Roly displayed both. That divine wisdom and the talent of the foolish to prick at pomposity. Roly's slack wire, which he took to churches, schools and hospitals was, appropriately, set up before the altar.

Motorway closures meant extra-long journey time from Olveston. The resulting ten minute delay to the service would surely have very much appealed to Roly's sense of humour. "They couldn't even arrive on time for my memorial service", he would have said. Accompanied, of course, by a familiar gentle smile.

## Rest in peace, Roly.



# Traffic Matters.....

*Roderick Offer*

All readers of Meeting Point will be aware of the increasing problems within our villages due to traffic. Olveston Parish Council set up a steering group to produce a report which was completed and presented to the council in March 2016. The report contains an assessment of the issues around increasing traffic, speeding and parking and the effects on safety and the erosion of village life. It also contains recommendations for improvements. The Parish Vision document 2015 states that the major issue raised was concern about traffic and safety. The Olveston Parish Design Statement in 2004 also made recommendations to improve safety and enhance the rural character of the Parish.

There is now a 20mph speed limit around Olveston School and a proposed 20 mph limit around Tockington Manor School. Further work is being suggested to look at the possibility of improving parking throughout the 2 villages. A growing group of local residents feel that all these issues should be looked at as a whole and a plan formulated to achieve an overall improvement in safety and quality of life for all road users in our villages.

Other rural areas particularly Dorset have developed strategies for improving safety in villages in a way that enhances existing features rather than detracting from them and without the need for a mass of road signs that are ignored by many. These ideas could work well for us. It is hoped that a scheme for Olveston and Tockington will be produced that meets all our needs, improves safety, reduces harmful emissions and enhances village life.

It is felt that having an all encompassing plan to work towards would save money being wasted and would address all the issues. Please look at the following [http://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/assets/downloads/Dorset\\_AONB\\_Partnership/trafficinvillages-web.pdf](http://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/assets/downloads/Dorset_AONB_Partnership/trafficinvillages-web.pdf). If you would like further information and to support this initiative please contact [safervillages@trafficmatters.net](mailto:safervillages@trafficmatters.net)

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

February 24<sup>th</sup>      Burial of Ashes of Ian Hugh Boreham

March 19th      Baptism of Samuel Ivor Bennington son of James and Abigail Bennington

# Almondsbury Primary School Fun Run 2017

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

The 1 km race starts at 10.30am

The 5 km and 10 km races start at 11am

1k — £3 per adult or child (under 16)

5k — £3 per child (under 16) £6 per adult

10k — £6 per adult

£15 for family (2 adults & up to 3 children), available if booked in advance only.

Please note that there will be a £2 premium on the day for each entry.

Club runners will receive a £2 discount.

Enter NOW! Numbers are limited so don't delay. The entry form is available on the school website: [www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk](http://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk),

or email [mrs.sjwright@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.sjwright@gmail.com)

Forms are also available from the school office.



**Olveston**  
Parish Council

## Annual Parish Assembly

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 @ 7:30pm**  
**Olveston Parish Hall**

**Guest Speaker - Amanda Deeks OBE**  
Chief Executive of South Gloucestershire Council

**A unique opportunity to hear about things  
that affect you as a Parishioner**

**Followed by:**  
**A review of the previous year in the Parish**

**We look forward to welcoming all Parishioners**

**BUSES & TRANSPORT**

**HOUSING IN THE PARISH**

**TRAFFIC & PARKING**

**METRO MAYOR AND HOW IT AFFECTS THE PARISH**

# Parish Matters



*Richard Rogers (clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

Those receiving the May Issue of Meeting Point, please try and attend the Annual Parish Assembly Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. The Agenda is on all the notice boards and the local websites. The Assembly will start with a presentation 'The West of England Combined Authority' by Amanda Deeks, the Chief Executive of South Glos. Council.

The Parish Council intends to also launch its Bio-diversity project at the Annual Parish Assembly, covering tree planting throughout the Parish, Nature Surveys and ways in which bio-diversity can be supported. The Council will also be contacting potentially interested parties in the next few weeks. But please contact the Parish Council if you wish to be involved.

The renovated fencing at the Parish Hall car park has included refurbishment of the rebound wall for the Tennis Club, additional netting to reduce the number of balls landing on the Parish Hall roof, and suitable panelling to improve the facility for 5-a-side football.



Oveston Parish Council is still seeking replacement Councillors. An initial advert has been published with a closing date of the 18th April 2017, however the Council would still like to hear from interested parties, and will advertise any remaining vacancies accordingly. Please contact the Clerk or members of the Council if you would like to be considered.

The Parish Council has been notified by the Local Government Boundary Commission of its consultation until 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 on its proposed changes to the wards in the South Glos. Council district. Full details are available at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).



# What is a Metro Mayor?

*Peter Floyd*

We country dwellers have long viewed Bristol as Big Brother to be resisted, even though many of us work there and draw our income from it. Consequently, our local councillors have defended us from the looming city to the point that cooperation, even on necessary things like transport, has not always been possible and they have also defended the Green Belt from almost all development which has limited both city and our villages.

This has been a national problem, so the government has offered 6 city regions the chance to work together, with financial support and the devolution of powers over planning, transport, housing and skills training, with more hoped for if all goes well. It will not be another layer of local government (no, it will not be another Avon). South Gloucestershire, Bath and North East Somerset and Bristol have agreed to form the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) under the chairmanship of a Metro Mayor, but carried out by the existing councils - just as they do now.

New plans for land use and transport are already in hand for the West of England (the 4 unitary authorities around Bristol and Bath) with results likely to be limited by current political constraints, so this new way of governing our area is the best chance we have had to address our differences and to make everything work better. We should all try to find out\* about the candidates who are offering to take on the daunting task of being the new Metro Mayor and to register and vote on 4 May.

*\* Google : West of England Combined Authority*

## Aust Parish Council Matters

*Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)*

### **Aust Parish Council Annual Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at Elberton Village Hall. Copy date for this edition of Meeting Point is after the meeting so I can't report on it here. I hope to include a brief report in the next edition and a report will be put on the website.

The Parish Council's Annual Meeting will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> May when the officers of the council will be elected for the following year. That apart, it will be a normal council meeting.

## **South Gloucestershire Boundary Commission Review**

The Local Government Boundary Commission has launched a review of warding arrangements in South Gloucestershire. You can see this at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk) and respond to the consultation (until June 5<sup>th</sup>) at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>.

There appear to be two potential issues. The first is whether the boundaries of the existing wards for electing South Gloucestershire Councillors should be altered. The second is whether the arrangements for Aust parish itself should be changed.

At this stage, the Commission has made no proposals except to reduce the number of South Gloucestershire Councillors from 70 to 61. This will mean that there will have to be some boundary changes to ensure, so far as they can, that the size of the electorate per Councillor is similar for all wards. After the consultation, the Commission will publish its draft proposals in September and there will be a further period of consultation until November 2017. Their decision is expected early in 2018 to apply to elections in 2019.

## **Thornbury Methodist Players present 'Look Who's Talking'**

A comedy by Derek Benfield.

Sheila and Andrew are a middle aged couple anticipating a quiet Sunday lunch with a friend, but each have hidden secrets. Two unexpected visitors join them, leading to an elaborate web of lies, half-truths and hilarious scenes of misunderstandings.

**Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm.**

**Thornbury Methodist Church Hall**

Tickets £7. Available from 01454 414749 / 01454 600503 or on the door.

All proceeds from Wednesday night's performance will be donated to Cancer Research UK.

## **Thornbury Carnival**

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.**

As ever, we are looking for volunteers to help us out on the day so if you have got some spare time on July 1st and you feel you would like to be involved please contact [organiser@thornburycarnival.co.uk](mailto:organiser@thornburycarnival.co.uk) for fuller details or David Goldring [chair@thornburycarnival.co.uk](mailto:chair@thornburycarnival.co.uk)

# Alveston Singers' Spring Concerts

We invite you to our Spring Concerts **Vivaldi - Gloria and Magnificat** with a selection of Choral Classics.

Soloists from Bath Spa University  
Conductor James Davies  
Accompanist Sue Phillipson-Masters

**Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>** Thornbury Baptist Church 7.30pm

**Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>** St. Helen's Church, Alveston 7.30pm

Free Admission. There will be a Retiring Collection for The Julian Trust – a charity for the homeless – and Off the Record – a mental health charity for young people.

## 'A Night at the Movies'

Following on from its NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) award winning concert last year, the Thornbury Musical Theatre Group invite you to join us for our Summer Showcase which will take you on a cinematic journey, bringing you the best of the big screen tracks. In this spectacular serenade of the silver screen, 'A Night at the Movies' will entertain you with singers and dancers galore, with music from a vast variety of films across the ages in the form of emotional power ballads, romantic duets and toe-tapping high-energy dance numbers.

Looking to provoke memories, the concert includes songs about love, heartache, imagination, childhood and dance to name a few. For a fully immersive, wonderful evening of entertainment, join us at the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury, after which you will undoubtedly leave with a smile on your face, your toes still tapping and haunting melodies ringing in your ears. Don't miss this fantastic fiesta of your favourite film songs, complete with a live band, just like the good old classic films.

There will be only two performances, on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June starting at 7.30 pm.**

All tickets are £10. Bookable online now at [www.tmtg.org.uk](http://www.tmtg.org.uk). For enquiries call Angie at the Box Office on 07516 270140. Tickets will also be available at Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings at 53 High Street, Thornbury from Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

FFI: [www.tmtg.org.uk](http://www.tmtg.org.uk) or e-mail [membership@tmtg.org.uk](mailto:membership@tmtg.org.uk). You can also follow us on Facebook.

# Thornbury Choral Society

The next Thornbury Choral Society concert will take place as part of the Thornbury Arts Festival.

**Saturday May 6th at 7.30pm**

**The Castle School, Park Road, Thornbury BS35 1HT**

The concert will consist of three of Handel's Coronation Anthems and Mozart's Sublime Requiem.

Soloists Mary Pope, Hannah Poulsom, Rhys Batt and Edward Saddington will be accompanied by Thornbury Camerata and the concert will be conducted by Steven Kings.

Tickets cost £12 each (£2 under 16) and can be obtained from any choir member, from Tessa Sullivan 01454417865, email [tess@keithsullivan.co.uk](mailto:tess@keithsullivan.co.uk) or from Thornbury Town Hall.

**OLVESTON PARISH TWINNING ASSOCIATION**



## Twinning Visit 2017

We are delighted to announce that on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April a coachload of people from Olveston's twin village of Brehan, in Brittany, will be arriving for the May Day weekend. In recent years we have been making a real effort to encourage more families with children of school age to join in the twinning.

Last year we went to Brehan with nearly forty people in our bus and this included families with, in total, about ten children. It obviously went well because we will be welcoming back around 37 villagers from Brehan, and 10 of them are children between the ages of 7 and 15.

We have got a great weekend planned for them with lots happening here and on trips out. A full report on the visit will appear in the June edition of Meeting Point. So, if you see us around over the weekend, please shout out Bonjour!

# Afternoon High Tea

**St Peter's Hospice, Severnside Support Group**

**Wednesday 31st May at 2.30pm. Methodist Church Hall, Thornbury**

The guest speaker will be Mrs Eleanor Garratt Taylor, who will talk about Berkeley Castle and its History. Tickets are priced at £10.00 (to include a full home made high tea) and are available from Thornbury Town Hall from 2nd May or pay on the door.

Support St Peter's, your local Hospice.

## Yours Faithfully.

*Rev. Pete Brazier*

*Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church*

My gardening skills are limited, but fuelled by fascination in small things that I might not have noticed if I were more experienced. Last year I started growing herbs in my garden and to do so I tried to clear a lot of weeds, which grew back as quickly as I could pull them out. I got to know some of the weeds quite well. I learned that Petty Spurge is one to avoid. If you break the stem the sap can cause irritation, remain on your skin after a thorough wash and still be transferred elsewhere - I suffered with tingly lips on a number of occasions. By contrast, a weed I battled against for a long time, Hairy Bittercress, is actually edible. Not the finest flavour, but quite acceptable as part of a salad.

I also observed how well defended mint is. It sends out at least two sprigs for each one you cut. This seems a good lesson for mint to have learned. How handy it would be if we could grow back missing parts. I suppose where plants and trees have evolved to grow back missing parts, we are meant to have evolved the ability to learn from our mistakes and hopefully avoid losing parts of ourselves in the first place. Yet in spite of our great evolutionary advancements, we often seem quite poor at learning from experience. The third occasion of tingly lips being a good example of that.

2,000 years ago Jesus told us not to judge others unless we want to be judged too. All these years later we still find ways to judge each other, whether it be age, gender, colour, religion, nationality or taste in music. And how often does our judgment leave us in an angry world full of people who are less than eager to be kind to us when we need it? Perhaps one day we will learn - or evolve into something more advanced like a tree.

**MEETING POINT  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2016**

RECEIPTS	2016 £	2015 (14 months) £	PAYMENTS	2016 £	2015 (14 months) £
Balances at 31st December 2015 and 31st October 2014					
At Bank:					
Current Account	3240.30	4436.83	Printing	11740.12	14396.76
Clubs & Charities A/C	3015.99	3012.98	Insurance	321.09	379.65
Advertisements	14533.52	15578.93	Postage	940.30	840.05
Interest	-	3.01	Stationery/Materials	94.40	88.20
Donation	30.00	10.00	Book Binding	45.00	44.00
			Gratuities	81.98	45.00
			Corporation Tax	8.80	230.00
			Photocopying	5.40	11.80
			Website	-	750.00
			40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	1337.17	-
			2016 Meeting Point Directory	574.90	-
			Quiz Prizes	20.00	-

At Bank:

Cash in hand	-	72.00
Current Account	2634.66	3168.30
Clubs and Charities A/C	3015.99	3015.99

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

*J.S. Howells*

*27 February*

*T.W. Watson*

J S Howells F.C.A.

Dated

Treasurer

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

May 7	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe Revs P Rowe & A Lloyd Mrs J McBride
May 14	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion(BCP) Morning Worship with Choir Holy Communion	Rev David Bone Paul Harrod Rev Ann Lloyd
May 21	8am 10am 3.45 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Back to Front Evensong	Rev Ann Lloyd Revs P Rowe & D Bone Paul Harrod Mrs J McBride
May25	9am	Holy Communion(Ascension Day)	Rev Philip Rowe
May28	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evensong(BCP) with Choir	Rev Ann Lloyd Rev David Bone Rev Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

**Rev Philip Rowe**, 01454 613223; email: [office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk)

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

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

**PRAYER GROUP:** Mondays, 2.45pm in the Chancel

**WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION:** At 9.00am except 4<sup>th</sup> Wed when it is at Olveston Methodist Church

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

## CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

May 14	10am	Holy Communion	Rev. Ann Parker
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**Focal Minister:** **Rev Ann Parker**, 01454 632329

e-mail [annatdibley@btinternet.com](mailto:annatdibley@btinternet.com)

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

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

May 7	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black
May 21	9am	Holy Communion	TBA

**Contact** **Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660**

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

May14	9am	Matins	Judith Heybyrne
May28	9am	Holy Communion	Rev Jennifer Hall

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

May 7	10am	Tock. Ch..	Morning Worship led by Mrs Brenda Isherwood
May 14	10am	Olv. Ch..	Morning Worship led by Mrs Rosalie Doyle
May 21	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch Horfield.Ch	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams Circuit Testimony Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Jonathan Pye
May28	10am	Olv Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> May  
To book your lunch please ring 416528

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP** meets at 12.15pm at the Swan Tockington  
on Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May. To book please ring 613241

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

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

**HOUSE GROUP** Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> May 10.30 at 6 Manor Close led by Rev Sandy Williams

**THE OLVESTON COMPUTER CLINIC** Olveston Methodist Hall

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

Ring 07833 354672 or 01957 433091 for further information.

**CREAM TEAS** There will be no cream teas on Bank Holiday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Cream teas will be served on Bank Holiday Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May on the Green  
and in Tockington Chapel from 2.30pm -5.00pm

**CONTACT:** Rev Pete Brazier Tel 01454 418176,

e-mail [pete@thebigfishcafe.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:thevine_awkley@hotmail.com)



## **THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN**

May 7	6.30pm	Chris Crocker
May 14	6.30pm	Steve Mills
May 21	6.30pm	James Gulliford
May 28	6.30pm	Bristol Evangelical Male Voice Choir

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

For further information please contact Jenny Parfitt [jennyparfitt@gmail.com](mailto:jennyparfitt@gmail.com)

## **AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH** Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact Ann Roberts 632564.

e-mail [ann.roberts@bylanes.co.uk](mailto:ann.roberts@bylanes.co.uk)

## **LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

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

## **RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING**, Thornbury -

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Monday-Friday Daily Mass at 10am

Tel 01454 412223 [www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk](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:** Roger Howell [rog3er2@gmail.com](mailto:rog3er2@gmail.com) 01454 415035

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

# Diary Dates for May 2017

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	Children's Movie Club No Computer Clinic Monday Movie	10.00am  7.30pm	S+M  S+M
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Annual Parish Assembly R.B.L.(Women) Talk by Diane Barnard	10.30-12.00 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL PH DGCL
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Computer Clinic every week CRUK Coffee morning Table Tennis	10.00-12.00 10.00-12.00 7.00-8.30pm	MH AMH PH
4 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30pm 9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	 OS+ MH
5 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Thornbury Carers Support Group Computer Clinic every week Thornbury Arts Festival -13th	1.00-3.00pm 7.00-9.00pm	Chy MH
6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Stepping Stones Family Fun day	10.30-12.00 2.00-4.00pm	MH EVH
7 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
8 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Computer Clinic every week	2.00-4.00	MH
9 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Aust Parish Council W.I.	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL TMH EVH PH
10 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	PH
11 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
12 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Plant Sale 6 Knole Cl. Almondsbury Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	From 10am 10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	 AVH MH
14 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Fun Run at Almondsbury School	10.30	
15 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Monday Movie	7.30pm	S+M
16 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
17 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Beat Surgery Table Tennis Th. Meth. Players 'Look Who's Talking'-20 <sup>th</sup> Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	10.30-11.15 7.00-8.30 7.45 8.30pm	OS+ PH TMH

18 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OS†
19 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
20 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
21 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Training day for Orchard survey Project	10am	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mon			
23 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Olveston Parish Council.	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm	DGCL TMH AP
24 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	
25 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup.	9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS† MH
26 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
27 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
28 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Aust Quiz Night at Boar's Head	7.30pm	
29 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Cream Teas on Tockington Green/ Chapel	2.30-5pm	
30 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
31 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	PH
<b>Looking ahead to June</b>			
18 <sup>th</sup>	Littleton Open Gardens		

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

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