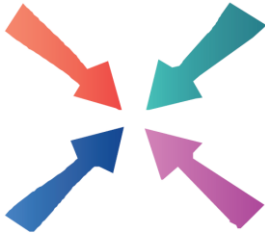


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From the Editor

On November 11th this year, Armistice Day coincides with Remembrance Sunday and ceremonies all over the country will mark the day, 100 years ago, when the guns fell silent at the end of World War One. In this edition of Meeting Point there is an article giving more information about the Olveston War Memorial, which appears on our cover, and another about the origins of the two-minute silence.

Back in the summer, a Meeting Point reader contacted us suggesting that we should make contact with local farmers and get their views on living and working in the countryside around here. Always willing to take on board new ideas we sent out our agricultural correspondent, who has produced an interesting article about a couple who have farmed on Pilning Street for over 30 years. Hopefully more in this vein will follow.

Marelin

The cover picture of the Dedication of the Olveston War Memorial is taken from Eric Garrett's 2014 book 'From Olveston to Aleppo: Olveston and the surrounding area in World War I'.

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News from St Mary's

Debbie Harries

Memorial Service



November 4th, at 6pm, sees our annual Service of Remembrance where our loved ones are remembered. Those who have been bereaved in the past year are invited, but you don't need an invitation to come and the timescale doesn't matter. We light candles for loved ones during a special service of music and reflection. Afterwards there will be a

chance to meet and talk with others over light refreshments.

Remembrance Sunday

On November 11th it is our Parade Service for Remembrance Sunday, at 10am. All uniformed organisations will be taking part.

Outreach Project

Our 2018/19 appeal 'Sowing and Growing' will be launched on the 2nd December. We are again aiming to raise £15,000 for 2 projects, home and away.

The home element will be a reflective space in the grounds of Olveston School. This will provide a quiet, interactive landscaped area where children can spend time alone or in groups. This type of area has been proven to be beneficial to mental health and wellbeing.

The away element will provide an underground rain water collection tank, market garden tools and practical help for a refugee village in Rwanda. These refugees are returning from forced exile following the genocide atrocities. The organisation Christian Engineers in Development will be facilitating this part of the project. (see <https://ced.org.uk>) More details of the launch next month.

From the Registers of St Mary's, Olveston

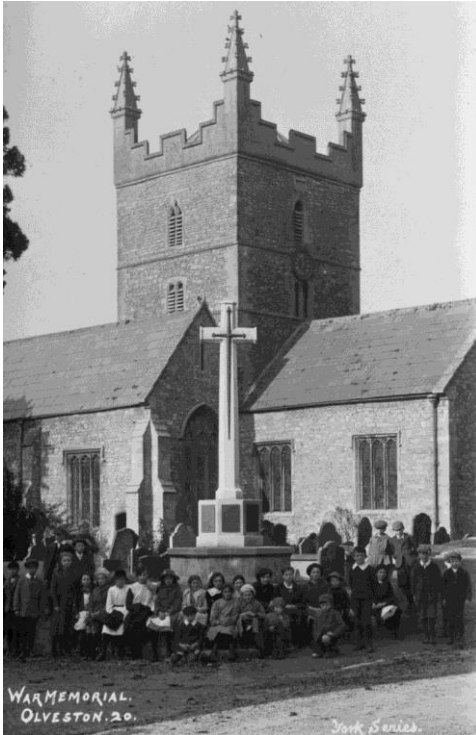
7th October

Baptism of Athena-beau Kathleen Agg, daughter of
Verity-may Haskins Saunders and George Charles Agg.

The Olveston War Memorial

At the end of WW1 a local committee was set up to decide on the nature of a memorial to those who had lost their lives and to raise the necessary funds.

On Sunday August 1st 1920, the Dedication of the Memorial Cross was carried out by the Dean of Bristol, Dr Wynne Wilson.



A Memorial Service was held in the Church, attended by the Vicars of Olveston, Alveston and Littleton-on-Severn. The front seats were reserved for the relatives of the fallen men and for about 100 ex-Service men who had paraded to church, led by Lt. Col. Charles Turner D.S.O. (of Old Down House, commander of the Old Down Troop which had fought in the Middle East).

The bell ringers rang a muffled peal. After hymns and prayers, the clergy, choir and congregation proceeded to the Memorial Cross, which was then unveiled. After more prayers two hymns were sung (including 'There is a green hill far away'). The Last Post sounded, and a Blessing was said. On the following day, a Monday and therefore a schoolday, there was a service for

Olveston schoolchildren at the War Memorial.

Since 2015 anyone with a smartphone or tablet who visits the War Memorial at St Mary's, Olveston, has been able to tap into the history of local people from Olveston who lost their lives during the First World War. A Quick Response (QR) code is installed near the memorial. When scanned, the QR code provides a wealth of information and personal stories about people named on the memorial who were killed in battle. The stories were researched by Bill Morgan from Olveston Parish History Society and the QR project was coordinated by South Gloucestershire Council as part of the Heritage Lottery Funded South Gloucestershire First World War project to engage local people with the First World War centenary. You can also access the information by visiting <http://sites.southglos.gov.uk/war-memorials/>

The photograph and the information about the War Memorial in this article is from Eric Garrett's book, which is still available from Eric or from OPHS.

All these details about the Olveston War Memorial currently feature in the World War One exhibition at Thornbury and District Museum, which runs until 21st December



Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners September 2018:

£50 Bill Finch
£15 Dave Lippiatt
£5 Diane Buckley

150 Club Winners October 2018:

£50 John Cryer
£15 Archie Stenning
£5 Jeff Pullin

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

18/08/18 Mike Rowen
25/08/18 Paddy Gardner
08/09/18 Paddy Gardner
22/09/18 Tony Williams
06/10/18 Angus Macdonald

Cheltenham Races:

The Club is organising a trip to Cheltenham Races on Friday 16th November. Tickets £60.00 to include return coach travel, breakfast on arrival, entry to 'Best Mate Enclosure', betting/food Vouchers. Please contact me for tickets.

Up the Down!!



Oveston Parish Council Matters

Old Down Play Area

As many of you may have noticed, the play equipment at Old Down has become very tired and desperately needs updating. As a Parish Council we believe that all children should have access to fun, safe outdoor play areas where they can learn to risk assess and develop skills to manage new situations. We also believe that it is important for the new equipment to be sympathetic to the surrounding area and keep biodiversity ideals in mind. Therefore a team of Parishioners is planning to redevelop the play area so children, parents and carers can continue to enjoy playing in Old Down.

Just in case your Meeting Point magazine arrives before the end of the month, you should know that on Sunday the 28th October at 13.00 we are holding an event at Old Down play area and inviting Parishioners to view the ideas we have for the new play area. As we are in Autumn there will be hot chocolate and marshmallows available. We will also be providing conkers for those who fancy a game and are feeling a little competitive! So come along if you can and have some input in the new plans for this play area.

If you would like to get involved, help with fundraising, or have any further queries please contact:

Nina Lewis Leaver: Nina.lewis-leaver@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Louise Powell powelllouise967@gmail.com

Exciting News

Oveston Parish Council now has a Grant Awarding Policy. This means if you meet the criteria specified in the terms of the grant, you can get a helping hand for a project or group that will benefit the community. The forms can be found on our website www.olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Job Opportunity

We are wishing to recruit a hard-working individual to come and work for Oveston Parish Council as our Clerk/ RFO. We anticipate the weekly workload to be around 15 hours, to include two evening meetings a month. You will be provided with a laptop and can work from home at hours that suit you. Clerk experience is not required but a commitment to undertaking the CiLCA qualification is preferred. Closing date 15th November,

interviews to take place w/c 19th November and a start date around the 1st December. The application form can be found on our website and applications are to be sent to Alicia Fox: clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk,

Fun Run - Thanks

Asha North

Thank you to all who participated in this year's FoOs (Friends of Olveston School) Fun Run on October 7th - all 115 of you! Thanks also to those who volunteered to help, since without you this wonderful event would simply not happen. We were lucky with the fresh but sunny weather, which only added to the great atmosphere on the day. Special thanks go to Tesco for donating bananas and to the Crusty Loaf for providing the bread rolls for the delicious bacon butties. An additional thanks to Linela who again kindly donated the participants' medals.

A great morning was had by all. See you again next year!

Tea and Chat

If you find it difficult to get out and socialise, why not come to 'Tea and Chat' to make new friends and meet up with old ones?

Transport is provided and it's all free.

The November 'Tea and Chat' is at Littledown, Haw Lane, Olveston. BS35 4EQ

For further details or to request transport if necessary please telephone Lynn 01454 612201 or Lesley 01454 613804.

Thornbury Christmas Food and Gift Fair

Saturday 8th December 10am – 2pm Castle Street.

Back by popular demand, Castle Street is happy once again to be hosting Thornbury's Christmas Market. There will be approximately 60 stalls – including food and gifts - with music, mulled wine and hot food to keep everyone warm and get us all in the holiday spirit! Meet friends, old and new and find something a bit different for your loved ones' Christmas presents this year.

Tony Bryan



I was born in Westover Park Road, Thornbury, in June 1937 and went to the local St Mary's Church of England school. The winter of 1947 brought snow drifts several feet deep so my journey on foot to school was fun but hazardous. I joined St. Mary's Church Choir mostly because I received two pence for each morning and evening service and that was my pocket money! These were very happy times until November 1947 when my Mother was rushed to hospital for a hysterectomy. Tragically she died from an infection as there were no antibiotics in those days. It was a very bitter blow to me, my two elder sisters and my father. My father was a corn merchant in Thornbury

and decided that it was best to send me away to Wycliffe College in Stonehouse. It was difficult at first, but I made many friends and remain in contact with several.

I left school with suitable A levels and in September 1955 I received my call up papers for National Service whilst I was on a walking holiday in the Bernese Oberland with some of my fellow school leavers. My father drove me and Tom White, also from Thornbury, to the barracks in Devizes where I joined the Wiltshire regiment. I suppose having been away at school I adapted to the new regime quite well and quite enjoyed drill and sleeping out in the trenches we had dug for military exercises. I was selected to be a potential officer and went for 16 weeks training to Eaton Hall in Cheshire – the home of the Duke of Westminster.

After my training I was moved to the Gloucestershire Regiment and three of us were flown to join the regiment in Aden where our task was to protect a new BP Oil Refinery from attacks by local tribesmen. We later went with these people to fight a battle against the tribesmen in Yemen – they had masses of Russian ammunition and we had British help. After Aden the regiment was transferred to Bahrain at the time of the Suez crisis, in which the Bahrainis supported the Egypt uprising, so we had to patrol the streets and keep the local people from destroying any buildings with a UK connection. Next stop

was to fly over Syria to strengthen the forces in Cyprus and I was posted there for the remaining eight months of my National Service. There was real aggression with attacks from the EOKA terrorists. I spent a long time in the Troodos mountains tracking and catching the enemy who were usually moving ammunition round in the dead of night. I gained a huge amount of experience during National Service and think it would be a great experience in life if it was re-introduced for young boys and girls.

I then went to London School of Economics for my degree and I really enjoyed the social life after all that time in the Middle East. On leaving I searched for a job and had offers from a chocolate company in West Africa, a heating company in London and a computer company which offered a possible move to Africa. My stamp collecting had provided an interest in commonwealth countries and, in the end, I chose the computers.

After formal training and work experience, in June 1964, I moved to join ICL in Nairobi as a regional Sales Manager selling computers, which were the size of houses in those days, in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Mauritius. It was a wonderful lifestyle in such a beautiful country and I kept fit by playing rugby for the Nondescripts rugby club in Nairobi. My life changed when I was introduced to Sue at our rugby club disco and she became my wife shortly thereafter. We bought our first home in Muthaiga and a year later my son Nick was born. I had spent a long time training Africans in the business so we decided to leave and move back to this area and lived in Almondsbury. In 1972 to our delight, daughter Julia was born to complete our family.

In conjunction with a Birmingham company, I opened a computer bureau in Bristol which went really well, but with a 24/7 service it was very demanding. All parts of the business prospered and in 1983 we introduced a personal computer called the Apricot, which was manufactured in Scotland. We listed the Company on the Stock Exchange in 1989 and had a very successful period of growth. During this time I moved from Almondsbury to Olveston, Olveston to Thornbury and Thornbury to Tockington. I decided to leave the Company but carried on with a small computer training company locally until I retired in 1987.

I am very happy in my retirement, filling my time with children and grandchildren, tennis, bridge, keep fit, gardening and multiple committees from the Almondsbury Gymkhana to Politics. A few years ago we moved back to the same cottage in Olveston that we had lived in some 35 years before. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the people in our local villages for making it such a fun and very special place to live.

Olveston Parish Historical Society

2018/19

Here's what's in store this coming year. Everyone welcome... just turn up!

Wed. 3rd Oct. 2018

A short AGM followed by Richard Newley and Eric Garrett relating **Tales from the Graveyard**: the development of St Mary's Olveston graveyard over the centuries and the recent OPHS project to transcribe, digitise and put online all the memorial inscriptions. See 'Graveyard Survey' at www.olveston.com/historical-society

Wed. 7th November 2018

Evan Jones, a researcher at the University of Bristol, thought he was researching the history of exploration - but ended up also exploring something much closer to home. Come and hear a modern-day human mystery and the detective story lying behind: **Rediscovering Cabot: the Bristol Voyages of Discovery, c.1470-1508.**

Wed. 5th December 2018

Local resident and civil engineer Hamish Orr-Ewing goes burrowing under the city to reveal **Underground Bristol**. Find out what lies beneath your feet...

Wed. 9th January 2019

Louise Ingsley has been a tour guide on open-top buses in Bristol for a number of years and will give us a splendid **Virtual Tour of Bristol**, no matter what the weather outside.

Wed. 6th February 2019

Back by popular demand, Professor Gareth Williams describes **A Monstrous Commotion: The Mysteries of Loch Ness** - with his usual blend of impeccable research and mischievous humour. There's even a Thornbury connection...

Wed. 6th March 2019

Many of us know Slimbridge and have seen the family home of Peter Scott next to the Rushy Pen. Helen McConnell Simpson has the exciting job of **Starting from Scratch: Creating a New Museum at Scott House, Slimbridge**. Discover the pleasures and challenges of this exciting new project.

Wed. 3rd April 2019

Alan Freke, a popular past speaker, recounts the history of **GWR - the Badminton Line**, a lively account of creating a new railway route in 1903, together with some humorous and fascinating tales of the local aristocracy.

The venue is Olveston Methodist Church at 7.30 pm.
Annual membership rate (for 7 talks): £8 - pay on the night
Or £2 for a single meeting - pay on the night

Programme Secretaries: Jenny & Richard Newley 01454 202011
Website: <http://www.olvoston.com/historical-society>

Rediscovering John Cabot: The Bristol Voyages of Discovery c.1470-1508

Wed. 7th November 7.30 pm. Olveston Methodist Church



As a young researcher some years back, Dr. Evan Jones wanted to investigate the voyages of discovery that set off from Bristol in the late 15th and early 16th centuries, especially those undertaken by John Cabot.

But there was a difficulty. He was moving into territory that had been dominated by a previous researcher, a researcher who had kept those researches very

closely guarded.

In this talk, Evan Jones will describe how he ventured into this almost sacred territory and attempted to follow in the previous researcher's footsteps. The result is a modern day detective story, as well as an investigation into Bristol's maritime history of five centuries earlier.

An illustrated book of Evan's investigation, intended for the general reader, will be available at a discounted price of £10.

Everyone's welcome to this talk... just turn up. To join for the year (6 talks left, including this one), it's just £8 - a bargain! - and you can pay on the door. Or £2 for a single meeting.

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

Frosted!



The Village Players present 'Frosted' by Warren McWilliams.

Pilning Village Hall

Wednesday 5th December to Saturday 8th December.

Weekdays 7.30pm, Saturday 1.30pm and 6.00pm.

Adults £6/Concessions £4

Booking Office 01454 633786/632813 or villageplayerspilning@gmail.com

If you haven't reserved your seats yet – best do it now before they're all gone!

A production by arrangement with Stagescripts Ltd.

We Need You!

Are you interested in getting to know a group of like-minded people? Acting? Being funny? Making people laugh? If the answer is yes, then we need you!

The Pilning Village Players are especially looking for adult males who would like to act in our May play – but females are also always welcome. It's a hilarious comedy about a Murder Mystery Weekend in an old vicarage, involving madness and mayhem.

Rehearsals will start in January 2019 – please call Julie on 01291 329972 for more information.

Family Advent Craft Session

Saturday 24th November. 10am – 12 noon

Come along to St Mary's Church, Olveston for a Family Advent Craft morning. Rediscover the true meaning of Advent whilst having a fun time using recycled materials to create some wonderful decorations and Advent Calendars. Refreshments will be provided.

It's free, however donations will be most gratefully received for the 2018/19 Appeal.

For further information contact Jo Baxter 07773 709155

A Local Farmer's View

Piet Biesheuvel

Herding slow moving cattle from one field to another along narrow lanes can be eventful, with roads being far busier than years ago and drivers considerably less patient. When Darrell Cheacker was doing this very thing a while ago he was scolded by one intolerant driver who demanded to know why it was necessary to move cattle on the road or even indeed have cows. 'So you can get your milk', Darrell responded. 'But I get my milk from Tesco', was the shouted reply. Perhaps demonstrating a slight vagueness of agricultural first principles.

Sarah and Darrell Cheacker have farmed at Ostbridge Manor Farm since 1985. Darrell, brought up on a farm at Over and whose extended family are all involved in agriculture locally, identifies constant and rapid changes to farming practices as an issue that has weakened the understanding between farmers and the communities within which they live. The changing nature of farming is staggering, in 1985 there were 12 family-run dairy farms in Pilning Street, now there are none, the only three remaining farms focusing on other aspects of agriculture.

Darrell says the children from those farming families and those working on the farms would have gone to local schools, strengthening the bond and understanding between those managing the land and those living nearby, but all that has changed due to a constant process of centralisation: local markets have closed and selling of stock is all-too-often done directly to the supermarkets, in many cases, isolating farmers from those living nearby.

There was a time, perhaps long ago, when people who lived in the countryside worked in the countryside, but times have changed, and now the majority of people who live in the Meeting Point area work in nearby towns and cities, having neither time nor opportunity to fully connect with those whose livelihoods are more locally grounded. This point can be witnessed many times a day, when drivers, both local and those passing through the area, travel too fast along the lanes, failing to give sufficient space to horses, other livestock or large agricultural machines. Another example is fly-tipping, a curse to all local farmers, whose gates and fields are all too often littered with hastily dumped builders waste or garden rubbish. Whilst Sarah and Darrell welcome walkers and well-behaved dogs to use the network of footpaths crossing their land, they, like many other Meeting Point readers, feel the pressures of encroaching urbanisation only too strongly.

There is good news too, Darrell and some other local farmers are still able to sell some of their high-quality meat to the excellent butchers we all know and

hopefully use in Olveston and Alveston, considerably reducing 'food miles' and ensuring that people can consume local produce.

Darrell and Sarah are very aware of their responsibilities as protectors of the environment and do their best to farm efficiently but at the same time being sympathetic to the needs of wildlife. There can be a contradiction in promoting these two priorities, an issue they are keenly aware of but do their best to manage. As Darrell says, 'They're not making any more land, so we need to look after what we have as well as we can'. I think we can all agree with that sentiment.



Sarah and Darrell at work on their farm

Alveston Gardens Association

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall, Monday 5th November
A Garden Miscellany - A Presentation by Mike Smith.
AGM to follow.

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

Alveston Singers' Christmas Concerts

The Alveston Singers will be performing Charpentier's '*Messe de Minuit Noel*', which is a 'Mass for the Midnight Service on Christmas Eve' in which different sections of the mass are set to the tunes of popular French carols. Our second work is Saint-Saens '*Christmas Oratorio*' a ten-movement work telling the Christmas story in a number of musical styles, including folk-like melodies, recitatives and choral writing.

There will be an opportunity for audience participation in the second half of the concert.

Saturday December 8th St. Mary's Church, Thornbury 7.30pm

Tuesday December 11th Alveston Methodist Church 7.30pm

Admission is free with retiring collections for Cancer Research and Children's Hospice South West. We look forward to welcoming you.

Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in the October draw, held on 4th October 2018 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	499	Revd D Bone, Tockington
£75	486	Mrs C Phillpott, Tockington
£25	222	Mr T G Watkeys, Old Down
£25	544	Mrs T Fear, Tockington
£25	424	Mrs E Screen, Rudgeway
£20	305	Mr B Amos, Olveston
£20	379	Mr N H Dawes, Olveston
£20	175	Mrs B Morgan, Tockington
£10	602	Mrs V Brazell, Olveston
£10	204	Mrs A H Dix, Tockington
£10	320	Mrs E Whitford, Tockington
£10	317	Mrs Y Williams, Olveston

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

The Two Minute Silence

Nick Fear

About three miles west of the French town of Bapaume on the Somme is the grave of Major Percy Nugent George Fitzpatrick, aged twenty-eight, of the South African Artillery. On the 14th of December 1917 Nugent, as he preferred to be known, and fellow officer Philip Waller were driving in a car when a stray artillery shell hit the vehicle killing them both instantaneously. They are buried side by side in the Red Cross Cemetery at Beugny, beneath the shady boughs of a flowering cherry tree. Nugent was the son of Sir (James) Percy Fitzpatrick, a South African author, politician, mining financier and pioneer of the fruit industry. Although born in South Africa, of Irish descent, he had been educated at Downside School near Bath. He and his family mourned Nugent's loss greatly and decided to remember him every year on the anniversary of his death by observing a minute's silence.

After the war, King George V led a grieving nation in finding a way to remember its war dead. He heard about the Fitzpatricks' remembrance of Nugent and thought it commendable. He proposed an adaption however, agreeing with a minute's silence in remembrance of the dead, but adding another minute to give thanks for those who had survived. Thus the two minute silence was born and first used on Armistice Sunday in November 1919. The practice of the two-minute silence was adopted nationwide, although over time this had waned. In recent years however, it has been re-introduced to remembrance services at Armistice and other military commemorations.

In the First World War, 235 men from local parishes went to war and 43 did not return. The first to die on the 2nd of November 1914 was Charles Durnell aged 28 years, fighting with the 1st Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment north of Ypres in Belgium. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the mighty Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres, where a silence is still officially observed at a ceremony every evening. Charles was born at Littleton on Severn, but as an adult worked as a surface worker at a coalmine in the Rhondda. He had married in 1909 and after the war his widow Beatrice moved back to Pool Cottage in Tockington.

The last man to die was Frank Henry Close who had fought with the 10th Battalion of the Canadian Infantry. He was born and had lived with his family on Olveston Common but emigrated to Canada to work on the railways. Aged 28 years he had died in the Spanish flu epidemic on the 10th of February 1919. He is buried high on a hill at Huy (Le Sarte) Communal Cemetery between Namur and Liege in Belgium. Although some of his family seem to have followed him to Canada, they had his grave inscribed with the words; 'in loving remembrance beloved son of Edwin and Mary Close of Olveston, Gloucestershire'.

A tradition of remembrance, the genesis of which had begun in the South Africa of 1917 during 'the war to end all wars', is perpetuated today across the world. It was extended locally to commemorate men lost in World War Two when 151 men went to war with 12 not returning. The death in January 1952 of William Edward Lansdown from Mill Lane Tockington in the Korean War is also remembered.

All those who went to war will be honoured by a two-minute silence on November 11th all over the United Kingdom. There will be a Parade Service on Remembrance Sunday at St Mary's, Olveston, and the two minutes of silence will be held at the War Memorial, where those local men who did not come home are listed.

'Lest we forget'.

Almondsbury Primary School

Christmas Fayre

Friday 7th December 6 - 8pm (from 5.30pm for refreshments)

There will be all the usual stalls including chocolate tombola, lots of fun games, children's crafts, nearly new toys and books and the ever-popular 'Gift Room'.

Also, as always, Father Christmas will be making a special appearance.

Enjoy hot refreshments & festive snacks, as well as delicious cakes.

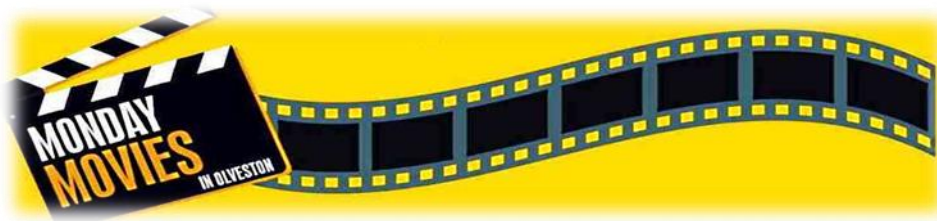
We will be running our popular Colour Hamper Raffle again this year! To win one of the colour-themed hampers, raffle tickets can be purchased before the event from the school office, or on the night. The raffle will be drawn at 7.30pm.

For more information call *01454 612517* or email *almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com*

Computer Clinic

Jo Baxter

For the last four years The Computer Clinic has run in Olveston Methodist Hall and this year it has gone from 3 weekly sessions to just one on a Friday evening (7-9pm). Sadly, in the last couple of months, there has been very little take up of this community service and so this is just a reminder that the Computer Clinic is a local service to help people with their IT needs. You may want to understand how to keep your computer files safe, or learn how to download your holiday snaps, how to create back up files or just simply just how to use Word or Excel. So please use the Computer Clinic or it will be lost!



NOVEMBER PROGRAMME

Trevor Anderson

Our autumn programme continues and our two **November** films are described below. Leaflets giving further details of these plus those for December have been emailed to all Movie Club members and paper copies are available to pick up from just inside the church door.

Everyone is welcome (you don't need to be a Movie Club member), admission is free and there is no need to book.

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

Mon 5 Nov: The inspiring true love story of an adventurous young couple who refuse to give up when the husband contracts polio and is given just months to live. Against all advice, his wife brings him home from hospital where her devotion and witty determination transcends his disability and together they find a way to live a full and passionate life. *(2017, 1h 56m, Cert 12)*

Mon 19 Nov: Two friends try sharing an apartment, but their ideas of housekeeping and lifestyles are as different as night and day. The two leads are perfectly matched and mismatched. They each give an extraordinary performance and the situations are side-splittingly funny. Not one swear-word in sight *(mark that Hollywood, you don't have to swear to be funny, you have to be witty)*. They don't make'em like this anymore. *(1968, 1h 41m, Cert PG)*

CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB

The Children's Movie Club is currently 'on hold' and we urgently need more adults to join the team to enable it to continue. If you think you might like to help, please contact Martin Gibson on mrtngibs@aol.com

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** towards church running costs if you have enjoyed the show.

For copyright reasons we can't name the films here, but if you join the Movie Club we'll send you titles and full details by email. It costs nothing to join – just email me at trevoranderson@btinternet.com

Helping our Wildlife over Winter

Melinda Rackham

Leaving the last remnants of the lovely summer behind us it is hard to imagine the cold weather will soon be upon us. Last year's chilly winter showed us how easily our day-to-day lives are interrupted by snow and ice. Our wildlife also finds winter challenging. Luckily, there are things we can do to not only help wildlife to survive, but also to thrive.



Garden birds benefit from feeding year-round and in winter a focus on food with high fat content is particularly helpful. Fat/suet blocks in wire cages are best, balls in plastic nets can be a hazard for some birds like woodpeckers. If possible, change the type of balls and food on offer to attract different kinds of birds, and keep topping up supplies regularly. An avian smorgasbord would be sunflowers for sparrows and finches, seeds for goldfinches, bacon and grated cheese for wrens, peanut cakes for starlings, insect cakes for tits, berry cakes for finches, and another use for over-ripe apples – scatter them on the ground for thrushes and blackbirds. Robins and dunnocks like their food just off ground level. Remember some water

too – an old overturned dustbin lid will do the trick.

There are ways to help our non-feathered friends, such as checking bonfires for sheltering and hibernating animals like hedgehogs, toads and frogs. Ideally build them on the day it is to be lit. Turn compost heaps with care – they are a warm refuge for animals, especially amphibians. Melting a hole in the ice formed on ponds allows wildlife to drink as well as enter and exit the water, it also helps aerate the water too. Melting the ice with a hot pan placed on the ice is better than hitting or cracking it as this can send harmful shockwaves through the water.

Not sure what to get the hard-to-buy-for-Uncle for Christmas? Wildlife related items such as bird nests, feeders, wildlife food, hedgehog homes and bug hotels all make wonderful Christmas gifts for children and adults alike. Many of the wildlife charities sell these items, meaning a double benefit to wildlife.

Olveston School Christmas Fair

We are delighted to invite you to join us for our ever-popular Christmas Fair on Friday 30th November from 3:30pm - 5:30pm.

This wonderful event will be buzzing with activity for children and adults alike, including craft areas, games for the children, variety of stalls, tombola and a raffle. And, despite being very busy, Father Christmas will be making an appearance.

There will be plenty of refreshments on offer including a festive BBQ, delicious cakes and drinks.

Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you.

Please make a note that Christmas Trees will be on sale at the school on Friday 7th December from 3:30pm.

More details to follow in December's Meeting Point.



November News from The Chantry

What a glorious summer we had this year and our lovely garden was used for several different events. A Yurt arrived for a wedding which took up much of the garden and the Thornbury U3A celebrated 20 years with a picnic and wonderful music from local musicians. Thornbury in Bloom chose a beautiful sunny day to entertain the Judges and people who had helped them throughout the year. The Downpour Theatre Company entertained us in the garden with a presentation of 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl in August when we were delighted to have 150 people in the audience.

Traditional Fireworks Night

Monday 5th November at 6pm fireworks at 7pm

Keeping to the traditional night for celebrating Fireworks Night on 5th November we invite all ages to join us. The bar will be open, mulled wine will be served and there will be hot dogs using delicious sausages from our local butcher.

Advance tickets £4 adult, £2.50 child. Tickets on the gate £4.50 adult, £3 child.

Tickets available from the Chantry office or the Town Hall.

Fundraiser Quiz Night

November 15th at 7.30pm. Come and test your knowledge at our monthly Quiz. £1 per person and up to 4 in a team; bar open.

Thornbury and South Glos. Model Railway Club Weekend

Saturday November 17th 10am-5pm and Sunday 18th November 10am-4pm
Admission Adults £5, Children £2, Family (2+2) £10

All rooms in the Chantry will have a variety of working model layouts featuring traditional steam, diesel and electric options. Traders will be selling new and pre-owned items. Experts will be on hand to talk about their work and answer questions.

Collectables and Craft Fair

Saturday 8th December 10am—2pm. Come and see the changes we have made and enjoy browsing the wide array of stalls around the building. Enjoy a coffee, tea or something stronger in our newly refurbished Garden Room.

Items for our Fair on December 8th always welcome including any type of jewellery.

www.thechantry.org.uk. email; office@thechantry.org.uk or 01454 414268

November Puzzle - Word Search

C	W	I	C	D	H	Y	V	F	H
M	A	O	N	I	A	I	F	O	C
E	H	T	L	G	C	O	Y	X	R
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J	G	R	R	E	L	T	M	O	H
D	R	A	H	C	R	O	O	L	C
S	G	D	S	T	X	I	J	E	R
E	N	A	L	S	K	K	N	S	I
S	A	N	D	Y	A	U	L	E	S
H	U	R	Y	S	C	P	Q	V	E

Hidden in this puzzle are 10 street names from Olveston and Aust.

NB: The words LANE, ROAD, RISE and HILL only appear once.

Yours Faithfully

Danny Bamfield

Aust Evangelical Church

It is amazing if you read the bible how the Holy Spirit (third person of the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit) can bring a forgotten verse to mind at the right time to help you in your time of need. For example, my wife said as she was exhaustedly helping to open the 'Just as you are tea cottage' at Severn Beach with my daughter, the verse 'those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will rise up on wings like eagles ,they will run and not grow weary ,they will walk and not be faint'(Isaiah 40) kept coming to mind and pulled her through. It's at this point the bible changes from being just words to being 'the living word'. It's alive because it is actively doing something, often supernaturally.

Jesus said, 'Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching is from God'. (John 7v17). This is a challenge, try doing God's will and find out if Jesus's words help.

C.S.Lewis once saw a shaft of light coming through a crack in his shed, when he stepped into the light he found that instead of just seeing the light he was able to see by it, looking along the light through the crack he could see trees and grass, etc. Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8v12). It requires a step of faith to believe Jesus, but the result of doing so will be to see clearly, and even more so with every new step.

The journey of getting to know God is very much indicated in the bible, it may be a long-term thing but very wonderful. What could be more precious than a relationship with your maker or as Jesus put it 'your Heavenly Father', someone who knows and understands us better than we know ourselves. The bible describes God as very personal, not an abstract unknowable God, but one who loves us dearly. Is that possible? The early disciples knew this to be the case when they were baptized with the Holy Spirit and changed from a small fearful huddle to bold, fearless witnesses of Jesus's rising from the dead.

How good to know we are not alone in this world or having to live life by ourselves. If you are seeking an answer to a problem, why not pray in the name of Jesus and see what happens?

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Nov 4	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong with Choir	Rev Helen Webb Rev Ann Lloyd Mr Trevor Cook
Nov 11	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Remembrance Sunday No Service	Rev Ann Lloyd Mr Paul Harrod
Nov 18	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Evensong	Rev David Bone Revs Moss & Bone Trevor Cook
Nov 25	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Fourth Sunday Evensong with Choir	Rev David Bone Mr Paul Harrod Rev David Moss

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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

Verger: Mrs June Robbins, 01454 617491

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Chancel

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

Morning Prayer 8.30am daily ex. Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Nov 11	10.00	Joint Remembrance Service with Evangelical Church.	Rev Ann Parker
Nov 25	9.45	Holy Communion.	Rev Ann Parker

Focal Minister: Rev Ann Parker, 01454 632329

e-mail annatdibley@btinternet.com

Church Wardens: Jon Burnett 633835 & Jenn Dickens 632035

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Nov 4	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss
Nov 18	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Nov 11	10am	Remembrance Service	Judith Heybyrne
Nov 25	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Nov 4	10.00	Tock Ch	Morning Worship incorporating "Holy Habits" led by Mr Adam Biddlestone
Nov 11	10am	St Mary's Ch.	Remembrance Day Service.
Nov 18	10am	Tock Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Simon Edwards
Nov 25	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wed.14th^h November. To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH Thurs. Nov 29th 12.15 The Swan Tockington.. To book, ring 613241.

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

PRAYER MEETINGS Tuesdays 9.00-10.00 in Olveston Methodist Church.

THE OLVESTON COMPUTER CLINIC Olveston Methodist Hall Friday 7-9pm
Ring 07833 354672 or 07957 433091 for further information.

CONTACT: Rev Simon Edwards Tel 01454 418176, **email**
simon.edwards@methodist.org.uk

THE VINE House of Prayer

Pilning Street, Awkley BS35 4HL

Designated as a 'House of Prayer for all Nations' in 2005 we continue to meet in a relaxed atmosphere seeking, with God's help, to find ways to influence the world in which we live through prayer and relevant actions. This also includes sharing our own personal situations and praying for one another and the communities of which we are a part Times of worship (in various forms), applying Biblical Truths, and a time of remembrance of the death and resurrection of Jesus in sharing Communion are essential in our meeting together. We meet, on Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm We also visit other Churches and events so please check our Notice Board or contact:

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

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Nov 4	6.30pm	Mike Dorgan
Nov 11	6.30pm	Phil Ricketts
Nov 18	6.30pm	Munir Din
Nov 25	6.30pm	Neil Mobbs

Each Thurs at 6.30pm Prayer & Praise Time
Contacts Jenny Parfitt jennyparfitt@ymail.com
Sue Tett stett56@hotmail.co.uk

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am
For more details contact Danny Bamfield 01454 419324.
e-mail danny@thebamfields.co.uk

LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass
Monday-Friday Daily Mass at 10am
Tel 01454 412223 www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury

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

Local contact: Roger Howell rog3er2@gmail.com 01454 415035

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

Diary Dates for November 2018

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

1 st Thurs	Thornbury Farmers' 'Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
2 nd Fri	Haven Memory Café Thornbury Carers Support Group Computer Clinic every week OPAGA: AGM and Talk Thornbury Picture House: 'Giselle'.	10.15-11.45 1-3pm 7-9pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	URC Chy MH PH CH
3 rd Sat	Coffee morning	10.30-12.00	MH
4 th Sun			
5 th Mon	Monday Movie Severn Vale Flower Club open meeting	7.30pm 6.30 for 7.30	StM AH
6 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Tea/Coffee & Bisc. 50p Monthly Raffle British Legion Women. Bingo Poppy Appeal	10.30 -12.00 7.30pm	DGCL DGCL
7 th Wed	Holy Communion followed by tea and cake. Table Tennis every week OPHS: Bristol's Voyages of Discovery	2.30pm 7.00-8.30pm. 7.30pm	DGCL PH OMC
8 th Thurs	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9-12 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
9 th Fri	Craft Session Computer Clinic	10-12 7-9pm	LVH MH
10 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	MH AVH
13 th Tues	Thornbury Memory Cafe Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Aust Parish Council W.I. AGM.	10.15-11.45 10.30-12.00 7.30pm 7.30pm	TMH DGCL EVH PH
14 th Wed			
15 th Thurs	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30 09.00-12.00 09.30-11.30	OS+ MH
16 th Fri	Haven Memory Cafe Computer Clinic	10.15-11.45 7-9pm	URC MH
17 th Sat	Coffee morning	10.30-12.00	MH

	Parish Council Surgery	10.30-12.00	MH
18 th Sun			
19 th Mon	Monday Movie	7.30pm	StM
20 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
21 st Wed	Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	8.30pm	
22 nd Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	09.00-12.00 09.30-11.30	Ost MH
23 rd Fri	Craft Session Computer Clinic	10-12 7-9pm	LVH MH
24 th Sat	Coffee morning Family Advent Craft Session	10.30-12.00 10-12	MH StM
27 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Olveston Parish Council	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	DGCL AP
28 th Wed	Alveston History Society. Animals in War..	7.30pm	AMC
29 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	10.00-12.00 09.30-11.30	
30 th Fri	Computer Clinic	7-9pm	MH
Looking ahead to December			
3 rd -15 th	Donkey Nativity Carol Concert at Rudgeway		

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

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