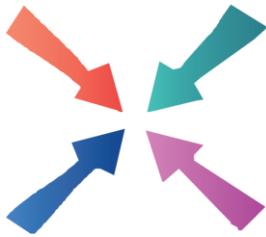


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This edition is full, as ever, with details about lots of events to look forward to throughout the month. However, it is also good to look back occasionally at past events. The review of the Parish Players' Peter Pan reminds me just how much my grandchildren and I enjoyed this show. The sheer exuberance from the stage and the audience as we all sang 'I believe in fairies' will stay with me for some time.

Our community benefits in so many ways from the efforts of volunteer groups of all sorts and we are hoping to profile a number of these groups in forthcoming editions. This month we hear from the 'Litter Pickers', who tackle the waste and debris discarded on the verges around Olveston and Tockington. Their efforts are very much appreciated by me and doubtless many others in the area. Well done for tackling this important - and not at all glamorous - chore.

*Marelin .*

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# News from St. Mary's



*Trevor Cook*

## **Easter Experience**

On the **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April**, St Mary's will create an Easter Experience for the pupils of Olveston School. A total of six stations will tell the Easter story. They will allow the children to reflect upon the Easter message and how it can impact our lives today. Come and see.

## **Holy Week**

Although Easter has become a time for 'Getaways', there is plenty going on here at home and it would be great to share the celebrations together. Service times are shown in the "Church News" section at the back of the magazine, but you might also enjoy the following.

Before the **Palm Sunday** service on the **9<sup>th</sup> April** there will be a procession with a donkey with the aim of celebrating Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Leaving Daldry Gardens at **9.45am** it will arrive at the church for the **10am** Palm Sunday service.

On Monday, **10<sup>th</sup> April** at **7.30pm** come along to see the film, 'Risen' which will be shown in the church. The story is about a non-believer who aims to disprove Jesus' death and resurrection.

On **Good Friday** a procession will leave Tockington Methodist Church at **12.30pm**; a cross will be carried from there to St Mary's, Olveston. Along the way there will be stops for readings, songs and prayers. All are welcome to participate or watch and to mark this anniversary of the Crucifixion.

On **Easter Day** I recommend to you the **6.30am** (Yes, am!) Communion service held in the gardens of 'The Brake' at the top of Vicarage Lane.

Finally, after the **Easter Day** service at **10 am** in the church there will be an Easter egg hunt (for children of all ages) in the churchyard.

## **Springs of Hope Appeal**

There are no specific events during April but watch for more exciting events in May. The total raised at the beginning of March is £7,000.

## **New Vicar**

The offer and job specification for the posting have been reviewed, amended and re-advertised in early March. Fingers crossed for more success this time around.

# Old Down Cricket Club:

## A recruitment drive for the 2017 season.

*Tom Pullin*

Old Down Cricket Club (ODCC) is located in Old Down and our ground, which we own, is located behind the Olveston Sports & Social Club (OSSC) and Olveston United football pitch on the Alveston Road. Although we are obviously rather biased, we feel that our ground is one of the most picturesque in the Bristol area, with character as well as stunning views of the Severn Estuary.



ODCC is essentially a 'village' club, but we do offer a mixture of league and friendly cricket. We benefit from having permanent nets as well as a bowling machine which helps to enhance our practice facilities. In addition we are lucky enough to benefit from the bar facilities offered by OSSC and most of our social activities centre on the Social Club.

The Club is making a concerted effort to recruit more players for 2017. All age groups are welcome, but senior players are particularly required. If you are interested in playing cricket in 2017, or know anyone who is, please contact Dave Gardner email: [dave25laxton@aol.com](mailto:dave25laxton@aol.com) or 07771 848898

Pre-season Indoor Nets start on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April and continue on 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April from 7.30pm-9.30pm at The Castle School, Thornbury. For information about this – or any other questions about the club - please contact Tom Pullin, 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain, on 07890 992542.

## Thank you!

*Jerry Harding*

A big thank you to the kind person who found my glasses, still in their case, and put them (so kindly and thoughtfully wrapped in a new doggie poo bag as it was raining) on top of a post in the children's playing area on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. I am so grateful.

# The mystery buyer of Tockington Manor Estate revealed

*Nick Fear*

At the end of World War Two many people took stock of their lives and looked to the future. Tockington Manor Estate had for many years been the home of the Salmon family. The then owner, Major Henry Methuen Pomeroy Salmon had served throughout the war, which had tragically taken the life of his beloved wife Honor in a military flying accident. Married in 1941, they had made Tockington their home and life without her must have seemed empty.

Although the estate was profitable and ably managed, rumours began in the area that it was going to be sold. In December 1945 Major Salmon sold saddles and other tack items to empty his stable, alongside a similar sale by Colonel Turner of Oldown, in Gloucester Market. It then became widely known that the estate was indeed for sale, either as a whole or in parts connected to farms or individual dwellings. Local meetings took place and there was talk of a cooperative of buyers for the entire estate, but the sum needed was large and could not be raised. Some tenants were able to buy their farms, Port Farm at Olveston by Jack and Olive Whelpton, Manor Farm at Awkley by Edmund (Boyce) and Eva Stephens. After several months of speculation, no single person came forward to purchase the estate as whole.



In the spring of 1946 a fully illustrated sale catalogue with photographs and a map, published by Hampton and Sons Ltd of London, was available at a cost of two shillings and six pence. At the direction of Major Salmon, Tockington Manor residential and agricultural estate was offered for sale. It was described as freehold and covering an area of 677 acres. In detail this was a

fine old Manor House and Park with Farmery, the reputed Manor and Lordship of Alveston. It had 5 dairy farms, 14 lots of building and accommodation land, small residences and 24 cottages. (The picture shows Lot 19, Ivywell) The rent roll produced a gross rent of £1438 per annum, in the region of £50,000 today. Major Salmon decided to withdraw Lot 23, two freehold cottages and gardens at Tockington, as he wished his tenants to continue living there and the village green was gifted to the local parish council.

The date for the auction was set for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1946 at 2.30 pm in the Grand Hotel Bristol. The auction began as planned, bidding opened at

£30,000 and progressed in a packed saleroom. Bids ended at a sum of £46,200, in the region of £1.75 million today. Local press reporters covered the sale and enquiries revealed that the purchase had been made by an agent who reported that his client did not wish to his name to be divulged. The news reached Tockington and surrounding villages and speculation as to the new owners began.

It was not long before George and James Northover revealed that they had bought the estate. The well respected Northover brothers had been involved in the local economy for many years. In the main they were in business as farmers, haulage and agricultural contactors. They then set about putting their energies into managing their new estate.

In 1947 Tockington Manor House with grounds of 28 acres was sold to Major Tovey to form Tockington Manor School. He also purchased 10 acres opposite this to accommodate playing fields. Over many decades the Northover brothers ran the estate well and made a good living from it. Their tenure only ended when they died and the old estate boundaries were dissolved over time by private sales.

## **Aust Parish Council Matters**

*Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)*

### **Aust Parish Council annual meeting**

The annual meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at Elberton Village Hall. The Forgotten Landscape team will talk about their work in the area. In addition this will be your opportunity to talk to your Parish Councillors about the state of things in the parish.

### **South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group**

This Group is responsible for commissioning health services for South Gloucestershire residents. It recently published its spring newsletter with articles about the minor injuries unit, a new hospital transport service and other interesting things. See it at:

<https://www.southgloucestershireccg.nhs.uk/media/medialibrary/2017/03/spring2017.pdf>

# Cancer Research UK

## Fun Wine Tasting Challenge



Do you fancy an enjoyable evening of wine tasting that will also, in a fun way, test your knowledge of wines?

Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee are holding just that on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April in St Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.**

Tickets are £15 per person which includes the tasting of different wines together with cheese, pate and nibbles.

For tickets please call Jennie on 01454 415856 or alternatively contact any of our Committee Members that you may know

Do come and join us all for what promises to be an evening of fun whilst raising much needed funds for Cancer Research UK. Don't delay or all the tickets will be gone!

## The ups and downs of Litter Picking

*Rod Williams*

Many of us pick up litter near our homes when we go about our daily activities, but in 2010 June Lyons, chairman of the Parish Council at the time, suggested a volunteer team might start picking up the unsightly litter spoiling the approach roads to Olveston and Tockington. The first session produced a mountain of black sacks, but today things are far more reasonable.

We meet every two months on the first Saturday of 'even' months (but not this April - when it will be the second Saturday, the 8th). Usually about eight to ten volunteers answer the call from the notice in Meeting Point, which seems about the right number. In addition several people regularly do their 'own' roads at times to suit them.

Fern Hill Tockington, Aust Road and Washingpool Hill are among the worst affected areas. Here we find discarded fast-food containers, bottles and cans and the occasional dirty nappy thrown in and, quite often, neatly tied bags of

kitchen waste. At the top of Fern Hill we have found gas cylinders and drug users' syringes and other unspeakable items which we carefully double bag!

South Gloucestershire Council come and collect big items like car tyres, microwave ovens, asbestos sheet, builders' rubble and the road-casualty deer that we've started to come across in the last couple of years.

It's a satisfying project, but it is disappointing when just ten days later it can be just as bad again. Personally, litter annoys me but not as much as dog poo on the pavements!

## Litter Pick

The next litter pick will be on **Saturday 8th April**.

Please meet at the Parish Hall car park at 1pm.

## Old Down Cricket Club

*Tony Gardner 07889 727729*

### **150 Club Winners March 2017:**

£50 Tony Cudmore

£15 Tony Gardner

£5 Alex Grosvenor

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

11/02/17 Barry Reeves

04/03/17 Sylvia Gould

**Up the Down!!**

## Cancer Research UK Coffee Morning

The Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee are holding a Coffee Morning at the Alveston Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday 3rd May between 10am and 12 noon.

There will be homemade Cakes, Jams, Chutneys, Used Books, Jewellery and Cards for sale together with an opportunity to win some wonderful Raffle Prizes.

Please come along and support us in raising funds for this very worthwhile Charity. We look forward to seeing you there.



# Monday Movies in Olveston: April

Trevor Anderson



Greetings to all readers from the Movie Club Team in Olveston. Our **spring programme** has been agreed and Movie Club members will already have received details by email. Paper copies of the programme are available to pick up from just inside St Mary's Church door.

Regular readers will recognise a change this month: the **Monday Movies Extra** title has disappeared! Running every third Monday, it offered carefully selected foreign films, limited release films and quality 'art-house' films. Its title was chosen to distinguish it from the **Monday Movies** programme of mainstream films being shown every first Monday. However, as time has gone on, and as our audience has become more willing to try new things, the distinction between the two streams has become less and less. So we have combined the two and, from now on, Monday Movies, running twice a month, will cover the whole range, from Hollywood 'blockbusters' to special interest 'art-house' films. Here's our **April** programme:

**Monday Movies** (*1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month at 7.30pm*)

**Mon 3 April:** A 59-year-old joiner, unable to work due to a recent heart attack, befriends a young single mother as they both struggle with the red tape of the benefits system. With equal amounts of humour, warmth and despair, the journey is heartfelt and emotional until the end. (2016, *Cert15*)

**Mon 17 April:** A documentary on the world's most famous pop-group, focusing almost exclusively on their 'touring years' - 1963 to 1966. Includes interviews, press conferences, recordings and much rare footage. (2016, *Cert 12*)

**Children's Movie Club** (*Mondays at 10.00am in the school hols*)

**Mon 10 April:** A stop-motion animated film about the life of Jesus Christ, through the eyes of Tamar; the terminally ill daughter of a priest in Capernaum. A distinguished voice cast ensures that children and adults alike will enjoy 'the greatest story ever told.' (2000, *Cert U*)

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)

# A Forgotten Landscape

## Volunteer opportunities

### Volunteer water vole monitors

Water vole numbers have plummeted nationally by a shocking 95% since the 1980s. However, one of the most significant populations of water voles in the south west of England makes its home in our project area around Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston. We are looking for volunteers to help monitor these fascinating elusive animals. Your work will support efforts to restore habitat and improve connectivity of the rhine system. Phil Quinn, ecologist, will lead a day's training on **Saturday 8th April**. Come join our friendly team of volunteer monitors and help protect water vole habitat.

### Volunteer pond surveyors

Like newts? We need volunteers interested in inspecting ponds to assess if they might be potential great crested newt habitat. We'll show you how to conduct pond habitat suitability index (HSI) surveys. By doing this work, you'll help to increase the knowledge of where these protected animals exist in our project area, knowledge that's needed to help conserve and safeguard our local colonies. Phil Quinn, ecologist, will lead a day's training on **Saturday 22nd April**. Come join our friendly team of volunteer surveyors, learn more about ponds, and help protect newt habitat.

### Volunteer orchard surveyors



Interested in orchards and wildlife? Like being outdoors? Orchards, once a common sight in our area, and a haven for wildlife, have disappeared alarmingly since the 1950s – we've lost about 90%! Contribute to the People's Trust for Endangered Species' nationwide orchard

surveying project and help save traditional orchards and the thousands of animals they support. Jerry Dicker, arboriculturist and woodland management expert, will show you all you need to know to conduct our orchard survey on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May**. Come join our friendly team of volunteer surveyors!

Learn more about these amazing habitats and help us conserve them where we can.

For more information, please go to [www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk/get-involved).

## **Free events**

**Tuesday Talks – A Dose of Nature, 4th April 2017, 7.30pm**

**Tockington Methodist Church, Lower Tockington Road,  
Tockington BS32 4LG.**

Can nature improve your health? Dr Dan Bloomfield of the University of Exeter has been studying this question through his project, A Dose of Nature. The project's aim is to find ways in which nature can be more actively used to help people with chronic health problems, and how the UK health system can be involved in making that happen. as being an ecologist, psychotherapist and linguist.

**Journey through the Past – a walk with Rose Hewlett**

**Sunday 23 April 10:30 – 12:30, Redwick, Bristol**

Following on from her popular Tuesday talk on the Great Flood of 1607, Rose Hewlett will be leading a guided walk around New Passage and Northwick Warth. The area has a long and varied history! Learn about the now vanished passenger ferry, hotel and railway line that once carried passengers from England to South Wales. Rose will also discuss the area's early settlement, the effects of the 1607 flood, reclamation of the warth, sea defences, farming techniques, and traditional fishing methods used on the Severn.

*For more details and to book please go to  
[www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk/get-involved/events](http://www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk/get-involved/events)*

## **St Peter's Hospice – Coffee Morning**

St Peter's Hospice, Severnside Support Group, would be delighted to welcome you to the Spring Coffee Morning in the Thornbury Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 8th April at 10.00am.

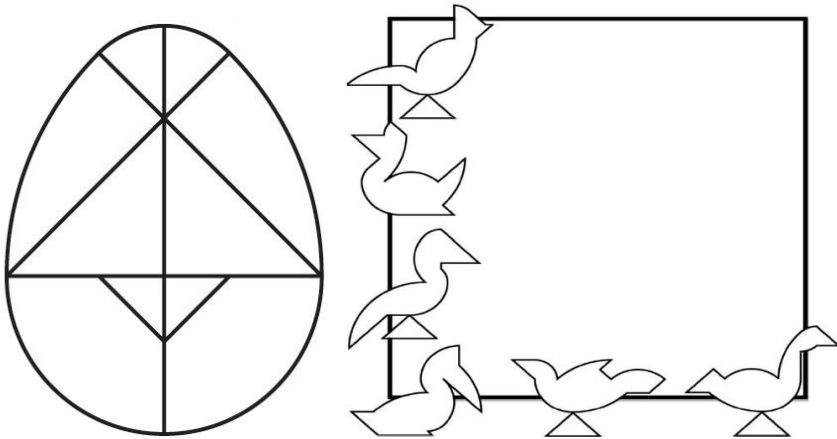
Home made cake stall, Books, Crafts and Raffle.

Entrance £2.00 to include tea/coffee and cake.

Please come along and support St Peters, your local Hospice.

# April Easter Egg Puzzle

Here's an Easter Egg – and some birds that have hatched from it.



Use all 10 pieces of the egg puzzle to make the birds whose outlines are pictured here. For an additional challenge, try to make some other bird shapes – or perhaps some other creatures that hatch from eggs!

# March Puzzle Solution

Well done to Joe and Rhys (Year 5, Olveston School) who solved the puzzle by spotting that finding the square root of 121 was the place to start.

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D		E	F
1	1	7	1
G	H	J	
9	1	6	5
K			
3	1	6	8

# From the Registers of Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church

March 8<sup>th</sup>. A Service to Celebrate the Life of Kathleen Hazel Bamfield

# From the Registers of St Mary's, Olveston

Mar 8<sup>th</sup>. Burial of Ashes of Kathleen Hazel Bamfield

## Olveston Parish Allotment & Gardeners Association (OPAGA)

At this point all the plots on the allotment (which is opposite Olveston school) are rented, which is really good news.

However, if you are thinking that you would like to grow your own vegetables and soft fruit, please get your name on the allotment waiting list. Circumstances change which force plot holders to give up this much enjoyed hobby. When this happens, the first name on the waiting list is offered the first available vacant plot.

In the past there has been a long waiting list but right now nobody is waiting.

For more information please contact OPAGA Chairman, Marlene Baker on 01454619289 or email [opaga.chairman@gmail.com](mailto:opaga.chairman@gmail.com)

## Olveston United AFC

Recently Olveston United took on Winterbourne United in the semi-final of the GFA Senior Amateur Cup. This is the first time the club has reached this stage in the Senior Amateur Cup. Domineering the game and not giving Winterbourne any chances, we won 6-0 taking us into the final which is to be held on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 7.30pm** at the GFA headquarters in Almondsbury (behind the Police Motorway HQ). The club would love to have the support of the community so why not come and watch and give your support to this side of local youngsters in the final?



We are also through to the semi-final of the league cup as well and if you would like to show your support for this then watch out for dates on the clubs notice boards.

# We Are Not Jam And Jerusalem!

Olveston and Tockington W.I. is looking to welcome new members. We are celebrating our centenary in 2018 and would love you to join us for this exciting year. We meet at Olveston Parish Hall on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. Recent speakers have been Emma Britton, Radio Bristol presenter, John Smith talking on the history of Berkeley Castle and Cllr. Matthew Riddle, the Chair of South Gloucestershire Council. We have had trips to Hampton Court and Bletchley Park, and this year we are visiting Blenheim Palace, Nature in Art, and taking a tour of BBC Bristol.

In April, Susan Marshfield will be telling us that 'Strange things do happen' and Susan always has a tale full of anecdotes and humour. Coming up will be talks on Chocolate and Woodchester Mansion.

Please come and join our friendly group for a meeting, you will be more than welcome; we even include tea or coffee and biscuits. If you would like more information or arrange to meet a member for your visit, please call Kim Prewett on 01454 614210, or Vicki Townsend on 01454 412727.

Do come and give us a go, hope to see you soon.

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# Diamond Celebration

*Pat Thirkettle*



Virginia and Pat Ward were married at All Saints Compton Greenfield on March 16<sup>th</sup> 1957, as Virginia grew up in Easter Compton. It is a beautiful little church, over 800 years old, with a Norman arch, set amongst fields south east of Easter Compton. Pat only came from Olveston but still managed to be late for the wedding because he was held up for ten minutes at the old level crossing on Pilning Street!

Sixty years later they have five grandchildren, three great grandchildren and another on the way. They have lived in New Road, Olveston opposite the bus stop for forty eight years. When Virginia first came she noticed the dirty bus stop and

ever since the Parish Council has paid her to keep it clean and tidy. This can be a revolting job requiring loads of hot water and Dettol because it is sometimes used as a urinal. In summer they put up hanging baskets, and as I write this in early March the first one is already up.



Last year they celebrated their joint eightieth birthdays with a party for seventy in the Parish Hall. This year they will mark their Diamond Wedding with a Celebration Service at All Saints conducted by Rev Ann Lloyd, Priest-in-Charge. They will share this with friends who were married two years later, also Virginia's cousin and

his wife who were married at All Saints, and many family and friends. They will then go to lunch at the Grange Hotel, Winterbourne.

Although this appears after the event, we offer them belated congratulations and wish them many more happy years together.



# Parish Matters



*Richard Rogers clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk*

The **Annual Parish Assembly** is to be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 7:30 to review the work done by the Parish Council in the last year and the audience can expect to receive an update on the Housing and Traffic and Parking projects developed from the work undertaken by the Olveston Parish Steering Group and associated subgroups.

The Assembly will start with a presentation '**The West of England Combined Authority**' by Amanda Deeks, the Chief Executive of South Glos Council. This is an ideal opportunity to meet the most senior officer of our District Council, ahead of the election on Thursday 4 May 2017 to decide who will be the West of England Combined Authority Mayor. This new post will chair the

new 'West of England Combined Authority' (WECA) made up of three local authorities (Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire) to deliver economic growth for the region and address some of the challenges, such as productivity and skills, housing and transport. The Mayor will be given powers over spending, previously held by Central Government, on the region's transport, housing, adult education and skills.



Recently the Council has completed a **renovation of the fencing at the Parish Hall car park** which is also used as a 3rd Tennis Court and a 5-a-side football pitch. Access to the Tennis Courts is now along the left hand side of the Parish Hall, and access to the play area via the right hand side. Eventually a hedge will be established to complete the enclosure of the play area.

**The signage at the Old Down recreation ground** has been refreshed with new finger posts and removal of the old green signposts. Work has now restarted on the road signs with a new Contractor, and it is hoped that the Tockington sign removed in 2015 will soon be making a re-appearance.



Olveston Parish Council is still seeking **replacement Councillors**. An initial advert has been published with a closing date of the 16th March 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.

## Thornbury Ramblers

Spring is certainly well underway now with lovely flowers adorning the countryside and our gardens, and new life everywhere. Why not start - or continue - walking in great scenery by coming along with Thornbury Ramblers. We are a very friendly bunch of people. Give us a try and see how it goes.

Most walks take place on Sundays and occasionally a weekday evening. Distance tends to be between 5 and around 11 miles, and the pace is not hectic but a good chance to chat.

For further information please have a word with Sue Bird on 01454 413924 or look at Thornbury Ramblers website: [www.thornburymblers.org.uk](http://www.thornburymblers.org.uk)



## Olveston and Tockington Tennis Club AGM

**8pm Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April Olveston Parish Hall,  
Tockington**

We welcome new members of all abilities and ages. The official opening of our new clubhouse will take place soon. Watch this space.

For more information please contact Martin Dawes on [martin.dawes@live.com](mailto:martin.dawes@live.com)

# The Severn Beach Railway Line: one of Europe's top scenic railway routes!

Wednesday, 5 April 2017, 7.30pm, Olveston Methodist Church



An illustrated talk by Andrew Swift, transporting us along The Severn Beach Railway Line, once rated by Thomas Cook as one of Europe's top scenic railway routes! Open to all. Everyone welcome: £2 on the night.

Olveston Parish Historical Society [www.olvoston.com/historical-society](http://www.olvoston.com/historical-society)

## Family Fun Day and Open Day

**Saturday May 6th 2.00pm – 4.00pm at Stepping Stones, Elberton Village Hall**

Come and join in the fun and support 'Make a Wish'. This worthwhile charity grants 'magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening conditions'.

There will be a cake stall, raffle, tombola, second-hand books and toys, refreshments and many different children's activities, including face painting, colouring competition and cake decorating.

Our usual forest activities will be available in the woods for both parents and children to join in. These include den building, making crowns, walking with mirrors, bark rubbing and making magic potions. The garden with the large wooden climbing frame and mud kitchen will also be open for the children to play in.

From September 2017, if you are entitled it, you will be able to use your 30 hours free childcare at Stepping Stones; so come and meet our friendly staff team and see all our facilities. All proceeds from the day will go the 'Make a Wish Foundation'. For more information please ring Gill on 07853173221 or email [gillpowell1961@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gillpowell1961@hotmail.co.uk).

Hope to see you there!

## Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the March draw, held on 2nd March 2017 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<i>Name</i>
£150	235	Mr M E Scott, Olveston
£75	382	Mr J Cryer, Olveston
£25	412	Mr R J Lloyd, Tockington
£25	411	Mr R J Lloyd, Tockington
£25	495	Mr G Browning, Olveston
£20	407	Mr M J Dixon, Olveston
£20	455	Mrs C A Phillipott, Tockington
£20	456	Mr B J Toft, Olveston
£10	575	Dr E S Saunders, Olveston
£10	545	Mrs S Chick, Olveston
£10	313	Mr & Mrs R Birtle, Olveston
£10	218	Mrs P Dash, Olveston
£10	468	Mr G Clark, Olveston
£10	605	Mr M Lewis, Olveston

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

# Police report

*PCSO Kelly Dimery*

Reported crime for February:

- Attempted theft of landscaping equipment, Elberton
- Horsebox stolen from Oldbury-on-Severn. Suspicious persons seen in a vehicle earlier on in the day.
- Engine from a motorbike stolen from an outbuilding in Ingst.
- Caravan stolen from Tockington but recovered from Avonmouth.
- Horse box trailer stolen from Littleton.
- Padlock broken off a gate and unknown persons have been looking around premises, Elberton.
- Vehicle stolen overnight from a driveway in Littleton.

There has also been a recent increase in tools being stolen from works vehicles, please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity you may see.

Beat Surgery Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Compton Village Hall 09:15 – 10:00am

Olveston Village Stores 10:30 – 11:15am

## Severn Vale Flower Club

Open Meeting on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. 6.30pm for 7.30pm** in the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury.

White Knights is the title of a floral demonstration to be given by Katherine Kear at this meeting. Katherine is a well-known National Demonstrator as well as a speaker and teacher for N.A.F.A.S. She was also an RHS 2016 Gold Medallist at Chelsea.

There will be Refreshments, Raffle, Plant & Sales Table. For more information and tickets the numbers to ring are *01454 885213* or *01453 811089*. Alternatively come along and pay at the door.

Our chosen charity for 2017 is M.S. South West Therapy Centre.

# Peter Pan - what makes folk fly?

*Barbie Davies*

In this busy world, everyone likes a dose of Never Never Land. The Parish Players, in their musical version of 'Peter Pan' took us there by means of the set, stage and technical crews' ingenious flying mechanism, dream-like sets, lighting and effects. They are indeed a dream team of imagination and efficiency. Whilst the melodies of this version of the original 1904 play by J.M. Barrie might not be the most interesting, Chloe Allsopp-Jones' quartet brought the excellent arrangements to life with their expert verve and sensitivity. They gave wonderful support to everyone on stage which resulted in confident and heart-felt singing.

Linda Evans' experienced hand gave all the performers a real sense of the pantomime flavour, much panache, and a discipline which translated into a slick and infectious enthusiastic production. Sheer energy, attack and a sense of fun oozed from every performer. The hard-working chorus of Pirates/Red Indians really entered into the spirit of each caricature, providing some very amusing moments, especially in the hands of Ray Hale and Richard Newley. All the lost boys were an absolute delight with their total commitment to their parts, their fabulous facial expressions and wonderful singing. What talent there is for the future!



On the last night, after an arduous week, Niamh McBride still strong and crystal clear as Wendy, perfectly captured the 'perfect little mother' adopting just the right amount of tongue in cheek capabilities – and what a super singing voice! Hannah Clarke was a very convincing John – no mean feat for this generous young performer. Theo Woodward made a very winning Michael by his obvious love of the part, while Peter Pan himself was beautifully played by Jake Woodward, who captured the freedom and joie de vivre of the role. He too had a really strong and tuneful voice. Evie Snadden delivered the difficult role of nearly good fairy, Tinkerbell, with real grace, mischief and perfect timing.

Of course every pantomime has its baddies. Phil Savage's Captain Hook had the perfect balance of silliness and glory in the gory. His arch-enemy (a most

sleek crocodile) made many a swift slither across the stage causing many a giggle. Only Nana the nurse dog rivalled him, affectionately played by David Proud. No wonder Mrs Darling, warmly performed by Lesley Clarke, was grateful for Nana's help at that amusing moment when she and her husband (Phil Savage, after a quick change) stand surrounded by the boys who no longer want to be lost, but adopted by the Darlings.

The Parish Hall may only have a small stage (plus, on this occasion, a useful fore stage) but the impact is always big: whether in dance work (choreographed by Jill Harris), the colourful costumes by Cath Chappel, Felicity Hemmett and Helen Leicester, or the sense of magic which is created when a community works together. That's what makes folk really fly!

*Director's note: This review was from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February. On alternate evenings, the roles of Peter and Tinkerbell were played memorably by Timothy Mitchell and Isobel Lambie.*

## Yours Faithfully

*Ann Roberts, Aust Evangelical Church*

I started wearing glasses in order to see that tiny print on all the labels in supermarkets; then I noticed the messages on my phone were becoming blurry, now the books which I receive are a mass of drawings. Sometimes, we find that in life things happen that we don't understand. It's a blur until we can look back and see it all in perspective. Hindsight is a wonderful thing.

At Easter Jesus told his disciples in NIV Luke 18v31-34 'We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be turned over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again'. It was just a blur, they didn't understand what He was saying and it wasn't until later that they realised what was going to happen to Him. In the NIV Luke 24v45 it says, 'Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.'

Does the Bible seem like a blur to you? Do you wonder why things happen? None of us understands everything, but I know that when we put our whole trust in God he gives such a joy and peace, as well as the strength we need for those difficult times.

This Easter why not try visiting your local church, or try an Alpha Course; maybe talk to somebody you know who is a Christian to find out more. I can testify to the amazing, fulfilling life you will have when you put your whole trust in Jesus. It's not until you have the full experience of being a Christian (or put those glasses on to see those blurry words!) that you will understand.

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Apr 2	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe Rev Philip Rowe & Canon Chris Pullin Mr Trevor Cook
	10am	Holy Communion	
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	
Apr 9	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev David Bone Mrs J McBride Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	
	6pm	Holy Communion	
Apr 13	7.30	Agape Supper	Rev David Bone
Apr 14	2pm	The Last Hour with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
Apr 16	6.30	Dawn Eucharist	Rev Ann Lloyd Rev Ann Lloyd Rev Philip Rowe
	8am	Holy Communion	
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	
Apr 23	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev David Bone Paul Harrod Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Fourth Sunday	
	6pm	Evensong(BCP) with Choir	
Apr 30	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd Paul Harrod Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Morning Prayer	
	6pm	Holy Communion(BCP) with Choir	

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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.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

Apr 9	5.30	Holy Communion	Rev. Ann Parker
Apr 23	5.30	Evening Service	Rev. Ann Parker

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

Apr 2	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black
Apr 16	9am	Holy Communion	Rev Nick Williams

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Apr 9	9am	Morning Prayer	Judith Heybyrne
Apr 16	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Jennifer Hall

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Apr 2	10am	Tock. Ch..	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
Apr 9	10am 6pm	Olv. Ch. Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Mandy Briggs Unfolding Service led by Rev Pete Brazier & Mrs Debs Brazier
Apr 16	10am	Tock. Ch.	Easter Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
Apr 23	10am	Olv Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Alison Smith
Apr 30	10am 3pm	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev Sandy Williams Cluster Service at Westbury -on-Trym

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> April  
To book your lunch please ring 416528

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP** meets at 12.15pm at the Swan Tockington  
on Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> April. 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.

**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** Served on the Green and in Tockington Chapel on Easter Monday  
17<sup>th</sup> April 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

Apr 2	6.30pm	Vision of Hope
Apr 9	6.30pm	Martin Taylor
Apr 16	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies
Apr 23	6.30pm	Alan Mann
Apr 30	6.30pm	Tony McQueen

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

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

Paul Ashford, 07774 110 814 or email: [Paul@CalebGroup.net](mailto:Paul@CalebGroup.net)

## 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

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# Diary Dates for April 2017

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	Open Garden Rock House Elberton (N.G.S) inc. stall for Church Funds 'Eat Clean Fair' at Th. Leisure Centre	11am-4pm	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	Thornbury Carers Support Group Computer Clinic every week Monday Movie	1.00-3.00pm 2.00-4.00pm 7.30pm	Chy MH StM
4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning R.B.L.(Women ) Beetle Drive A Dose of Nature talk by AFL	10.30-12.00 7.30pm 7.30pm	MH DGCL TMH
5 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Computer Clinic every week Holy Communion at Daldry Gardens Table Tennis O.P.H.S.The Severn Beach Railway Line	10.00-12.00 2.30pm 7.00-8.30pm 7.30pm	MH DGCL PH OMC
6 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup (Mothers & Toddlers)	9am-1pm 9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS+ MH
7 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Computer Clinic every week	7.00-9.00pm	MH
8 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Litter Pick	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 1.00pm	AVH MH PH
10 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Children's Movie Club	10.00am	StM
11 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Aust Parish Council Annual Meeting Olveston and Tockington WI talk by Susan Marshfield.	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm  7.30	DGCL TMH EVH  PH
12 <sup>th</sup> Wed	'Hairspray' (NYTG) 'til Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> inc matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm Table Tennis	7.30pm  7.00-8.30pm	AH  PH
13 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop	10.00-12.00	OS+
14 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
15 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
16 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
17 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Children's Movie Club Cream Teas on Tockington Green/ Chapel Monday Movie Extra	10.00am 2.30-5pm 7.30pm	StM  StM

18 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
19 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Beat Surgery Table Tennis Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	10.30-11.15 7.00-8.30pm 8.30pm	OST PH
20 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop	9.00-1.30pm 10.00-12.00	OST
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
25 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Memory Café Olveston Parish Council Tennis Club A.G.M.	10.30-12.00 10.45-11.15 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL TMH AP PH
26 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	
27 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OST MH
28 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Arts Trail begins 'til May 7th		
30 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Aust Quiz Night at Boar's Head	7.30pm	
<b>Looking ahead to May</b>			
5 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	Thornbury Arts Festival		

**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; ; WR – Wesley Rooms. URC United Reform Ch Th

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