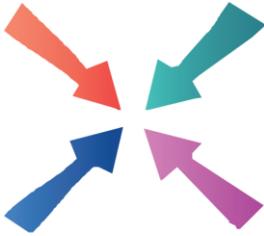


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From the Editor

I love the picture on this month's cover. This cluster of trees on Old Down is one of my favourite places in the area; they are really impressive when seen from afar and I enjoy walking around underneath them, looking out at the surrounding countryside.

There is an environmental theme to a few of our items this month. The 1st Olveston Cubs have helped out with a marine conservation project in Sand Bay and volunteers from the Making Space for Wildlife project have planted wildflowers on Old Down Hill. There is an article about the importance of looking out for wild bee populations and one about the latest initiative from Sustainable Thornbury.

Having had many interesting articles from the A Forgotten Landscape project over the last couple of years, I was sorry to hear that it is now scheduled to wind down. We have an article in this edition which gives a detailed account of its legacy to the area.

Marelin

The cover is by Les Harper

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Meeting Point magazine and Meeting Point Directory are online at the Community Website: www.olvestonandaust.com

News from 1st Olveston Cubs

In an event organised by the Marine Conservation Society, 1st Olveston Cubs worked towards their 'Environmental Conservation and Community Impact Badges' by joining other volunteers at Sand Bay to help save our oceans. Cubs, Beavers, Scout and parent helpers started the day with litter-picking work. It really was surprising how much plastic and man-made debris we found on a beach that looked quite clean. We found lots of plastic earbud-sticks, plastic bottles, polystyrene bits, plastic string, tennis balls (perhaps lost by dogs) and even a sock!

In true Scouting style, we followed our long walk and good work with some hot-chocolate and biscuits – then got to work on some serious sand-castle engineering! Last stop was beach picnics and a bit of time for team wide-games and of course when it was time to leave, very importantly, we left no trace of any of us being there.

Well done everyone!



CRUK Coffee Morning

The Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee (CRUK) is holding a Coffee Morning at the Alveston Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday 1st May between 10.30am and 12 noon.

There will be homemade Cakes, Jams, Chutneys, Used Books, Jewellery and Crafts for sale. Admission is £1.50 which also includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits

An Evening of Channel Swimming and Watery Music

Sunday 19th May, Cossham Hall, Thornbury

Did you know that more people have climbed Everest than have swum the English Channel? Join us for a fun evening of talk, music and cake - suitable for all ages. Professor Andy Wolf recently retired from a career in medicine and is proudly the oldest man to swim the English Channel last year.

He will talk about the trials and tribulations of training for and completing his epic swim. An official channel swim requires swimming in cold water for 12 to 20 hours without a wetsuit and with the additional complications of shipping, strong wind, waves and swimming at night.



Andy's talk will be interspersed with live music on the theme of water from local musicians and the opportunity to enjoy some lovely homemade cakes.

Andy's swim and this event are raising funds for revolutionary 3D printing technology for

cardiac surgery which Andy helped to pioneer at the Bristol Children's Hospital. Every penny of the profits from the evening will be heading directly to Bristol Children's Hospital.

Tickets £6.50. Available online at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prof-wolfs-evening-of-medicine-music-and-channel-swimming-tickets-59660067869 or search Eventbrite.co.uk for this date and location and you should find the event.

Children are very welcome and don't need a ticket, but let us know so we can save space for them. More information from 01454 857110.

A Fantastic Legacy

Jenny Newley



Many local residents will have got to know, over the last few years, the wonderful local project called A Forgotten Landscape.

Largely funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, staffed by enthusiastic, imaginative and hard-working project workers but - above all - supported by a large band of locally recruited volunteers, this project has celebrated the heritage and the natural environment of the Lower Severn Vale levels (the white area on the map.).

Although the project is finally being wound up in 2019, its legacy lives on. Firstly, the project website: www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk - will stay live for another five years (and our own community website - www.olvostonandaust.com - will provide links.)

Secondly, fifteen new walking routes have been created in the project area. The walks have each been waymarked on the ground, and many include some of the project's benches and interpretation points along the way. Beautifully produced packs of these walks (see picture, right) have been widely distributed, but you can access the walks on the project website, under Things to Do, or you can still request free copies of the walks pack by emailing af1@southglos.gov.uk until the end of 2019 (or until the project runs out of copies, whichever comes sooner!)



In addition, there is a pack called 'Tales of the Vale: Stories from A Forgotten Landscape'. This is a mixture of historical research and fascinating oral history interviews on CD, undertaken by groups of local volunteers over two years. You can access the Tales of the Vale online from the project website, or you can ask for free copies by emailing af1@southglos.gov.uk until the end of 2019 (or the copies run out).

All this material has also been deposited at Gloucestershire Archives, to be held there permanently. There are many other interesting aspects to the

project website which remain relevant, including ideas for places to visit, details of local birdlife, beautiful soundscapes, and some learning resources for primary schoolchildren. If you have some spare time, it's worth exploring - not least because it may give you some ideas for things to do locally!

Almondsbury Surgery - Patient Participation Group

Patients registered with Almondsbury Surgery at Sundays Hill may be aware that a representative group of users of the practice have set up a Patient Participation Group (PPG). The purpose of the PPG is to act as a bridge between the practice and its users - the patients. The Group liaises directly with the Managers and acts as a sounding board for any proposed changes and voices the opinions and concerns of patients, which hopefully promotes a Practice in tune with the needs of its users.

As patients are probably aware the Almondsbury practice merged with Hanham Health in April 2018 and it is generally felt that this has been a successful venture with the comfort of wider clinical services coverage and the continuation of the walk-in service which was a concern to some patients when the merger was announced.

The practice was the subject of the periodic CQC inspection during January and patients will be pleased to learn that the practice was found to provide a service that was rated 'good' by the CQC which is a testament to the hard work and professionalism of both the clinical and admin. members of staff.

If you are a user of the Almondsbury Surgery and have any issues that you would like to be raised with regard to the Practice, please contact the Chairman (see below). The PPG is always keen to broaden its membership so if anyone feels that they would like to join the team they should not hesitate to contact us: Clive Wiltshire at wilts.clive@gmail.com. or Pat Hinton at pathinton5331@gmail.com

Retirement Event

As anticipated by many users of the practice Dr Martin Lockyer has recently announced his retirement from the team and this will be at the end of May this year. Martin has given 36 years of service to our community and patients can have the chance to thank him and wish him well for the future at an informal get together between 2pm and 6 pm on 31st May 2019 at the Old School Hall in Almondsbury. Please drop in to show your appreciation of his dedication and hard work over the years.

Aust Pilgrimage: 25th May

For many years the Pilgrimage to Aust has taken place on a Saturday on or near to the Feast Day of St Augustine of Canterbury, to commemorate the meeting of Augustine with the Celtic Bishops. This meeting, according to Bede, took place at 'St Augustine's Oak', which 'lies on the border between Hwiccas and the West Saxons'. Aust, on the banks of the River Severn, is thought by many to be the place where this meeting could have taken place.

Pilgrims meet at Bristol Cathedral at 8.00am on the morning of the pilgrimage and walk the 16 miles to the Chapelry of St John at Aust, where there will be a tea followed by a Pilgrimage Service at 5.00pm.

We would like to encourage those who might find the full walk too long either

- to join in along the way - details of the route are published on Facebook (search for *Aust Pilgrimage*) or at www.austpilgrimage.wordpress.com
- or arrange their own walk (or travel by other means) to Aust Church
- or simply to join those who have walked at St John's for the Pilgrimage Service at 5.00pm.

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the April draw, held on 4th April 2019 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were: -

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	185	Mrs B Morgan, Tockington
£75	304	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£25	422	Dr D Cochrane, Olveston
£25	297	Mrs J Dickens, Aust
£25	375	Mr P Savage, Olveston
£20	579	Mr B Brown, Olveston
£20	603	Dr E Saunders, Olveston
£20	238	Mrs P Vincent, Olveston
£10	502	Revd D Bone, Tockington
£10	219	Mrs P Dash, Olveston
£10	423	Dr D Cochrane, Olveston
£10	351	Mrs M Evans, Olveston

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

Natasha Harrod

Pat Thirkettle



Natasha was born in Olveston in 1976 and lives there today next door to where she grew up, but much has happened in between.

She went to Tockington Manor and Olveston School, followed by Marlwood, then won a scholarship to the sixth form at Charterhouse School. There were very few girls at that time so, although it was an amazing opportunity, it was also a culture shock coming from a family with three sisters. She won a place

at Nottingham University to read Architecture but took a gap year first. This she spent teaching in a secondary school in Uganda, an hour's walk from the nearest road. During her time in Uganda Natasha changed her mind about her degree and felt a calling to read a Master's in Theology at Oxford University.

In those three years she and her husband Paul, also at Oxford, had many mutual friends but didn't meet. On graduating, Natasha applied for a summer job with a community enterprise called Aspire, which aims to transform disadvantaged lives by providing work for homeless people; this had been set up by Paul and a friend when they graduated the previous year. Natasha initially thought she was being interviewed for a job, only to realise that it was in fact an unpaid internship, but by that time she had met Paul - so the lack of pay didn't matter. Aspire has gone from strength to strength and expanded nationwide. Paul and Natasha married in 2002 and Paul still tells people he advertised for a wife!

Paul and Natasha moved to Olveston and had three children in quick succession, James, Francesca and Daniel, now 16, 14 and 12. Natasha was heavily involved in the Pre-School extension to the Parish Hall in 2010; it was a £350,000 project that provided an excellent purpose-built facility and freed up the Parish Hall for other activities.

A reality of parenthood is that every effort is undone, meals are eaten, clothes are dirty again and the mark of successful parenting is making yourself obsolete as your children become independent. When her youngest started school, Natasha started Secret Cook, cooking meals for busy people; you may remember some of her recipes in Meeting Point at the time. However, she found it lonely working alone so took on a maternity leave job with her mother

Fiona's business 'UWE Houses' and loved it so much she now runs it. The aim of the business is to provide the best they can for tenants; the renting sector having a bad name, they wish to break that stereotypical image.

Now Natasha's focus outside of the family is the Late, Late Breakfast Club, which meets every Saturday in term time from 4.30 to 5.30 in St Mary's Church. It is aimed at families with children and the ethos is 'Family, Friends, Food and Faith'. Actually, the food comes first when they eat supper, then some informal Christian teaching for all ages, followed by sporting and creative activities relating to the subject of the week. Natasha really loves working with children and is hoping this will become a successful community group.



Olveston Parish Council

Annual Parish Assembly

The 2019 Parish Assembly was held on Tuesday 2nd April at Olveston Parish Hall. The evening was very well attended. In a departure from previous years' proceedings, once the Chairman and Clerk

had completed their Reports, the evening was then handed over to some of the many clubs and organisations which operate within the Parish.

We enjoyed presentations from both the Twinning and Allotments Associations, the Women's Institute, the Friends of Castle and Marlwood Schools and Tockington Manor School, plus the Parish Hall. Mel Evans then gave a very colourful and informative presentation on the Bio -Diversity project. The newly formed Committee for the Old Down Play Area spoke about their hopes to obtain funding, illustrated with some very exciting play equipment.

The Council announced its own Grant Award Scheme for 2019/20. Questions were then taken from Parishioners. Cllr. Matthew Riddle closed the evening with a warm report on the Parish, its Council and Parishioners.

Refreshments were served at the end of the evening to finish a very engaged and interactive Assembly. Should any one wish to comment on the evening or indeed reserve a slot for 2020 do please contact:

clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov

Elections

This is a reminder to all Parishioners that the South Gloucestershire Council Elections will be held on Thursday 2nd May at the Olveston Parish Hall. The Parish Council Elections were uncontested.

Organathon

David Shaw

Please may I express my appreciation to all who came to this event in St Mary's on 16th March and who donated so generously to St Mary's Church. It was amazing to see so many people in the church, supporting this event, from 9.00am until 9.00pm. There were people sitting reading, drawing, chatting, knitting or just simply listening and, of course, enjoying morning coffee or afternoon tea.

I went through a couple of low ebbs during the day. At 3.00pm, when I had been playing for six hours, I was feeling very tired and the thought of playing for another six hours was rather daunting, but I had fantastic support from Sandy and her wonderful small team of helpers. I realised that I had then completed half of the task so every minute after that was a minute closer to the finishing time! Another low ebb was just before 8.00pm when I had just over one hour to go. Sandy and I were the only people in the church, and I was still playing. But then a few people arrived for the last hour, and then more and more, and by 8.15pm there were about 50 people in the church, and they requested something to sing. So, after a few songs from the shows, we started singing hymns with such enthusiasm that the remaining time simply flew by and 9.00pm was reached rapidly!

All the donations were placed in the church safe and, on Sunday, Joyce and David Prothero counted all the money and David telephoned me with the result which was £1,406. More donations were received after the event and now the total collected stands at £1,461, including Gift Aid, all of which has gone to St Mary's Church.

It was a wonderful day, with a magical atmosphere. I felt very humbled and honoured by the attendance and particularly by the fantastic generosity of so many people, making the whole day so worthwhile. Thank you so much to everybody.

Alveston Gardens Association



Julie Henderson will introduce us to 'Pruning and Insight into the Basic Principles for getting the Best from our Shrubs'.

Monday 6th May 7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

All welcome – Visitors (£3)

Full programme on www.alveston.org

ST MARY'S CHURCH OLVESTON

VILLAGE TREASURE HUNT



Saturday June 15th Hillside House, Haw Lane, Olveston BS354EQ

4pm – 10pm

A variety of BBQ food and salads.

Cash bar and Live Band.

£10 Adults, to include a glass of Pimm's. £5 children, to include a soft drink.

For tickets please contact: Debbie 07870 557961 or Julia 07966 302762

Tea and Chat

Do you find it difficult to get out and socialise? Would you like to meet other people for tea and cake once a month? Transport is provided and it's all free.

The May Tea and Chat will be at 2.30 pm on Friday May 10th at 2.30pm at Littledown, Haw Lane, Olveston, BS35 4EQ

For details or to request transport if necessary, please telephone Lynn: 01454 612201 or Lesley 01454 613804

The Royal British Legion Women's Section, Olveston Branch

In April we welcomed Diane Barnwood, who gave an informative talk on 'Women in Politics'. It has been 100 years since the first woman took her seat in the House of Commons and even though great inroads have been made there is a lot to achieve before women are fully represented in the sphere of politics.

In May it will be dabbers at the ready for a fund-raising game of bingo.

In June Phil Savage will return to talk to us about one of his intrepid expeditions.

Olveston and Tockington W.I.

Vicki Townsend

On a blustery and cold March night, Pam Forrest brought a touch of sunshine to the Parish Hall with her talk about her journey from Panama to Mexico. Starting in Panama City, with its Spanish Colonial buildings, her trip took her on the route of the Pan American Highway, that stretches from South America to Alaska.

Pam and her partner are keen birdwatchers and were up at 5am to see the multitude of species in the area, an interest that they were able to pursue throughout their adventure in an area of the world famed for its wildlife. They travelled through Costa Rica, noted for its gold and jade, Nicaragua, stopping in the capital Managua and on to Guatemala with its colourful markets. Pam showed us examples of the textiles that she had collected, beautiful multi-coloured cushion covers and throws. Her six-week adventure finished in Mexico, where she visited the Mayan sites of Chichen Itza, Palenque and Tulum.

This was a very interesting and informative talk, accompanied by a slide show of birds, monkeys and flowers, together with buildings and the local population, who had been so welcoming and helpful to her on the journey. We were left with a feeling of sunshine and warmth. Roll on summer.

At the short business meeting that followed, we voted to choose 'Made a Mark', as our fundraising charity for the year. This is a local charity in the name of Mark Knapp, who many remembered as an Olveston resident who worked in the butcher's shop. Mark died suddenly and unexpectedly in 2018, leaving a young family. The charity aims to support young people who suffer family bereavement.

Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church Outing.

Everyone is welcome to join us on our Church Outing to Torquay and Brixham on the 6th June. Departing from Olveston (Stoney Stile and Greenhill Road junction) at 8.45am, Olveston (bottom of Haw Lane) at 8.50 am and Tockington Green at 9.00am

We will arrive at Torquay Harbourside in time for lunch (not included) and then travel to Brixham with plenty of leisure time there. We aim to return home around 7.30pm.

Cost £16.50, including the driver's gratuity. Booking forms are available from Trevor Watkins on 01454 416528.



MAY PROGRAMME

Trevor Anderson

Brief details of our two films for May are given below. More information about these and the rest of our Spring Programme can be found in the leaflets which are on display just inside St Mary's Church door. Everyone is welcome to come along (you don't need to be a Movie Club member), admission is free and there is no need to book.

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

Mon 6 May: An adventurous rabbit and his three sisters enjoy spending their days in the nearby vegetable garden. When a newcomer moves in, he's less than thrilled to discover a family of rabbits in his garden. A battle of wills soon breaks out as the new owner hatches scheme after scheme to get rid of the rabbits – but they prove to be worthy and wily opponents. A film for all the family!
(2018, 1h 35m, Cert PG)



Mon 20 May: A human drama inspired by true events in the life of a brilliant but asocial mathematician. From the heights of notoriety to the depths of depravity, he experienced it all. Early in his career, he made an astonishing discovery and stood on the brink of international acclaim. But he soon found himself on a painful and harrowing journey of self-discovery once he was diagnosed with schizophrenia. After many years of struggle, he eventually triumphed over this tragedy, and finally, late in life, received the Nobel Prize. *(2006, 2h 10m, Cert 12)*

All the films are shown in **St Mary's Church, Olveston** and doors open 30 minutes before the start. Refreshments are available at all the shows, plus licensed bar in the evenings and popcorn and soft drinks at any morning films. 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

Making Space for Wildlife

Melinda Evans



It's been a busy few weeks for the Making Space for Wildlife Project. At the Annual Parish Assembly we launched our beautiful new logo, or should we say, logos. In keeping with biodiversity, 13 year old Erin Baker's winning logo design was transformed into several logos by Nikki Clarke of Synergy. Each logo has been selected to represent a group of local British wildlife. We think they are fabulous and look forward to sharing them with the community. An enormous thank you to Erin and Nikki for lending their talents to the project.



We have also been busy 'doing'. On 22nd March, as shown in the picture on the left, a small team of volunteers planted native wildflowers on a verge on Old Down Hill to make a small wildflower meadow. The wildflower species were selected for their suitability for the site and because of their importance to insects, including pollinators.

Some wildflowers support a multitude of insects, whilst others are uniquely important. For example, the Birdsfoot Trefoil we planted supports 160 invertebrates, whereas the Kidney Vetch is the sole larval food plant of the Small Blue Butterfly. This small meadow adds to our previous efforts on the Aust Road verge, planted last March. Even relatively small areas of wildflowers such as this can make a big and positive difference to the abundance of local biodiversity. Thank you to our wonderful volunteer group for helping to make this work happen.

If you would like to become involved in our project, Melinda Evans would love to hear from you. She can be contacted via email on:

melinda_rackham@yahoo.co.uk

Bee Aware!

Emma Williams



Bees are vital to our world. They help to pollinate crops and wildflowers and without bees around we would be unable to grow many of our favourite foods, for example tomatoes, green beans and strawberries. It is estimated that around 84% of crops and 80% of wildflowers depend on pollination. Our gardens and allotments would look rather bare without them!

Bees are facing threats through loss of habitat and use of insecticides, but we can help them by planting pollen rich flowers, protecting nesting sites, avoiding pesticides and even by helping tired Bumblebees! (You can do this by either placing them on a flower or leaving a mixture of white sugar and warm water on a saucer beside them. This will give them enough energy to fly away!)

There are three types of Bee: Honeybees, Bumblebees and Solitary Bees. Most honeybees are not wild and are managed in hives. We can't rely on these alone for pollination, so we need to encourage wild bees. Amazingly there are over 200 species of Solitary Bees in the UK and around 24 Bumblebee species! Here's a guide to help you tell the difference just in case you thought they all looked the same!

<https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/bumblebee-species-guide/>

Bumblebees live in nests together. The queen spends the winter in a sheltered spot. She will emerge in March /April to look for a new place to build her messy nest where she will lay her eggs. Female worker bees emerge soon after and male bees and new queens arrive later in the season. Bumblebees have shorter tongues so like short open flowers where the nectar is easy to reach. Ensuring your garden is in flower throughout the bumblebee life cycle from March to October can help them to thrive. Plant wild flowers or leave some of your lawn and grass verges uncut as the Making Space for Wildlife Project Volunteers have been doing. For some ideas on which plants to choose check out: <https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/gardeningadvice/>

Solitary bees make their own individual nests often in holes in walls or hollow stems and have no workers, although may nest closely together. They are very good pollinators. Building a Bee Hotel using hollow stems within a wooden frame will encourage them into your garden.

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-make-bee-hotel>

This summer keep an eye out for bees in your garden and enjoy watching them collect nectar from your flowering plants, knowing that you are helping them to survive and they are helping to keep our world alive!

Artists at the Museum

Friday 3rd May to Sunday 12th 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 to look round the rest of the museum.

Come and see:

- Colin Wise's paintings, in different media
- Rosemary Millar's silver jewellery, using semi-precious stones
- Annalisa Thompson's threadwork pictures.

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

Thornbury & District Museum, Chapel St, Thornbury (Free parking for 2 hours in St. Mary's Street Car Park, opposite the museum)

Tel: 01454 857774 email: enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk
www.thornburymuseum.org.uk

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners April 2019:

£50 Bill Finch

£15 John Welsher

£5 Andy Phillips

Latest Bonus Ball Winners:

30/03/19 Helen Barnett

06/04/19 Roger Riggs

Home Fixtures May 2019 (1.30 Start)

04/05/19 1st XI v Long Ashton (H)

11/05/19 2nd XI v Twyford House

18/05/19 1st XI v Frampton Cotterell

25/05/19 2nd XI v Brislington

Up the Down!!

Hospice High Tea

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to Afternoon High Tea on Thursday 16th May at Methodist Church Hall in Thornbury at 2.30pm.

The guest speaker will be Mrs Pauline Montgomery of The Thornbury Museum and the talk will be about Thornbury: Then and Now.

Tickets are priced at £10.00 (to include a full homemade high tea) and are available from Thornbury Town Hall from 1st May or pay on the door.

Littleton Open Gardens

Sunday 9th June 2019 2pm to 6pm.

Come and visit the Open Gardens at Littleton upon Severn. Various gardens will be open and there will be lots of easy free parking. In addition there will be several stalls where you can buy foods that are 'Made in Littleton', plants will be for sale and you can also have a go at a Raffle. Traditional Village teas will be available in the Village Hall and our Church, St Mary de Malmesbury, will be open.

Entrance £4 (children free) with all proceeds going towards essential repair work to the Church and the Village Hall. Make a note in your diary and join us for a lovely family day out

The Best of Bach

The Alveston Singers will be performing two concerts in May in Thornbury and Alveston. The programme will consist of chorales from Bach Cantatas, including Cantata Number 140 'Wachet Auf'. This is widely known as 'Sleepers Wake' and uses hymn tunes which will be familiar to many.

Saturday May 18th at St Mary's Church, Thornbury, 7.30pm

Tuesday May 21st at Alveston Methodist Church, 7.30pm

Admission is free but there will be retiring collections for our chosen 2019 charities. This year we have chosen two local charities, Brain Tumour Support and Made a Mark, a charity which helps bereaved children. Come along, enjoy the music and help us achieve our goal of raising much needed money for deserving charities.

Quiz and Curry Night

Friday 17th May in the Wike Hall, Olveston School

7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start.

£10 per person to include a delicious curry supper. (Please let us know if the vegetarian option is required.) Teams limited to 6 people. All proceeds go straight back to the school. Cash Bar available.

Book your tickets at the School Office (01454 613299) or just pop in!

'Allo, 'Allo, 'Allo. Est there Any Body La?



Well, it's that time of year again, already! Our pantomime is done and dusted and we're busy rehearsing for our May Play. Not long to go now! It's an absolute farce - we're in stitches at rehearsals and we know you will be too! Come and see this hilarious farce by Ian Hornby.

Pilning Village Hall from Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th May.

Tickets £6/£4 Booking Office: 01454 633786 or email: villageplayerspilning@gmail.com. Tickets also available on the door.

Lydia Kenny in Concert

The fantastically talented Lydia Kenny will be performing on Sunday 19th May 3pm in The Cossham Hall, Thornbury. Lydia, Gloucestershire Young Musician of the Year 2018, will play a varied and accessible programme of saxophone music accompanied by her father Damian Kenny.



Tickets £7.50 from Thornbury Town Hall or call 01454 412272. Delicious cakes served with tea in the interval. What a treat!

This concert is organised by The Armstrong Arts Group supporting the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Fund.

Local Parish Councils give Marlwood School a sporting chance.



This year Friends of Marlwood School (FOMS) is focussing its fundraising efforts on sporting equipment for the school. The small amount of funds available to the school's physical education (PE) department have for some time limited new equipment to a few 'balls, bats and bibs' each year. Large new PE equipment was unaffordable, with pupils often making do with outdated equipment. FOMS wishes to improve this situation so that Marlwood pupils have access to good quality equipment and the children can get the most out of their PE lessons. PE staff identified the need for a new 'match standard' table tennis table for its GSCE pupils.

We are grateful to have received support from Olveston, Alveston and Severn Beach & Pilning Parish Councils who have all stepped in to help fund the new high specification table tennis table. Completing the broader support Marlwood enjoys, Aust Parish Council has sponsored an annual academic award at Marlwood for a number of years. A large proportion of the pupil population live in these four parish council areas and we are very grateful for this strong community support as it helps towards our aim to make Marlwood a school where all pupils can thrive.



Councillors were able to see first hand the new table tennis table in action on a recent visit to Marlwood. Photo by Libby and Shauna Bennett, using one of the eight up-cycled digital SLR cameras donated by a member of the *#WeareMarlwood* alumni community.

Charity Fashion Show

The Thornbury Musical Theatre Group (TMTG), a registered charity, is teaming up with M&Co to put on a fashion show at your local store in the St Mary Centre, Thornbury.

Thursday 23rd May at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm for you to have a browse in a relaxed setting.

If you love fashion and would like a night out or if you just want to try something different, come along to meet some of TMTG and view the latest stock. You'll be sure to grab yourself a bargain as attendees will also receive a 10% discount voucher!

Tickets (only 50 are available) from M&Co in Thornbury are £5; a welcome drink will also be available. For ticket enquiries call 01454 413125.

Sustainable Thornbury

Danny Bonnett

My name is Danny Bonnett and I'm an engineer, working in the field of renewable energy. In my spare time, I'm leading a group called Sustainable Thornbury (ST). ST is a group of people from Thornbury and surrounding villages, working to reduce our impact on the environment and to create a healthier and happier place to live. The group has been going since about 2006 and we have had many positive impacts on our surroundings over the years. A few examples: by running a number of recycling fairs, branded as 'Give it Away, Take it Away', ST started the ball rolling that resulted in the Sort-It Centre's 'Tip Shop'. ST people were also instrumental in setting up the allotments behind the Leisure Centre and the nearby Community composting facility. Did you know there is a Grow your Own Food group here? ST helped initiate that too. Have you heard about the wildflower meadow and community orchard? These are wonderful spaces full of insects and other wildlife, just opposite the Anchor pub at Morton Bridge. Invariably all these projects have come about with contributions from a wide range of people within the town and surroundings, which then gives them their long-term sustainability.

Now, Sustainable Thornbury is looking to rise to the latest sustainability challenge and make the Thornbury area Zero Carbon. What does that mean? The emerging vision for this project would be to focus on the energy needs of the area, for homes and business, for electricity, for heating and for transport. Initially, establishing a baseline, quantifying consumption right now, and then planning how to take our production of carbon down to zero. We'd

aim to keep inside the requirements for a 1.5 degree global temperature rise, which needs the globe to get to net zero by about 2050. Developed nations, especially those leading on energy transformation like the UK, should get to net zero by about 2040, and Thornbury, seeking to be leading, rather than lagging, might aim for net zero by 2035. Just over 15 years. We can do a lot in that time, but exactly what needs some thinking, and some big ideas from members of the community. We are looking for people to help us with this big energy project. We need 'ideas people' and 'doers' in equal measure. There will be events to organise, councils to liaise with, posters to make, numbers to crunch, people to chat to, solar panels to install, insulation to fit.....

What might Zero Carbon Thornbury look like? Hard to tell from this far out, but it will be efficient and quiet like an electric car, clean and pollution free like an alpine meadow, vibrant and healthy like a bamboo plant!

We're meeting to discuss this grand undertaking at ST's monthly 'Green Drinks' on Wednesday 1st May, in Hawke's House, from 7 to 9pm, and also on the 5th June, same time and place. Please come along and find out more and/or take a look at <http://www.sustainablethornbury.org/>.

What's happening in June?

MoMac'nMe

A folk group not to be missed at the Cossham Hall on Saturday June 8th at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from Thornbury Town Hall or for more information contact Jane Parfitt on 01454 613581. Light refreshments are to be provided.

Thornbury Orchestra

The Thornbury Orchestra will be holding the latest in their successful series of concerts on Saturday 8th June 2019 7.30pm at the Castle School, Thornbury. Tickets are available on the door or from any member of the orchestra, Adults £8, Children free. Full details of this and future concerts are available on the Orchestra website www.thornburyorchestra.org.uk

'Broadway Lights, West End Nights' Thornbury Musical Theatre Group Summer Concert.

Armstrong Hall, Thornbury. Friday 14th June at 7.30 pm and Saturday 15th June at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. All tickets are £10 and are bookable at www.tmtg.org.uk or from Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings at 53 High Street, Thornbury from Saturday 18 May 2019. Box Office: 07516 270140.

From the Registers of Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church, Olveston Church

Monday March 25th A Service of Thanksgiving in memory of Joyce Staley.

News from St. Mary's

Debbie Harries

Our next quiz is on Saturday May 18th 7.30pm with lasagne on the menu!
Tickets £6 per person with a maximum of six per team.

To book contact Debbie on oboe-debbie@live.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you!

Yours Faithfully

Roger Howell, Thornbury Quakers

We live in a multicultural society, in a world of many faiths. St Paul, in a letter to the Christian community in Corinth wrote, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." In other words, love is greater than faith, 1 Corinthians, 13, 13.

One of the laws revealed to Moses in the Old Testament was to "love thy neighbour as thyself," Leviticus 19,18, amplified in Leviticus 19,34 with "the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself."

This was taken up by Jesus, when challenged by a lawyer as to who was his neighbour? Jesus answered with the parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10, 29 -37. This seems to indicate that our neighbour should be regarded as not just the person who lives next to us, but whoever we happen to find ourselves next to.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

May 5	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Helen Webb
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Revs S. Oram & A. Lloyd
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Paul Harrod
May 12	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Stephen Oram
	9.30am	Morning Worship with Choir and Baptism	Revs D. Bone & S. Oram
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
May 19	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Stephen Oram
	9.30am	Holy Communion with Choir	Revs S. Oram & A. Lloyd
	6pm	Evensong	Rev Ann Lloyd
May 26	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd
	9.30am	Fourth Sunday	Paul Harrod
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	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

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

May 12	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev Ann Parker
May 26	10am	Holy Communion	Revs Ann P & David M

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

May 12	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black
May 26	8am	Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

May 12	9am	Morning Worship	Judith Heybyrne
May 26	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs Judith Heybyrne 01454 616725

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

May 5	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mrs Pauline Culshaw
May 12	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Simon Edwards
May 19	10am	Tock Ch	Service led by members of the congregation
May 26	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Glyn Varney

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 8th May.
To book your lunch, please ring 416528.

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP: will meet in the Swan at 12.15 on Thursday 16th May.

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

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

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. 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

May 5	6.30pm	Vision of Hope
May 12	6.30pm	Martin Taylor
May 19	6.30pm	Tony Ward
May 26	6.30pm	Ed Stuart

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: Brian Hawkins, hawkinsb863@gmail.com 01454 854867

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

Diary Dates for May 2019

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

1 st Wed	Thornbury Cancer UK coffee morning Holy Communion followed by tea & cake Table Tennis every Wednesday	10.30-12 2.30 7-8.30	AMH DGCL PH
2 nd Thur	District Council election voting Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup Thornbury Farmers' Market Art Trail commences, until 12 th .	7am-10pm 9-12 9.30-11.30 9-1.30	PH OSt MH
3 rd Fri	Haven Memory Café Thornbury Carers Support Group	10.15-11.45 1-3	URC Chy
4 th Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12 10.30-12	MH AVH
6 th Mon	Monday Movie	7.30	StM
7 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Tea/Coffee & Biscuit 50p Monthly Raffle Macular & Low Vision Support Group British Legion: Bingo	10.30-12 10.30 7.30	DGCL TMH DGCL
8 th Wed			
9 th Thur	Olveston Playgroup Coffee Shop Craft Session	9.30-11.30 9-12 10-12	MH OSt EVH
10 th Fri			
11 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12	MH
14 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Thornbury Memory Café W.I. - Monologues & Anecdotes etc. Aust Parish Council	10.30-12 10.15-11.45 7.30 7.30	DGCL TMH PH EVH
15 th Wed	Methodist Players: a comedy, 'No Dinner for Sinners' - until Saturday Jazz at the White Hart, Olveston	7.45 8.00-10.30	TMH
16 th Thur	Thornbury Farmers' Market Olveston Playgroup Coffee Shop	9-1.30 9.30-11.30 9-12	MH OSt
17 th Fri	Haven Memory Café	10.15-11.45	URC
18 th Sat	Coffee Morning Parish Council Surgery	10.30-12 10.30-12	MH MH

	Alveston Singers Concert	7.30	StM T
20 th Mon	Monday Movie	7.30	StM
21 st Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12	DGCL
	Alveston Singers Concert	7.30	AMC
22 nd Wed	Alveston History Soc: SS Great Britain & its trip to Melbourne, by Claire Connor	AMC	7.30
23 rd Thur	Olveston Playgroup	9.30- 11.30	MH
	Coffee Shop	9-12	OS+
	Craft Session	10-12	EVH
24 th Fri			
25 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12	MH
28 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12	DGCL
	Thornbury Memory Café	10.15-11.45	TMH
	Olveston Parish Council	7.30	AP
29 th Wed			
30 th Thur	Coffee Shop	10-12	OS+
	Olveston Playgroup	9.30-11.30	MH
31 st Fri			

Looking ahead to June

1 st June	Litter Pick	1pm	PH
15 th June	Treasure Hunt & BBQ	4-10pm	
22 nd June	Elberton Church Fete at the Manor		

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 **StMT** Mary's Thorn **TCh** Tock Chapel; **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; ; **TMS** Tock Manor Sch.. **URC** United Reform Ch Th

Contact details for any clubs or organisations in the Meeting Point area can be found in the Meeting Point Directory on the community website: www.olvestonandaust.com. If you would like to update your organisation's details, please email: meetingpointsecretary@olvestonandaust.com

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