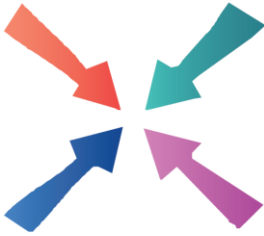


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From the Editor

February for me means getting out into the garden, inspecting plants that have survived the winter and thinking about any changes I might be making for the spring and summer. As usual I will be taking inspiration from local gardens that open for the National Gardens Scheme. One of the first to open will be Rock House, Elberton, on Sundays 2nd and 9th February, where a magnificent show of snowdrops returns year after year.

The magazine this month includes a reminder that the Parish Players will be performing South Pacific during the half term break. Knowing the amount of sheer hard work that goes into such productions, I wish them all the best for this show.

The person featured as our profile this month is the owner of Olveston's newest business – Willow and Bear – and I'm looking forward to having a proper look around the shop once I've got this edition of Meeting Point off to the printers.

Marelin .

The cover is by Jenny Newley.

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Unmasked! The 50 State Traveller

Remember the article in January's Meeting Point about the local person who had travelled to all 50 of the states in the USA, having been inspired as a boy by cowboy films? If so, you will recall that our Chief Geographical Reporter drew a veil over the intrepid explorer's identity, so the Editor was pleased – and entertained – to receive the following e-mail.

Dear Editor

I knew exactly who you were talking about from the first two lines! Driving the car from Iron Acton in reverse all way home, it's my Dad, John Thiery.

His driving and his exploits abroad have always been the talk of the family. He did the last two states this year, and yes, it is amazing. And the stories he can tell!

Growing up, I loved the cowboy films: John Wayne, Audie Murphy, I've seen all the films. And as my birthday is July 4th, I learnt about American independence early on.

I went to America to work with the BUNAC organisation and worked on Camp Romacca in Massachusetts and visited New York. I would love to go back one day as it is an amazing country and the people are lovely. I got to celebrate my 22nd birthday in America on their special day and it was fab.

Dad has lots of tales of his trips - some make you laugh; some make you gasp. Like the one where he had to be escorted to the border because he'd gone where no white people are allowed...

So yes, your mystery man is my father. This picture was taken at his birthday party a few years ago.

Katy Lewis

Thanks very much for enlightening us, Katy!



Tockington Manor Stage and Sports success

Congratulations to Tockington Manor's nationally recognised Lower School Christmas Play. Not only a success with friends and family in the audience, but they also reached the semi-final of a national competition to find the best Christmas play. A fantastic effort by all of the children aged 4 – 7 and their teachers. Plus 12 pupils took and passed their music exams across a variety of instruments taught at the school, with two attaining a distinction for Grade 1 piano.

As spring appears our sports fields change from the muddy escapades of rugby matches in the autumn term to the sometimes equally muddy football matches and cross-country tournaments alongside netball and cricket training on our 'astro' pitch. Our regular match fixtures for years 3 – 8 mean our parents see great progress from the touchline across the years and two of our current year 8 pupils have already secured sports scholarships for their chosen school in September.

We look forward to sharing more good news throughout the spring.

Parish Hall Fish and Quiz



The Annual Fish and Quiz will be held on Friday 28th February. Tickets are £8.50, to include a fish and chips supper.

- Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm prompt start
- Teams of four
- Cash bar

Register your team with Pat Savage: pat@savageassociates.co.uk.

From the Registers of St Mary's, Olveston

December 18th

Service to celebrate the life of Kenneth Michael Cook.

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 February Tea and Chat will be on Friday February 14th at 2.30pm at Littledown, Haw Lane, Olveston. For details or to request transport if necessary, please telephone:

Lynn: 01454 612201 or Lesley: 01454 613804

Aust Parish Council Matters

austparishcouncil@googlemail.com.

Parish Council meetings

Aust Parish Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month, at the Elberton Village Hall. The next meeting is due to take place on 11th February 2020. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

The annual meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 14th April 2020. All will be very welcome to attend. The Council have in the past invited guest speakers to the annual meeting. If there is anyone you would like to be invited as guest speaker please let me know.

Budget and Precept for 20/21

The budget and precept for 2020/2021 has been under discussion and will have been agreed at the January meeting. Further information will be provided in next month's Meeting Point.

VE Day

V E (Victory in Europe) Day falls on Friday May 8th, 2020. This will be a Bank Holiday and replaces the May Day holiday which would have been on 4th May. If you have any suggestions as to how the Parish should celebrate the occasion, please let me know.



Coming to Bréhan with us?

This year it's the turn of the Olveston Parish Twinning Association (OPTA) to visit our friends in our twin village of Bréhan. For those who haven't been there, it's a lovely community of similar size to ours in the heart of rural Brittany.

We generally take a coachload of both grown-ups and children, and last time we went, in 2018, everyone who came seemed to have a great time. We would very much like to take a large group this year and children will be especially welcome.

Our trip is generally scheduled for the first weekend in May, to include the May Day Bank Holiday, but this year the Bank Holiday has been changed to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day on the 8th May, and we have adjusted our trip similarly. The detail of our plans is not yet fixed, but the outline is as follows:

Bréhan May 7th – May 10th

- Depart Olveston by coach 3 - 4pm Thursday 7th May.
- Overnight ferry from Plymouth to Roscoff. Excellent restaurant on-board, cabins available.
- Arrive Bréhan approximately 12 noon on Friday 8th May. Meet host families and settle in.
- The programme, organized by our Bréhan friends, will include visits to local attractions, lovely food, probably music and dancing. Whatever they arrange it is always good fun.
- Depart Bréhan approximately 9.00am Sunday 10th May. Travel back via a supermarket (for essential supplies!) and a day crossing from Caen to Portsmouth. Arrive back in Olveston around midnight,

The cost is usually in the region of £125 per adult, depending on numbers. Children come free, courtesy of the fund-raising we do throughout the year. Once we're in France, you won't need any money at all: our hosts provide for all our needs!

If you would like more information about this trip, please contact Chris Bolton. email: chrisbolton@talktalk.net or 01454 610056.

Alveston Gardens Association



'The Pyrenees in June' with Sue Smith and Sue Dodd.

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall on Monday 3rd February.

All welcome – visitors £3.

Full programme on www.alveston.org

Christmas Charm with Crescendo Concerts!

J. Barnes

On the Sunday just before Christmas, in the Cossham Hall, performance group Crescendo Concerts delivered a new and exciting twist on the Christmas classic, The Nutcracker. In this reworked version, two children go on the journey of a lifetime, meet a host of beloved Nutcracker characters, including the Nutcracker, the Mouse King, and the Sugar-Plum Fairy, and learn the importance of kindness, respect and getting along with your siblings! Crescendo Concerts' 50-minute show offered children the chance to experience fantastic arrangements of Tchaikovsky's original score performed by a scaled-back orchestra of five players, as well as fun circus skills, bubbles and a roller-skating Sugar-Plum Fairy! All the performers were very versatile,



playing multiple parts with very fast and frequent costume changes, and though the story may have been difficult for very young children to follow, the show more than makes up for that in heart and pure enjoyment.

Divorced, Beheaded, Died: An Audience with King Henry VIII



A performance presented by the Armstrong Arts Group and the Select Society Company, written by John White and performed by Jack Abbot.

The year is 1544 and King Henry the eighth, of that name, is engaged upon Royal Progress about his Realm; and has halted here to afford his loyal subjects the opportunity to have 'audience' with their Sovereign Lord and King.

The King, recently married to his new and sixth wife, Queen Catherine Parr, is in poor health; his leg continues to cause him considerable pain and he is often in poor humour!

In the course of the audience His Majesty will recount the events of his long reign; telling of his wives and his children, and His Majesty will invite his Loyal Subjects to Petition him

or question him on any related subject. There may be some surprising answers – a lively Q&A is assured!

"....what a superb show! It was hard to believe we were not in the presence of the formidable monarch himself....the audience was enthralled by this talented and impressive actor." Anne Ellison, BEM, Artistic Director, Next Stage Theatre Company and the Mission Theatre Bath.

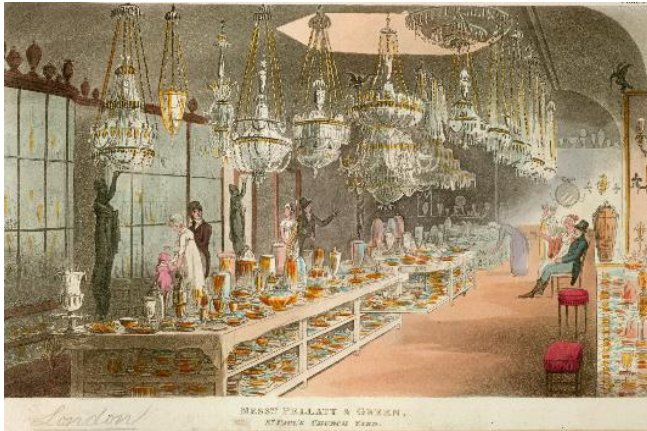
The performance takes place in the Cossham Hall, Thornbury on February 29th at 7.30pm.

Tickets £12 or £10 concessions over 65 from Thornbury Town Hall or ring 01454 412272.

Advertising in Late Georgian England

Weds. 5th Feb 7.30pm. Methodist Church, The Street, Olveston. All are welcome; visitors pay £2.

John Strachan will give a beautifully illustrated talk, showing how shops and businesses advertised their products and services in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. You'll discover that one of the featured advertisers played a



significant part in the young Dickens' life. As John is not only the Pro-Vice Chancellor of Bath Spa University but a professor of English there, his talk will show how literary figures of the day, such as Byron and Wordsworth, reacted to the commercial culture around them.

Part of the fun of the evening will be discovering how advertising has changed since then - and how, in some ways, it hasn't changed at all.

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

Thornbury Museum

The Museum reopens at 1pm on Tuesday 4th February after its winter closure with two new exhibitions in place. Downstairs there will be a remarkable display of photographs of 'People and Places in Thornbury in 1980'. In our upstairs room we will be remembering the Thornbury Picture House, which opened its doors 100 years ago in May 1920. A chance to revive old memories or to discover something new!

Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 1pm - 4pm; Saturday 10am - 4pm.
www.thornburymuseum.org.uk

Severn Bridge Road Race

This cycle race, taking place on Sunday March 1st, passes eleven times through the villages of Olveston, Tockington, Old Down, Alveston and Elberton. These details about the event, with timings and suggested viewing points, will help those of you who would like to watch the race, and explain how to avoid it if that is your preference.



The timetable on the day will be as follows:

7:30 – Race organisation team arrive at the HQ which is Marlwood School, Alveston.

8:00 – Race warning signs are distributed around the circuit. Although no roads are closed, junctions are shut down by accredited marshals each lap for a few minutes when the race passes that point.

8:00 – The Finish area by The Crescent in Old Down will be set up. This will not affect traffic in any way.

8:30 – Race participants begin to arrive at Marlwood School for race sign-on. There are 80 elite cyclists taking part in the event.

10:30 – Accredited Marshals will move to their positions on each major junction on the circuit. These marshals have police authority to stop traffic with the STOP sign they hold.

10:30 – Race stewards and red flag marshals move into positions around the circuit, in particular to assist at marshal points in Olveston and Tockington.

11:00 – The race convoy and riders will move out from Marlwood School and the race begins. The race convoy will include several lead vehicles and officials' vehicles which are identified by signage and yellow flashing lights. They are supported by motorcycle outriders that warn traffic of the approaching race. Competitors are required to obey the rules of the road and there are race commissaires in following vehicles that can remove riders that do not adhere to this.

11:10 – The riders will be approaching their first ascent of Old Down Hill, which they will go up 11 times in total. This is the best position from which to watch the race. Please do not park on Old Down Hill. There is limited parking available at Queen Alexander Memorial Pavilion (QAMP) which is on the right at the top of the hill.

11:15 – The riders will pass through the finish point for the first time by The Crescent. This is also a good point to watch the race. The race finishes after 10 further laps.

12:30 – This is about the mid-point of the race and there is likely to be a breakaway group a few minutes ahead of the main bunch of riders.

13:45 – Approximate race finish time by The Crescent, Old Down. Several groups of riders will probably finish over a period of 5-6 minutes.

14:00 – Finish area is cleared of riders and return to Marlwood School.

15:00 – Presentation to riders at Marlwood School.

Race organisers ask horse riders and pet owners to please be advised of the race, and to take care. They apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Organisers would also like to extend an invitation to local residents to help out on the day as stewards. If you are interested, please contact Brian O'Kelly: brian.okelly@bristolroadclub.com

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners January 2020:

£50	Iain Murdoch
£15	Dave Birtle
£5	Helen Barnett

Latest Bonus Ball Winners:

28/12/19	Greg Welsher
04/01/20	Mike Rowen

Up the Down!!

News from St. Mary's

Sevenside Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's Olveston 26th February 7.30pm

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the placing of repentance ashes on the foreheads of participants to either the words "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The ashes are prepared by burning palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations.



A Musical Date for your diaries

The Rockhampton Five are a much-respected wind quintet who give very well-supported concerts both locally and further afield. They will be coming to St Mary's on **Saturday March the 21st** with a programme of traditional, classical and more modern works. It promises to be an outstanding evening of music. Full details will be advertised locally and in March's Meeting Point.

Quiz Date

The next quiz has been advertised as February 1st but, unfortunately, we are having to change it to **April 25th**. Sorry for any inconvenience. It will be advertised nearer the time but if you wish to book a team early please let Debbie know on oboe-debbie@live.co.uk

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all those who created the Advent Windows! They were amazing and enjoyed by so many people.

Opera Choruses Workshop

Saturday 29th February, starting at 10.30am.

This will be Thornbury Choral Society's seventeenth Workshop, to be held in Thornbury at the Baptist Church, Grovesend. We will be conducted by Steven Kings, and accompanied by Robin Baggs. Scores will be available to hire for £2, and lunch (only available by pre-booking) for £7.50. We will finish the day with an informal Workshop performance to family and friends. Refreshments, biscuits and cake are included in the price of £13.50 (£11.0 for Thornbury Choral Society members).

Enquiries: email: workshop.thornburychoral@gmail.com or contact Tessa Sullivan 01454 417865

Caroline Penwarden

Pat Thirkettle



Caroline is the owner of Willow and Bear, the newly opened business in Olveston, opposite The Stores. She was born in Oldbury on Severn and attended The Castle School. Her holiday job was housekeeping at Thornbury Castle and when she left school, she became a Junior Receptionist there. She had various jobs including as a recruitment consultant and 'check in' at Southampton Airport.

She met her husband on a surfing trip to Newquay. Caroline and James travelled to Norway with James' work and then they both took six months out to travel Australia and New Zealand.

They have three sons who attend school locally. Caroline has always been interested in upcycling and home interiors. She originally started from her kitchen table creating 'shabby chic' in pieces to offer an aged cottage look, and from this she created her furniture Facebook page 'Caroline's Shabby 2 Chic'.

Five years on she managed to create a successful small business, with over 2,500 followers on her social media page. Driving through Olveston one day she saw the old Linela shop was available for rent and, in October, moved in. It provides space for a workshop, and more importantly for us, a shop which she has named Willow and Bear.

She mainly stocks local crafts and also sources through Facebook. She opened with a Macmillan Coffee morning in October which raised £178. Since then she has been very, very busy particularly in the run up to Christmas, when she sold homemade wreaths, six o'clock gin Christmas crackers - using re-usable paper - and lots of other creative gifts.

Caroline is fully booked with commissions until April. This is a local, environmentally friendly small business, opening with occasional complementary coffee mornings. Caroline hopes for a busy summer, and she and Chewie (the cockapoo) look forward to welcoming you soon.

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the January draw, held on 9th January 2020 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	168	Mrs F Milward, Olveston
£75	513	Mrs M Bailey, Lower Hazel
£25	151	Mr B Farr, Olveston
£25	309	Mr & Mrs A Vizard, Tockington
£25	200	Dr D Shaw, Olveston
£20	496	Mrs E Marsh, Tockington
£20	576	Mrs V Brazell, Olveston
£20	447	Mr K Richards, Tockington
£10	278	Mrs B Kingscott, Almondsbury
£10	542	Mr N Fear, Tockington
£10	578	Mr R Lloyd, Tockington
£10	218	Mrs P Dash, Olveston
£10	294	Mr J Mason, Tockington
£10	187	Mrs E Marsh, Tockington

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

Cancer Research UK: Concert

Come and join us for a musical evening to banish the February blues!

Thornbury and District Cancer Research Committee invite you to a free musical concert on Saturday February 29th at the Thornbury United Reformed Church, with the doors opening at 7pm for a 7.30 start.

The Poets Quartet will be playing a selection of classical and modern pieces and will be joined by the Thornbury Good Afternoon Choir who will sing an eclectic mix of songs, popular ballads, folk music and songs from various musicals. It promises to be an enjoyable evening. Drinks will be served during the Interval.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the excellent work undertaken by Cancer Research UK.

We look forward to seeing you and should you wish for any further information then please call Jennie on 01454 415856.

Some Enchanted Evening

Don't forget – Olveston Parish Players' exciting 2020 musical production of 'South Pacific' opens on Wednesday 19th February, for four evenings at the Parish Hall in Tockington (curtain up 7.30pm).



Parish Players present

Rodgers & Hammerstein's

South Pacific

Weds 19 – Sat 22 Feb
7.30pm

Music by
Richard Rodgers

Lyrics by
Oscar Hammerstein II

Book by
Oscar Hammerstein II
& Joshua Logan

Adapted from the
Pulitzer Prize winning novel
'Tales of the South Pacific'
by James A Michener

£10 Adults
£7 Children
£12 Premium

Bookings from 12 Jan:
01454 202011

At the Parish Hall, Tockington

An amateur production by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of R&H Theatricals

Affiliated to
The National Operatic
and Dramatic Association

The lively and colourful performances will feature Rodgers and Hammerstein's famous and much-loved score, with memorable songs that include 'There is

Nothin' like a Dame', 'Some Enchanted Evening' and 'I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair'.

We welcome back Sarah Wiggins and David Proud to head the bill as spirited US Navy nurse Nellie Forbush and wealthy French plantation owner Emile de Becque. Sarah and David both had leading roles in last year's sell-out production of 'The Sound of Music'.

Joining them centre stage is Olveston's very own Paul Harrod, as the heroic Lieutenant Joseph Cable, with Amy Sunderland as Cable's sweetheart Liat, and Lesley Clarke as Liat's straight-talking mother, Bloody Mary. Paul Dimery is set to entertain the audience as the loveable loud-mouth Seabee Luther Billis.

With artistic leadership once again in the experienced and talented hands of Linda Evans, Chloe Allsopp-Jones and Jill Harris – as Director, Musical Director and Choreographer respectively – we can all look forward to another successful and memorable show.

South Pacific will fill your dark winter evenings with light and song, and leave you happily humming the tunes for days to come. If you haven't got your tickets already, seats may still be available for the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Tockington. Standard tickets are £10 for adults, £7 for children, while premium tickets are £12.

Please phone Richard or Jenny at the Box Office on *01454 202011* for information, to check availability and to purchase your tickets.

You can also follow the Parish Players on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OlvestonParishPlayers.

Olveston and Tockington W.I.

Vicki Townsend

Our Christmas meeting was a members-only event to which we had invited representative members from the other WI's in the Severn Bridge Group. We were entertained, amused and astounded by Peter Clifford's Magic Show. Peter is an actor and magician who had us bemused by a catalogue of tricks which left us not quite believing what we had seen. We then enjoyed a buffet supper supplied by members.

At our meeting on Tuesday 11th February at 7.30pm, Hugh Price will be telling us about The Avon and Somerset Search and Rescue Service. Visitors are very welcome to attend.

I must apologise to Pauline Vice; I gave her name as Pauline Rice in January's Meeting Point. Please accept my apologies for this error.

February Movie Programme Trevor Anderson

Greetings to all readers from the Movie Club Team at St Mary's Olveston. Two very different films for you this February! The first has been described as "a gentle, unchallenging drama for people who already know they will like it" and the second as "the most amazing, incredible, remarkable true story ever told." Perhaps the second description is a bit over the top but come along and see!



Everyone is welcome (you don't need to be a Movie Club member), admission is free and there is no need to book. And our newly upgraded sound system makes them even more enjoyable to watch.



Mon 3rd Feb at 7.30pm: Recently released on DVD, this historical period drama continues the storyline from the phenomenally successful TV series, with much of the original cast returning. Set in 1927, the film depicts a visit by the King and Queen of England to the family's country house in the Yorkshire countryside. The visit unleashes scandal, romance and intrigue that leave the future of the family hanging in the balance. (2019, 2h 2m, Cert PG)

Mon 17th Feb at 7.30pm: Three strangers are reunited by astonishing coincidence after being born identical triplets, separated at birth, and adopted by three different families. Their jaw dropping, feel-good story instantly becomes a global sensation complete with fame and celebrity. However, the fairy-tale reunion sets in motion a series of events that unearth an unimaginable secret -- a secret with radical repercussions for us all. (2018, 1h 36m, 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.



Admission is free, 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

February at Thornbury Library

Sat 1st Feb 10am-11.30am The Sewing Repair Hub.

Bring your small items of clothing or soft furnishings for repair.

Thursday 6th February 10.30am-1pm. Vision West of England.

Support and advice for people with visual impairments.

Friday 7th February 2pm. Have You Read?

Come and join our friendly library book group on 1st Friday of every month. This month's theme will be 'Read any book which has a place in the title'.

Saturday 8th February 10.30am-11.30am. Chatterbooks Group.

Are you in years, 4, 5, or 6? Participate in book themed activity sessions every month.

Monday 10th February 10am-11am (30 min bookable slots), 11am-12noon – Drop in. Family History and Ancestry Advice.

Come in for some support to delve further into you family history.

Saturday February 15th 2pm. Red Herrings Murder Mystery

'Assassination Aboard Amphitrite' A brand new murder mystery by The Red Herrings set aboard a luxury yacht sailing the Greek islands in 1963. The crew have vanished and the body of the yacht owner, notoriously unlucky, "Lucky" Jim Vernons has been washed up on a local beach. Come along and put your sleuthing skills to the test to decide which guest you believe to be guilty of this foul deed. Tickets, at £3.20 for members and £6.40 for non-members, are available from Thornbury library during staffed hours or email Thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk. (Refreshments served).

Saturday 22nd February 10.30am-11.30am. LEGO CLUB.

Come and join us for a story and create your own LEGO masterpieces. Display them in the library for your family and friends to see.

Every Friday 10.30am – 11.00am (term time only). Rhymetime.

Rhymes and songs for parents and babies/toddlers to enjoy together.

Every Monday at 2pm (term time only). Pre School Storytime.

Come and join us for stories and a simple craft.

For more information on any of the above please contact us: Telephone: 01454 868006. Email: thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk.

Visit our website to find out more: www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries

'The Sleeping Beauty' - Half Term Panto Treat



Award winning Thornbury Musical Theatre Group will be performing a brand-new take on one of the most loved traditional pantomimes. Rehearsals are in full swing for this in-house adaptation of 'The Sleeping Beauty,' which will be performed at the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury during the South Gloucestershire half term week from Wednesday 19th to Saturday 22nd February.

Whether you are a kid or a kid at heart, this will be a great treat. A feel-good show packed with audience participation, drama and romance, as well as a great selection of upbeat songs, high powered dance routines and plenty of laughter, it's bound to tick all the boxes for both young and old. Oh yes it will!

Our fabulous talented cast will whisk you away to Merriville where the friendly local folk have just had some special news! Nanny Nora is looking out her best frock, Fairy Fairway is on the hunt for some apprentices, and mean Aunt Ophelia is busy thinking of wicked ways to spoil everything! Will our Princess Crystal meet her Prince Romeo? Who is the unexpected hero, finally saving the day? For the answers, come and see for yourselves and join in the fun. You'll be glad you came – oh yes you will!

Performances are 7.30pm nightly, with matinées at 2.30pm on the Friday and Saturday.

Adult tickets at £12.50, with concessions and group discounts available, are bookable online at www.tmtg.org.uk; by phone on 07516 270140 and at Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings, 53 High Street, Thornbury. Please note that all tickets are subject to a 50p booking fee, regardless of how they are booked.

We are once again indebted to the staff at Lisa Costa's for their generous provision of a Box Office. The staff are big fans of TMTG and always delighted to meet our audience members, but please remember that it's a very busy office and be patient if they're not available the first time you call in.

For more information about 'The Sleeping Beauty' and our group generally, take a look at www.tmtg.org.uk. You can also follow us at facebook.com/ThornburyMusicalTheatreGroup.

Thornbury Jazz Festival 2020

Here's a date to put it in your diary right now! The third Thornbury Jazz Festival will take place on Saturday, 28th March 2020, in the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury. A full evening of great music in a relaxed jazz café setting, starting at 18.00 and running through to 23.30.

Top of the bill is virtuoso guitarist Remi Harris, playing an eclectic mixture of jazz and blues standards with original compositions and improvisations – not to be missed! Next up are Sinead and the Sinnermen, featuring Sinead McCabe (vocals) and Cass Caswell (bass) and much admired on the Bristol jazz scene for their original interpretations of jazz greats. The line-up is completed by popular local group The Jenner Jazz Quartet, featuring their new keyboard player Sam Foster; and the extraordinary wall of sound from the brilliant Kris Nock Big Band.



Tickets are £20 from Thornbury Town Hall or 01454, 412272. Supper tickets are £7.50, and the bar is open all evening. Early booking is advised, as both previous Festivals sold out quickly.

Do you care for someone?

Did you know you have a right to a Carer's Assessment?

Do you look after someone? Or perhaps you know someone who does? Families, friends and neighbours often provide crucial care for someone who couldn't manage without their help. You could be caring for a relative, partner or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or substance misuse problems.

If you are a carer, you have the right to a carer's assessment. Carers Support Centre, a local charity, can help you with this.

In your assessment, you can talk about the impact caring has on your life. This will give you some space to think about how caring affects your physical, mental and emotional wellbeing and how this may change in the future. An assessment also often leads to a small one-off payment that will give you the chance to take a short break or do something for your own wellbeing.

Local carer, Vicky, gave up work to care for her mum. She visits her for many hours each day to help with household tasks, shopping, meal preparation,

paperwork and appointments. This commitment to her mum impacts her income, her other relationships and her own wellbeing.

Her carer's assessment gave Vicky an opportunity to talk about her caring role



and find out about help available. She was also awarded a small one-off payment to pay for something that would benefit her.

Vicky said: *"It was helpful to meet with someone from the Carer's Support Centre team to go through the assessment process. That's partly because, with so much on my plate,*

finding the time and energy to complete the paperwork would probably have been overlooked or felt like yet another demand on me. It was good to talk about my situation with someone impartial but helpful. And I found speaking my answers out loud somehow helped me to see and think about the level of responsibility and impact of my caring role."

Get in touch with CarersLine at Carers Support Centre to find out more about carer's assessments. If you care for an adult, Carers Support Centre can help with your assessment. If you are a young carer or a parent carers of a child under 18, phone Children and Family Services at South Gloucestershire Council on 01454 868008 to ask about a carer's assessment.

CarersLine: 0117 965 2200, carersline@carerssupportcentre.org.uk

www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk

Paintings for Meeting Point Covers

Thank you to everybody who responded to our appeal, last month, for paintings of local scenes to be considered as covers for future editions of Meeting Point.

We have had a number of really lovely paintings offered and one of them has such an interesting story behind it, that it will feature in an article on its own!

Watch this space.....

Yours Faithfully

Lyall Drewett

Old Down Evangelical Church (Oasis), Old Down

Many Christians, including members of the Oasis Church here in Old Down, would have been very encouraged to hear the speech by Prince Charles in December 2018 when he drew the Nation's attention to the issue of the increasing persecution of Christians, particularly in the Middle East. He commented on their inspiring faith and courage as they battle against oppression and persecution and expressed his feeling of humility as he observed the "extraordinary grace and capacity for forgiveness he had seen in those who had suffered so much."

In his Christmas speech our newly elected Prime Minister Boris Johnson brought before our Nation his concern for the vast number of Christians around the world who are suffering for their faith in Jesus Christ and who would mark their day by celebrating the birth of Jesus in secret, in private or in a prison cell. He expressed his intent to bring about change by saying, "This is something I want to change, and I stand with Christians everywhere in solidarity and will defend their right to practise their faith"

In the Gospel of Matthew Ch 24 verses 9 to 14 where Christ is speaking about signs of the end of the age he says "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold but he who stands firm to the end will be saved."

We are living in these perilous times right now but in the midst of all the sadness and problems which characterise our broken society we can know the Peace of God which passes all understanding through repentance and faith in Jesus.

We extend a warm welcome to all at our church and are grateful that the liberty is still afforded to us to be able to preach the Good News of the Gospel.

We look forward to seeing you.

Church News
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Feb 2	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong with Choir (CW)	Rev Helen Webb Revs S Oram & A Lloyd Paul Harrod & Rev S Oram
Feb 9	10am 6pm	Holy Communion with Choir Evensong	Rev S Oram & Trevor Cook Revs D Bone & S Oram
Feb 16	10am 6pm	Holy Communion with Choir Evensong	Revs S Oram & D Bone Rev Steve Oram
Feb 23	10am 6pm	Morning Worship Holy Communion (BCP) with Choir	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

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

Morning Prayer: 8.30am daily ex. Wed

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Feb 9	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev Ann Parker
Feb 23	10am	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

Feb 9	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black
Feb 23	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs. Tracey Black 01454 417660

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Feb 9	9am	Morning Worship	Judith Heybyrne
Feb 23	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs. Judith Heybyrne 01454 616725

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Feb 2	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Iain MacGillivray
Feb 9	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr John Hopper
Feb 16	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
Feb 23	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Stephen Newell

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 12th February To book your lunch, please ring 416528.

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP: will meet at The Swan at 12.15 on Thurs 20th February.

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

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

CONTACT: Rev David Alderman Tel 0117 951 8822,

email: superintendent@bsgc.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

Feb 2	6.30pm	Martin Taylor
Feb 9	6.30pm	Steve Mills
Feb 16	6.30pm	Ed Stuart
Feb 23	6.30pm	Munir Din

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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Mass at 10am

Tel 01454 412223, www.ctlk-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 February 2020

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

1 st Sat	Litter Pick	1pm	PH
3 rd Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club: practice Monday Movies	1.30 7.30	AH StM
4 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Tea/Coffee & Biscuits 50p Monthly Raffle Macular & Low Vision Support Group	10.30-12 10.30	DGCL TMH
5 th Wed	Brownies, Wesley Rooms, Tockington Table Tennis, every Wednesday OPHS: Advertising in Georgian England	6.15-7.45 7-8.30 7.30	 PH OMC
6 th Thurs	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Rainbows (5 to 7 years), Wesley Rooms, Tock. Camera Club: Beginners Course at Turnberries	9-1.30 9-12 6-7 7.30	 OSt
7 th Fri	Haven Memory Café Thornbury Carers' Support Group	10.15-11.45 1-3pm	URC Chy
8 th Sat	Coffee morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12 10.30-12	AVH MH
10 th Mon	Soup Kitchen Monday Movie	12 - 1.30 7.30	OSt StM
11 th Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Aust Parish Council meeting WI	10.30-12 7.30 7.30	DGCL EVH PH
12 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club: AGM Brownies, Wesley Rooms, Tockington	1.30 6.15-7.45	AH
13 th Thurs	Coffee Shop Craft Session, also 27th Feb Rainbows (5 to 7 years), Wesley Rooms, Tock.	9-12 10-12 6-7	OSt LVH
15 th Sat	Coffee Morning Parish Council Surgery	10.30-12 10.30-12	MH MH
17 th Mon	Monday Movies	7.30	StM
18 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Aust Parish Council Thornbury Memory Café	10.30-12 7.30 10.15-11.45	DGCL EVH TMH
19 th Wed	'South Pacific,' until Saturday Jazz at The White Hart, Olveston	7.30 8-10.30	PH

20 th Thurs	Coffee Shop	10-12	OS†
21 st Fri	Haven Memory Café Severn Valley Quilters Exhibition, also Sat	10.15-11.45 2-5	URC TMH
22 nd Sat	Coffee Morning Severn Valley Quilters Exhibition	10.30-12 10-4	MH TMH
24 th Mon	Soup Kitchen Monday Movie	12 - 1.30 7.30	OS† StM
25 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens coffee morning 'Sew Almondsbury'. £3, Jo, 07511 807 586 Olveston Parish Council	10.30-12 7-9 7.30	DGCL OSH AP
26 th Wed	Brownies, Wesley Rooms, Tockington Alveston History Soc - River Severn Ferries	6.15-7.45 7.30	AMC
27 th Thurs	Coffee Shop Craft Session Rainbows (5 to 7 years), Wesley Rooms, Tock.	9-12 10-12 6-7	LVH
28 th Fri	Parish Hall Fish and Quiz	7.15 for 7.45	PH
29 th Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12	MH
Looking ahead to March			
1 st Sun	'Severn Bridge' Cycle Race	11am	
28 th Sat	Thornbury Jazz Festival	6pm	AH

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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