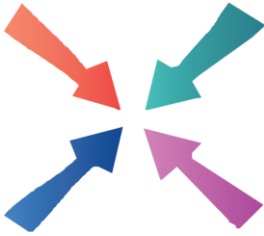


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From the Editor

The cover this month shows a scene that will be familiar to almost everyone in the Meeting Point area. However, I wonder how many of us have stopped to consider the large stone circle that sits on the edge of Tockington Green? What is it? Why is it there? How old is it? We have got some of the answers in the magazine and would love to hear from readers who can tell us more about this unusual landmark.

There is a lovely article in the magazine, accompanied by some brilliant pictures, from a young local resident, telling us about the community tree planting day back in January. It was obviously great fun.

This month there is, as ever, a lot going on. You can test your general knowledge at a quiz or your palate at a wine tasting. Plus, there are musical performances in St Mary's Olveston and Thornbury that will be extremely popular.

Marelin .

The cover is by Cheryl Miller ARPS

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

The Cross Circle - Tockington Green

Although the stone circle which appears on our front cover this month is a familiar sight, many of us know very little – or nothing – about it. Local historian Eric Garrett researched and compiled the following article back in May 2001.

It is unknown when the 'Stone Cross Circle' built with local limestone and located on the village green, was erected. It is assumed to be associated with a Free Chapel (possibly on the Mustay land) that existed in Tockington between the 12th and 16th centuries. The Green at this period would have comprised the full triangle. (House development occurred from the 18th century.) The Chapel was possibly founded by Symon Fitz Pons and ended in the ownership of the Berkeley family. The last incumbent of the chapel took retirement in 1548, when Bristol Cathedral dioceses were being created.

The Cross circle comprises two diameters; the lower diameter is 24½ feet and the upper diameter is 23¼ feet. The maximum height above ground is 3½ feet; this varies due to sloping ground. The average height from lower large diameter to top of the smaller diameter is 2¼ feet.

The Cross probably had two functions, one for religious purposes as the lower circle was suitable for kneeling and the top stones for elbow resting. Its second purpose was used as a market cross, Fairs and Markets were held on The Green from the 13th to the late 19th century. A Fair Status was granted in 1281.

It is presumed that the circle originally supported a wooden cross and it is assumed that in the early 19th century an elm tree was planted to replace the decayed wooden cross. The tree, with several decades of branch pruning, died and was removed in 1946 when the Green, as it stands, was gifted to the parish by the Salmon family whose estate of Tockington Manor was sold at auction.

We believe that the tree now growing within the stone circle was planted by the Olveston and Tockington W.I. as part of their Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 1978. If any Meeting Point reader knows more about the history of this tree, or even remembers the occasion of its planting, we would love to hear from you.



Wine Tasting Experience

Friday 27th March 7.30pm Olveston Parish Hall

This is definitely not about whether you can tell Malbec from Merlot, or Sauternes from Sauvignon. It is more about having the chance to taste some wines that you might not have come across before, maybe from less well-known wine-growing regions or countries.

During the course of the evening you will be offered eight different wines – with their labels removed – and your challenge is to match them to the descriptions we will give you on an ‘answer sheet’. Can you pick out ‘citrusy overtones’, ‘grassy notes’ or ‘a hint of blackcurrant’? This is not a competition, unless you wish to make it one! The person who gets the most correct answers will of course receive a small prize, but for the rest of us it’s just a case of enjoying ourselves. There will be plenty of food, such as cheese and Crusty Loaf bread, served throughout the evening to soak up the wine.

This is a great evening for individuals, pairs, or groups of friends. If you wish, you can reserve a table (12) or half a table (6) for your group, but this is not essential as everyone is there to have a good time and – as the wine is consumed – the atmosphere becomes very animated!

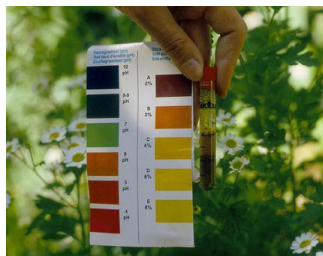
Tickets £15 (or £13 for members of Olveston Parish Twinning Association)

Tickets need to be purchased in advance from Emma on:

Mobile: 07812719948

Email: emmanea1369@btinternet.com

Alveston Gardens Association



The Magic of pH with Richard Baldwin

7.30pm Alveston Jubilee Hall

Monday 2nd March 2020

All welcome – Visitors (£3)

Full programme on: www.alveston.org

Aust Parish Council Matters

austparishcouncil@googlemail.com.

Annual Parish meeting

The annual meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th April 2020 at 7.30pm. All will be very welcome to attend.

Budget and Precept for 20/21

Aust Parish Council set the 20/21 budget and precept at the January meeting. A precept of £5,341 has been set, which is an increase of £485 from the previous year. This means that a band D property's share of the precept will increase to £24.17

Parish Clerk

I took over the role of Clerk to Aust Parish Council in December 2018 and, whilst I have thoroughly enjoyed the job, have decided to step down. The Council is therefore now looking for a replacement. If you might be interested in the role, or would like some further information on what is involved, please get in touch with me at the above email address or contact the Chair Catherine Collinson on *Catherine.Collinson@btinternet.com*.

Funds for Community Projects

The Member Awarded Funding (MAF) scheme 2019/20 gives South Gloucestershire Councillors the opportunity to allocate funds up to £3,000, to projects and services that benefits residents in their ward. Awards can be made to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations. Awards must be allocated before the end of March 2020.

If you have an idea for a project or service that will benefit your local community, you can contact your local ward Councillors to discuss your plans and to ask for an application form. To obtain further information please visit www.southglos.gov.uk/MAF or contact the Grants team on grants@southglos.gov.uk.

Public Consultation on proposed changes to Adult Social Care fees and charges.

South Gloucestershire Council is considering making changes to the charges paid by people newly accessing the care system, who fully fund their own social care and would like South Gloucestershire Council to arrange care for them. The public consultation on the proposed changes is open until 17th March 2020 and be found under <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/fees2020>.

St Peter's Hospice

Quiz

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would like to invite you to take part in their annual quiz, to be held in the Armstrong Hall on Friday 6th March at 7.15p.m.

Tables of four, to include a light supper, £30.00 per table.

Excellent raffle prizes, bar available.

Please come along and help us to support the vital work of the Hospice within our community.

For further information please ring Mary on 01454 412567. Thank you.

.... and Easter Eggstravaganza

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to the Spring Flower Demonstration in the Thornbury Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 2nd April at 2.30pm.

Our demonstrator is Sally Taylor of Severnvale Flower Club, who will be doing a seasonal demonstration.

Entrance £6.00 to include tea and cakes.

Tickets available from the Town Hall from 5th March.

The Royal British Legion Women's Section, Olveston Branch

We meet this month at 2:30pm on Tuesday 10th March after a short winter break. The afternoon will be dedicated to fund-raising via a game of beetle, which is always enjoyed by our members and gives rise to a lot of hilarity.

On April 2nd we are looking forward to a talk by Philip Unwin who will be speaking on behalf of the SS Great Britain Trust. Philip's presentation will be about the salvage of the SS Great Britain and her return to Bristol 50 years ago. All are welcome to join us at Daldry Gardens at 7:30pm.



**ARMSTRONG
ARTS
GROUP**

Phil Beer

The Armstrong Arts Group presents Phil Beer on his latest tour 'So Much to Choose From' at the Cossham Hall on Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm.

Phil is one of the most popular ambassadors of acoustic roots music also known as half of 'Show of Hands.' A dazzling instrumentalist, he is perhaps best known as a topflight fiddler. This is why his catchphrase is 'Phil Beer, plays guitar and fiddle, sings a bit.'



The solo shows for 2020 will be the last time Phil undertakes such a large number of performances, reflecting the body of work encapsulating the last 40 years of his songs and music. Very old songs, very new songs. So much to choose from after all this time.

Tickets are £15 from Thornbury Town Hall or ring 01454 412272.



Olveston Parish Hall AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the Parish Hall will take place in the Hall at 7pm on Thursday, March 12th.

Refreshments will be provided!

Oveston School Fun Run

Sunday 26th April

There will be a 1km run for younger children around the school grounds and a single lap off-road course for the 5km along footpaths and bridleways of Oveston.

Registration from 9:00 at the School. The 1km starts at 10:00 and the 5km starts at 10:30. Entry forms are available from the School Office, the Oveston Stores or by emailing olvestonfunrun@gmail.com.

We also need volunteers to help marshal the event, so if you can help please contact Charlotte on 07780886342 or email olvestonfunrun@gmail.com.

Thornbury Library



Monday March 2nd

Special Rhymetime with Kipper 10.30am
Special Storytime with Kipper 4pm

Saturday 14th March

Thornbury Community Choir
11am-11.30am

Friday 6th March 2pm

Have You Read? Come and join our friendly library book group on 1st Friday of every month This month's theme will be: A book chosen randomly.

For more information on these, or any other Library activities, please contact us:

- Telephone: 01454 868006
- Email: thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk
- Visit our website to find out more: www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries
- Follow us on twitter: www.twitter.com@southgloslibs

March Movie Programme

Trevor Anderson

Greetings to all readers from the Movie Club Team at St Mary's Olveston. Brief details of our two films for March are given below. More information about these 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 2nd March at 7.30pm: The Cornish coastline is the backdrop to this portrait of a community threatened by tourism. The film follows a fisherman who finds himself without a boat and is forced to sell the family cottage to a bourgeois London couple. They've been buying up properties throughout the village and renting them out on Airbnb and have bought the fisherman's house to use as their own holiday home. Remarkable for its editing, economical storytelling, compelling humanity, salty dialogue and dry humour, it thrillingly mixes cutting social observations and elements of folk horror with an almost documentary air. (2019, 1h 29m, Cert 15)

Monday 16th March at 7.30pm: It's a rare feat that a film is able to simultaneously warm and break your heart at the same time, but this intense, involving Lebanese offering does just that. This heart-tugging saga of children being left to fend for themselves by unfeeling parents and an unfeeling bureaucracy evokes genuine emotion through a story that's presented with stark realism and not narrative manipulation. Keep the hankie handy for this one -- you'll need it for when the film touches your heart and for when it nearly rips it out of your chest. (2018, 2h 3m, Cert 15). *Arabic with English subtitles*

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.



show.

Admission is free, but we do value and appreciate a small **donation** towards church running costs if you have enjoyed the

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



Community Tree Planting Day

Erin Baker

On Sunday 19th January, a group of over 50 volunteers teamed up to plant nine trees in Vicarage Lane playing fields, supporting the Making Space for Wildlife campaign, and everyone got stuck in!



We planted four different tree varieties: Oak, Rowan, Bird Cherry and Crab Apple. The trees planted will provide a great resource for local wildlife, as well as a place to sit in the shade on a hot day.

Oak

They are host to hundreds of insect species, supplying many birds with an important food source. In autumn, mammals such as squirrels, badgers and deer feed on acorns. Flower and leaf buds of English oak are the food plants of the caterpillars of purple hairstreak butterflies. The soft leaves of English oaks break down with ease in autumn and form a rich leaf mould beneath the tree, supporting invertebrates such as the stag beetle, and fungi, like the oakbug milkcap. Holes and crevices in the tree bark are perfect nesting spots for the pied flycatcher or marsh tit. Bats also roost in old woodpecker holes or under loose bark, as well as feeding on the rich supply of insects in the tree canopy.

Rowan

The leaves are eaten by the caterpillars of a number of moths, including the larger Welsh wave and autumn green carpet. Caterpillars of the apple fruit moth feed on the berries. Flowers provide pollen and nectar for bees and other pollinating insects, while the berries are a rich source of autumn food for birds, especially the blackbird, mistle thrush, redstart, redwing, song thrush, fieldfare and waxwing.

Bird Cherry

Like wild cherry, the spring flowers provide an early source of nectar and pollen for bees. The cherries are eaten by birds, including the blackbird and song thrush, as well as mammals such as badger, wood mouse, yellow-necked mouse and dormouse. The foliage is eaten by caterpillars of many moth species, including the orchard ermine, brimstone and short-cloaked moth. However, it is toxic to livestock, particularly goats.

Crab Apple

The leaves are food for the caterpillars of many moths, including the eyed hawk-moth, green pug, Chinese character and pale tussock. The flowers provide an important source of early pollen and nectar for insects, particularly bees, and the fruit is eaten by birds, including blackbirds, thrushes and crows. Mammals, such as mice, voles, foxes and badgers, also eat crab apple fruit.

As well as planting the trees, there was the chance to make bird fat balls which can be hung in trees and wildflower 'seed bombs'. The day was made even better with homemade cakes and hot chocolate, making it a great social event for people in the community to catch up with each other.

News from St. Mary's

Debbie Harries and Mike Kirby



The Rockhampton Wind Quintet

Join us on Saturday, 21st March in St. Mary's Church, Olveston, for a recital given by this popular and talented local group who have performed at many venues, in and around Bristol. They promise us a 'sparkling evening' showcasing the breadth and variety of music

written for the Wind Quintet, from Mozart to Poulenc and Malcolm Arnold to George Gershwin.

We hope that this different and innovative concert will attract a good audience.

Tickets at £8 will be available on the night. Doors and a bar will be open from 7pm. and the music will commence at 7.30pm.

Lent



Climate change, by reason of human activity or otherwise, touches us but is devastating the lives of families and children across our planet. This Lent, we encourage all to read '**Radically Changing the Story**' a series of studies by the Methodist Church on this issue. Copies are on sale at £2.50 each.

This will also be the basis of study and discussion led by David Moss and Ann Lloyd in St Mary's on Thursdays

5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March from 10.30 to 12 noon. All welcome.

Films in Lent on Mondays at 7.30pm.

9th March Jesus Christ Superstar, 23rd March Ushpizin (Guests), 30th March Breakthrough . More information available in leaflets in the church.

Thanks from the Alveston Singers

During 2019 the Alveston Singers have been raising money for two local charities at their concerts and we would like to thank our generous audiences who helped us to raise £2,520. This will be divided equally between Brain Tumour Support and Made a Mark.

We will be choosing two new charities to support in 2020 and look forward to welcoming large audiences to help us with donations once again.

Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th April. 200th Anniversary Celebration

In April this year we will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of Olveston Methodist Chapel.

The programme will recall the story of the Church and its place in the life of the community from its beginning to today. There will be a re-union social event for past and present friends, and two special services on the Sunday, with St. Mary's joining us in the morning. In the evening, the preacher will be the Revd. the Lord Griffiths, better known as Leslie Griffiths, who broadcasts frequently and is a former President of the Methodist Conference. Further details and times will be available in April's Meeting Point, or for more information please contact Trevor Watkins (01454 416528) or Jennifer Bone (01454 614601).

Olveston and Tockington W.I.

Vicki Townsend

A very wet and windy evening in January saw hardy members of the W.I. arriving at The Parish Hall. The effort was well worth it as we were treated to a wonderful display and talk from Pauline Vice on decorated eggs. These are not the hen's eggs that we paint for Easter, but goose eggs that would grace any table or dresser. Fabergé himself would be proud of Pauline's eggs, which are the results of a twenty-year hobby.

Pauline explained how the eggs are blown, pointing out that the contents can be frozen and used to make very rich sponges. After sterilising the inside of the eggs, they are painted with a base coat, then a pearlised finish and patterns are traced onto the outside. These designs are completed with transfers, braiding or beading. Eggs can also be cut in half, re-joined with a hinge and then the interior decorated. Alternatively, small windows can be cut, to again facilitate the decorating of the interior. The cutting is done using a very small electric hand saw, several of us were given the opportunity to cut an egg, realising that a very steady hand is needed.

Pauline surprised some of us with the information that geese only lay between February and July, however her supplier had been in touch because he had eggs in the middle of January - global warming is even affecting geese!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th March 7.30pm at The Parish Hall, when Jane Marks and Pauline Montgomery will be telling us about Thornbury in the 1950s. Do come along to see what you might remember, or what your mother may have told you.

Oveston Parish Historical Society: Mabel Tohill

For our March meeting, June Hannam (retired Professor of Modern British History at UWE) will examine the life and work of Mabel Tohill (1869 – 1964) - a Quaker peace campaigner, socialist, and Bristol's first woman councillor.

June will show how this committed Quaker and social activist was part of a complex network of individuals and organisations working to improve the lives of Bristol women and men.

As a campaigner for women's suffrage and a stalwart of the Independent Labour Party, Mabel saw the causes of women and Labour as intertwined. Her interest in education and desire to bring people of all classes together led her to be instrumental in the early years of the Barton Hill Settlement and Bristol Folk House.

During the First World War, she engaged in tireless work supporting Bristol 's conscientious objectors, visiting them in prison, monitoring their conditions and organising holidays for their families.

Mabel's is not a well-known name but perhaps this energetic woman, who lived into her nineties, deserves to be better known.

Wed. 4th March 7.30pm. Methodist Church, The Street, Oveston

All are welcome; visitors pay £2.

www.olestonandaust.com/historical-society



A Boris Bounce, a Brexit Breakdown or a Trump Tantrum?

What to do?

The answer is to join the U3A Thornbury Investment Club, which meets at 10am on the second Wednesday of each month in the Tockington Methodist Church to share views, knowledge and expertise. The main aims of the Club are:

- **Social** - we meet in a local pub after monthly meetings for consolation if our investments are not performing as hoped for, or to celebrate successes, so there is always an excuse for lunch and possibly a drink. We also meet with our other halves for a New Year's lunch and the awarding of prizes for the winners of Club competitions.
- **Educational** - There are individual and group competitions, for example small groups meet separately during the year to compete in managing their group's fantasy portfolios, so no money involved. At the main monthly Club meetings one of the groups will present an economic and market review to be followed by a small number of individual presentations on proposals for potential Club investments plus periodic discussions or presentations on financial topics.
- **Investing** - Each member is expected to invest a relatively modest monthly amount in the Club. Members receive units in return for their investment which can be cashed in, normally within a month. Decisions on investing or selling Club assets are made by Club members who get one vote per person regardless of the number of units they hold. The aim is clearly to make a profit but also to learn about different types of investment. The purpose of this investment activity should therefore only be seen as learning, as opposed to a core element of one's personal finances. In fact, individuals are encouraged to sell units if their overall holding gets too high.

Interested? You do not need to be an expert on financial matters, just somebody who is interested in investing and is prepared to contribute to the review of individual shares and to make a periodic proposal for an investment. Why not come to a taster session by attending one of the Club's monthly meetings? If this appeals to you, please telephone our Chairman, Peter Taylor, on 01454 418974. We look forward to hearing from you.

Village Contact Scheme (VCS)



Every month VCS will be highlighting useful services in your area. For example.....

- There is a Coffee Shop in Olveston Stores every Thursday morning, 9am -12noon in term time and 10am -12noon in the school holidays. Just £1 for coffee and cake. Also, there is a coffee morning in the Methodist Hall every Saturday 10.30am -12noon.
- PC Will Price, our Community Police Officer, will be holding a surgery in Olveston Stores on Thursday mornings (dates to be arranged). Come and talk to him.
- Alveston Pharmacy offers a free prescription delivery service. For further information phone *01454 418222*.
- Four Towns Vale Link Community Transport tell us they run a dial-a-ride service to help people get to shops, medical appointments and social visits. Annual joining fee applies, phone *419372*.
- Age UK have produced a series of 35 booklets about many helpful subjects. These will be available in Olveston Stores coffee shop or St Mary's Church. They also have an office at 67, High Street, Thornbury

Contact Sue Farr on *614861* or Debbie Harries on *07870557961*

Tea and Chat

If you find it difficult to get out and socialise, why not come to Tea and Chat?

Meeting once a month, Tea and Chat is made up of men and women just like you and it's a great way to meet up with old friends and make some new ones at the same time.

The March Tea and Chat will be at the home of Lynn Shelley, Littledown, Haw Lane, Olveston on Friday March 20th at 2.30pm. Do come along.

Transport is provided, it's all free and the cake is excellent!

To find out details and to request transport if necessary, please telephone Lynn 01454 612201 or Lesley 01454 613804

Tools for Self-Reliance

You cannot work without tools. African artisans – builders, blacksmiths, seamstresses and more – make tools to farm the land, build schools and homes, sew school uniforms and make desks for students. TSR works with local experienced organisations across Africa to give artisans the tools and training they need to earn a living and build their communities for the future.

If you have tools you no longer need, such as garden tools or garage tools (spanners, screwdrivers, hammers), old biscuit tins, or even that old sewing machine you have in the spare room, then please contact Nigel Dawes on 01454 201558 and he will arrange for collection.



Advance Information

Here is some advance information about Thornbury Arts Festival, which runs from April 24th to May 2nd.

Impressionist, actor and stand-up comic Alistair McGowan will bring his more recently developed skills as a pianist to this year's Thornbury Arts Festival as part of a new UK tour. The Piano Show mixes classical music with comedy and impressions and is set to be one of the highlights of the annual festival. . He will entertain a festival audience by talking and playing his way through pieces from the likes of Chopin, Grieg and Debussy to Philip Glass and Yann Tiersen, blending music with his trademark impressions.

Volunteers running the festival have also booked Los Pacaminos, fronted by singer-songwriter Paul Young, for an evening of foot-stomping Tex-Mex

music. The musicians will appear during the first weekend of the festival, with cop-turned-comedian Alfie Moore performing the first night show in the Armstrong Hall. Alfie's 18 years on the beat provided him with a wealth of 'you couldn't make it up' stories and he has appeared numerous times at the Edinburgh Fringe, while his BBC Radio 4 show *It's a Fair Cop* is a hit with listeners.

Other events include a murder mystery created on the spot in an improvised performance by Bristol-based Degrees of Error theatre company and an on-stage interview with postman-turned-Cabinet member and bestselling author Alan Johnson. Senior model maker Will Harding from Bristol's Aardman Animations - creators of Wallace and Gromit and Shaun the Sheep - has also been signed up to give a talk on the studio's work, to be followed by the screening of two 30-minute films, *Farmer's Llamas* and *A Grand Day Out*.

Tickets are now on sale. The programme of events is on the festival website www.thornburyartsfestival.org.uk and appears in guides distributed around the town and surrounding area.

Sow and Grow Success

Pat Thirkettle

Very exciting news, we have reached our target! Just over £15,000 has been raised so we can go ahead with the twin projects in Rwanda and Olveston School. The final event 'Singalong with the Great Showman' filled the church with over a hundred and forty children and adults, raising an amazing £614.15. Special thanks to those who cleared up a sea of popcorn and pizza! Thank you to the wider community for your support over the last twelve months.

Thornbury Jazz Festival



Armstrong Hall, 28th March 6pm – 11.30pm

Tickets £20 from Thornbury Town Hall or 01454 412272. A choice of hot food will be available all

evening, and meal tickets (£8) can be bought in advance. We expect to sell out, as in previous years - so early booking is advised.

The logo and poster for this year's Festival was designed by Josiah Hendy, of the Sixth Form Art Class at Castle School. Josiah's winning design is brilliant and evokes the image of the fabled Monterey Jazz Festival during the 1960s.

Many congratulations to him, and to all the other students who entered the annual poster competition and produced a stunning collection of inspired and original designs. And thanks are due to Laura Knowles at Castle School for masterminding the competition.

Oveston Parish Council

Pat Savage



Oveston
Parish Council

VE Day Celebrations

Plans for celebrating the day are well in hand and the programme for the day will be published in due course. Whilst the organisers very much hope it will be a self-funding celebration, the Parish Council will underwrite any deficit. We do ask for help with the following: A very public-spirited parishioner to organise a Tug of War and another parishioner to organise a Soap Box Derby, which will include assistance in building the soap boxes. The ideal number would be six. Any offers of help please to clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov

Local Community Grants

As mentioned in the November issue a total of £4,000 in grants was made by the Council in November, which was our first allocation of Grants. Applications for grants in April can now be made to: clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov



Andy Rowen (Chairman) and Reg Purchase (Vice-Chairman) accepting the grant of £1,000 on behalf of Old Down Cricket Club.

Tree Planting Day

As a Council we would like to extend our thanks to Melinda Evans, who organised the whole event and ensured it was a very enjoyable morning; she even organised the sunshine! There is an article about the tree planting day in the magazine, written by a 14 year old participant!

Annual Parish Assembly

This will be held in the Olveston Parish Hall on Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm. The evening will commence with a report from the Chairman, followed by the Clerk's Report. The format last year proved very successful whereby local groups and organisations gave a five-minute presentation for the benefit of the Assembly. Please email clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk should you wish to participate.

Duckingham Palace

Regular visitors to the duck pond will have noticed that the 'Palace' has been removed. Colin Prewett, who designed and installed this magnificent duck house, has taken it away for some refurbishment and a general spruce up. He hopes to have it back in May. (Colin is undergoing surgery at the end of February so he will be therefore be out of action for a little while.) Whilst clearing the pond Colin and his team, which included his two grandsons, were surprised to find a bicycle amongst the rubbish!



**MARLWOOD'S GOT
★ TALENT
FRIDAY 13th MARCH
2020**

RED CARPET

TEACHER ACTS

BIG PRIZES

PHOTO BOOTH

AS SEEN IN THE PRESS

HOSTED AGAIN BY
PARIS TROY

7pm START / TICKETS £5 ADULT AND £2.50 CHILD AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL RECEPTION FROM 27th FEBRUARY / Tickets also from: info@foms.co.uk

The poster features a central red carpet leading up a set of stairs towards a bright light. The background is dark with red curtains on the sides. Various stars and text elements are scattered around the central scene.

Old Down Cricket Club

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

150 Club Winners February 2020:

£50 Bill Finch
£15 Lesley Clarke
£5 Phil Humphries

Latest Bonus Ball Winners:

11/01/20 Richard Panes
18/01/20 Mike Rowen
25/01/20 Roger Riggs

Up the Down!!

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the February draw, held on 6th February 2020 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	470	Mrs J Dawes, Olveston
£75	477	Mrs S Farr, Olveston
£25	344	Mrs J Hahn, Olveston
£25	559	Mrs C Healey, Olveston
£25	445	Mrs J Skinner, Sneyd Park
£20	313	Mr & Mrs R Birtle, Olveston
£20	275	Mrs L Evans, Alveston
£20	169	Mrs K Hughes, Olveston
£10	495	Mr & Mrs M Gibson, Tockington
£10	223	Mr & Mrs R Panes, Olveston
£10	583	Mrs P Kerrison, Olveston
£10	250	Mr & Mrs R Williams, Olveston
£10	574	Dr E Saunders, Olveston
£10	609	Mrs M Shurmer, Olveston

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

Please Come and Join Us

On the first Wednesday of every month at 2.30pm a Holy Communion service is held at Daldry Gardens Communal Lounge. The short 30-minute service is conducted by June Robbins. Afterwards we enjoy a nice cuppa, accompanied by cake and/or biscuits. In recent years we have had a drop in numbers as several stalwarts have fallen ill, passed away, or moved from the area. So, if you can join us for just an hour each month, you will be sure of a very warm welcome - in addition to a spiritual uplift!

Yours Faithfully

*Rev. Stephen Oram
St. Mary's Olveston*

On March 22nd we celebrate Mother's Day, or more properly Mothering Sunday. Mothering Sunday is a very British, and by extension Commonwealth, celebration. It always falls on the fourth Sunday in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter Day. Other names given to the fourth Sunday in Lent include Refreshment Sunday, Pudding Pie Sunday (in Surrey), Mid-Lent Sunday, Simnel Sunday and Rose Sunday.

Mothering Sunday's roots go back to the days when people would visit their mother church - their home church, or the church where they were christened. In recent years however it has become an occasion for honouring the mothers of children and giving them presents. The term 'Mother's Day' is in fact a recent invention from America and is quite distinct from our tradition.

During the 16th century, people would return to their mother church for a special service. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone 'a-mothering'. In Victorian times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that entire families could gather together, since on other days they were prevented from doing so by conflicting working hours. Children often picked wildflowers along the way, either to place in the church or to give to their mothers. Eventually, this religious tradition evolved into today's Mothering Sunday when gifts are given to mothers.

One tradition associated with Mothering Sunday is the practice of 'clipping the church', whereby the congregation form a ring around their church building and, holding hands, embrace it. For some Church of England churches, it is the only day in Lent when marriages can be celebrated. During Mothering Sunday services in some churches children in the congregation are given a little bunch of spring flowers to give to their mothers.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Mar 1	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong with Choir	Rev Helen Webb Revs S Oram & A Lloyd Paul Harrod
Mar 8	10am 6pm	Holy Communion with Choir Evensong	Rev S Oram & Trevor Cook Rev Ann Lloyd
Mar 15	10am 6pm	Holy Communion with Choir Evensong	Revs S Oram & D Bone Rev Steve Oram
Mar 22	10am 6pm	Mothering Sunday with Parade Holy Communion (CW) with Choir	Paul Harrod Rev David Moss
Mar 29	10am 6pm	Morning Prayer Taizé & Celtic Communion	Trevor Cook Rev Ann Lloyd

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

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Rev Steve Oram, 07830 151622; email: steve.oram@blueyonder.co.uk

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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

Mar 8	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev Ann Parker
Mar 22	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

Mar 8	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black
Mar 22	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Mar 8	9am	Morning Worship	Judith Heybyrne
Mar 22	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contact: Mrs Judith Heybyrne 01454 616725

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Mar 1	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by our Superintendent Minister Rev David Alderman
Mar 8	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Christine Jones
Mar 15	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by our former Superintendent Minister Rev Peter Mortlock
Mar 22	10am	St Mary's Ch	Mothering Sunday Service with Parade
Mar 29	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Rosalie Doyle

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 11th March
To book your lunch, please ring 416528.

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP: will meet at The Swan at 12.15 on Thurs
19th March.

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

Mar 1	6.30pm	Mike Ogbourne
Mar 8	6.30pm	Richard Luxton (<i>Gideons International</i>)
Mar 15	6.30pm	Courtney Harris
Mar 22	6.30pm	Brian Miller
Mar 29	6.30pm	Neil Mobbs

Each Thurs at 7pm Prayer & Praise Time

Contacts Jenny Parfitt jennyparfitt@ymail.com

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AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact Danny Bamfield 01454 419324.

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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.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 March 2020

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

1 st Sun	'Severn Bridge' Cycle Road Race	11-2	
2 nd Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club practice Monday Movie	1.30 7.30	AH StM
3 rd 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
4 th Wed	Brownies Table Tennis, every Wednesday OPHS: Mabel Tothill, Bristol campaigner	6.15-7.45 7-8.30 7.30	WR PH OMC
5 th Thurs	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Rainbows (5 to 7 years)	9-1.30 9-12 6-7	OS+ WR
6 th Fri	Haven Memory Café Thornbury Carers' Support Group Hospice Quiz	10.15-11.45 1-3pm 7.15	URC Chy AH
7 th Sat	Coffee morning Coffee Morning	10.30-12 10.30-12	AVH MH
9 th Mon	Lent film	7.30	StM
10 th Tue	Thornbury Memory Café Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Aust Parish Council meeting WI	10.15-11.45 10.30-12 7.30 7.30	TMH DGCL EVH PH
11 th Wed	U3A Investment Club 418974 Severn Vale Flower Club: Brownies	10.00 1.30 6.15-7.45	TCh AH WR
12 th Thurs	Coffee Shop Craft Session, also 26 March Rainbows (5 to 7 years). Parish Hall AGM	9-12 10-12 6-7 7.00	OS+ PH WR PH
14 th Sat	Coffee Morning Parish Council Surgery	10.30-12 10.30-12	MH MH
16 th Mon	Monday Movie	7.30	StM
17 th Tues	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning	10.30-12	DGCL
18 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club demonstration Brownies Jazz at The White Hart, Olveston	2pm 6.15-7.45 8-10.30	AH WR

19 ^h Thurs	Coffee Shop Farmers' Market Rainbows	9-12 9-1.30 6-7	OS+ WR
20 th Fri	Haven Memory Café	10.15-11.45	UR
21 st Sat	Coffee Morning Olveston Parish Council Surgery Rockhampton Wind Quintet	10.30-12 10.30-12 7 for 7.30	MH MH StM
23 rd Mon	Lent film	7.30	StM
24 th Tues	Thornbury Memory Café Friends of Daldry Gardens coffee morning 'Sew Almondsbury'. £3, Jo, 07511 807 586 Olveston Parish Council	10.15-11.45 10.30-12 7-9 7.30	TMH DGCL OSH AP
25 th Wed	Brownies Alveston History Soc - Frenchay Hospital's Hidden History - Alan Freke	6.15-7.45 7.30	WR AMC
26 th Thurs	Coffee Shop Craft Session Rainbows	9-12 10-12 6-7	LVH WR
28 th Sat	Coffee Morning Thornbury Jazz Festival	10.30-12 6-11.30pm	MH AH
Looking ahead to April			
24 th	Thornbury Arts Festival starts		
25 th	Goulash Quiz Night	7.30	StM

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. **WR** – Wesley Rooms, Tockington.

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