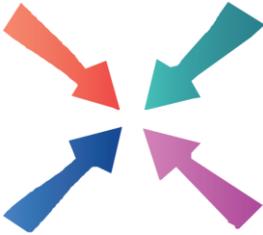


# Meeting Point



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The deadline for this month's Meeting Point came during a spell of wonderful, warm and sunny weather. I was not so keen to be indoors carrying out my Editor duties, particularly because there was a huge amount to do in the garden. However, I reached a compromise with myself and, after a stint of weeding or whatever, I would return to the computer (with rather grubby fingernails it has to be said) and carry on editing until I felt again the call of the garden.

On the subject of gardens, there is an 'Open Gardens' in Thornbury this month which sounds lovely. There is also a Garden Party in Alveston in aid of St Peter's Hospice and another in Tytherington run by the ever-busy Cancer Research UK team. All three definitely worth a visit.

For those of you with children or grandchildren to entertain during the holidays, do look at the information from Thornbury Library about the Summer Reading Challenge. I think anything that gets children reading – or reading more - is a great idea.

*Marelin*

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# News from St Mary's

*Debbie Harries*

## **Olveston Vicarage**

Bristol Diocese Board of Finance (BDF) intends to sell Olveston Vicarage. The proceeds from the sale would be held in a restricted fund that would generate interest to contribute to clergy stipends across the Bristol Diocese. Olveston PCC wished to have the Diocese retain ownership of the vicarage and use it for housing curates or church workers or to rent it out to other unpaid clergy personnel as had been the case for the last 20 years.



Bristol Diocese decided they saw no reason for retaining ownership of Olveston vicarage but Olveston PCC took a statutory right to lodge an objection to its sale. Legal advice was taken about the strength of the PCC's case to make an appeal to the Church Commissioners and further representations were made to Bristol Diocese to come to a local agreement.

The Diocese decided that Olveston vicarage was unsuitable as a residence for a Diocese-funded curate. Olveston PCC decided, after seeking expert legal advice, that its case was not strong enough to pursue it to an expensive hearing by the Church Commissioners and resolved unanimously to withdraw its formal objection. Bristol DBF is now free to sell the vicarage according to obligations required by its own fund and the Charity Commission.

## **Toilet Twinning**

Following a successful Soup Lunch in May, we have now reached our target and raised over £500. This will enable the toilets at St Mary's and the toilet at the church in Compton Greenfield to be twinned with those in a developing country, providing four households with clean water, a basic toilet/latrine and education about the importance of good hygiene. In addition, Olveston School will be twinned with a school in an impoverished community. Did you know that a third of the world's population, that is 2.4 billion people don't have a toilet? Thank you to everyone who has supported this appeal and helped to make a difference.

# From the Registers of St Mary's, Olveston

- 13<sup>th</sup> May            Baptism of Poppy Elizabeth Levis and Sadie Clare Levis.
- 29<sup>th</sup> May            A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Sue Burt.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June             Baptism of Benjamin Paul Macmillan.

## News from Pilning Station



Campaigners are celebrating following their success in getting train operator GWR to reinstate their station to its rightful position in the timetable booklet for the Cardiff-Taunton service. They were left dismayed last year when the station disappeared from the 'stations column' in the timetable and from the route map on the front cover. The only reference to Pilning in the whole booklet was in a couple of obscure footnotes in very small print which made it virtually impossible to see which trains called at the station, and indeed it appeared as if it had closed altogether.

A campaign was duly launched to get the station back on the map and shown properly in the timetable and the new Summer Timetable booklet does both. Group Chair, Olga Taylor, said '*This represents a small but very significant victory - at least our station 'officially exists' again and people can see at a glance which trains stop here, which is a basic essential for any timetable. But there is still much to do - we want a much better service than our current two trains a week on Saturdays only, and ultimately we want our footbridge back so we can once again catch a train in both directions, and not have to go into Wales and back again in order to get back from Bristol!*'

For further information see the campaign website at [www.pilningstation.uk](http://www.pilningstation.uk) or email: [savepilningstation@gmail.com](mailto:savepilningstation@gmail.com)

# Friends of St Mary's

The prize winners in the June draw, held on 7th June 2018 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Name</b>
£150	332	Mr & Mrs R Garlick, Olveston
£75	485	Mrs S Lyons, Ingst
£25	161	Mrs L Clarke, Olveston
£25	358	Mrs S Toft, Olveston
£25	190	Mrs B Kingscott, Almondsbury
£20	473	Mrs M Setter, Olveston
£20	590	Mrs S Roos, Olveston
£20	551	Mrs D Harries, Olveston
£10	256	Mrs C Healey, Olveston
£10	472	Mr D Skinner, Sneyd Paek
£10	246	Mrs C K Hickman, Olveston
£10	419	Mr R Bush, Westbury-on-Trym
£10	560	Mr G B Amos, Olveston

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

## Old Down Cricket Club

*Tony Gardner 07889 727729*

### **150 Club Winners June 2018:**

£50 Jeff Pullin  
£15 Barry Reeves  
£5 Katie Finch

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

12/05/18 Angus MacDonald  
26/05/18 Malcolm Grosvenor

### **Home Fixtures June 2018 (1.30 Start)**

07/07/18 2nd XI v St Mary Redcliffe  
14/07/18 1st XI v Cleeve  
21/07/18 2nd XI v Mells  
28/07/18 1st XI v Long Ashton

All spectators welcome! Up the Down!!

# Martin Dawes

*Pat Thirkettle*

Martin was born in Cromwell House, Olveston in 1970, the youngest of Nigel and Julie Dawes' three children. He went to Olveston Primary School and Marlwood, then to Harper Adams Agricultural College where he studied Agricultural Marketing and Business. He worked for five years in parts of the Tate and Lyle Group before coming back in 1997 to take over the family business in Olveston. Martin lived in Bristol when he returned, until he married Natalie and they now live with their son Charlie in Old Down.

The Dawes family milled animal feeds in the centre of Olveston from 1953 until milling stopped in 1990 when it became an animal feed store. In 1998 the frontage was developed into a shop where Martin sold outdoor clothing, equestrian products and pet supplies. This finally closed in 2007 after five break-ins and competition from the Mall at Cribbs Causeway.



A family decision was made to develop the site and, while waiting for planning permission, Martin helped a friend with some decorating. He can hardly believe that eleven years later he is still decorating as 'InDawes – OutDawes' Meanwhile the development took place directed by Martin and his brother Chris and became Cromwell Court. Since then they looked for another opportunity and have bought a site on the Elberton Road

and have secured planning permission for four houses.

The Dawes family was among the initial financial supporters of the Tennis Club when it started in 1981 and became Life Members, so Martin has been a member from birth so to speak. Initially the only court was on the Parish Hall car park, before land was bought to build two courts and a wooden club house later. Recently, much fund raising and hard work has provided the up to date new club house which opened last year. Martin was on the Tennis Club Committee when he was sixteen when new blood was needed, and he has always played there and in the teams. Three years ago he re-joined the committee and this year has become Chairman.

It has always been a friendly family club but is now in need of younger players. Martin happened to meet a tennis coach through friends and she started junior coaching at Easter and will continue in the summer term. The club has come a long way in nearly forty years and Martin hopes that the excellent new facilities will help it grow for years to come.

# St Peter's Hospice Garden Party

St Peters Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to a Garden Party to be held at Grove House, The Street, Alveston (BS35 3SX) on Sunday 22nd July 2.30pm – 5.00pm (by kind permission of Geoff and Carol).

Entrance is £4.00 to include tea and cake. Raffle and stalls.

Bring a picnic chair, listen to the music of 'Mo, Mac and Me' and enjoy the gardens. Please come along and support St Peters, your local Hospice.

## Tea and Chat

*Lynn Shelley*

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 July Tea and Chat will be at 2.30pm on July 13th at Richard Powell's home, Rose Lodge, New Road, Olveston.

For details and to request transport if necessary, please telephone:

Lesley: 01454 613804 or Gail: 01454 612709.

## July Puzzle

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<b>O</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>L</b>

How many words can you make by tracking from one square to the next, going up, down, sideways or diagonally in order? You may not use the same letter twice in any word. Proper nouns and foreign words are not allowed. There is one nine-letter word, can you find it?

A very good score is 41 words, average is 26.

# Making Space for Wildlife: A Slimy Issue

*Melinda Evans*

Summer is here and, as we rediscover the pleasure of spending more time outdoors in the warm sunshine, so too are many plants and creatures busy around us. Some of them we welcome: bumble bees, elderflower, butterflies, dragonflies, young birds, slow worms. Others are less welcome: slugs and snails, patio weeds, vine weevils, cushion scale and aphids are amongst the numerous pests that arrive to cause consternation to gardeners, whether it's a flower box or a large kitchen garden being nurtured.

Whilst we can reach for a number of chemical solutions to these pests, one of the unintended consequences from using pesticides is not only do they kill the pest in question, but they can also be lethal to other plants or insects who come into contact with the pesticide, including natural predators who might otherwise help control the pest, or they can kill off sources of food for many of the animals we are trying to encourage. In addition to the effects on wildlife, the recent EU ban on a group of insecticides (neonicotinoids or neonics for short) because of their effect on pollinators, and the World Health Organisation's concerns about the cancer-causing ability of the most commonly used herbicide (glyphosate), could all be reasons for a pause for thought on whether we use pesticides in our gardens.



Thankfully, there are many ways to manage unwelcome pests that do not involve pesticides. Some are available at garden centres or from specialist suppliers, whilst others can be created with the things we already have around the home.

If it's slugs and snails that are destroying plants, there's quite an arsenal available, including:

- Hunt for slugs at dusk or dawn with a flashlight and remove manually.
- Encourage slug eating animals, such as frogs, by building a pond. Hedgehogs also love slugs!

- Create dark moist hiding spots using roof tiles, flat stones or over-turned grapefruit halves and then gather up any congregated slugs.
- From personal experience, beer traps work very well. We made one out of a yoghurt pot that was sunk into the ground and half filled with beer (or milk can be used).
- Parasitic nematodes can be purchased from specialist suppliers. The nematodes are bought as a powder, mixed with water and applied with a watering can.
- Slugs don't like crawling over certain barriers –broken egg shells and coffee grounds can be re-used from the kitchen, whilst copper tape and wool pellets can be bought from garden centres and specialist suppliers.
- Slug pellets containing aluminium sulphate and ferrous phosphate are less toxic than those based on metaldehyde or methiocarb but are still problematic to wildlife.
- I love hostas, but after several years of replanting devoured hostas, I have decided that slugs love them more and I no longer have hostas in my garden. Sometimes it is easier to avoid the battle in the first place!

Aphids can be treated by covering plants with horticultural fleece, or removed using a strong stream of water, or affected leaves can be sprayed with a dilute solution of fatty acids or soft soap and the aphids rubbed off. Try smearing bands of grease or placing a specialised sticky tape around the base of trees or plants to prevent ants moving aphids around. Pruning affected parts of plants can also help. Specialist suppliers can provide ladybirds or lacewing larvae. Both of these beneficial insects love to eat aphids.

There are many online resources to help with non-pesticide gardening, for example <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/animal-deterrents/organic-pest-control/> and <http://www.pan-uk.org/gardening-without-pesticides/>. And sometimes simple is best. Monty Don's recommendation for dealing with pesky patio weeds involves a cup of tea. When boiling the kettle to make a cuppa, pour the remnant boiling water over the weedy invaders. He claims no plant is likely to survive!

## Thornbury Volunteer Centre

### Summer of Events 2018

As part of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, Thornbury Volunteer Centre is looking forward to a busy few months. Our Pop-up shop in the St Mary Centre was a

great success with funds being raised and many new volunteers coming forward.

We are holding our AGM on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July in the hall and garden of Christ the King RC Church, Thornbury at 2.30pm. This year we are welcoming guest speaker Jerry Dicker who will be talking about his work as a conservation volunteer at Filnore Woods. A delicious afternoon tea will be served, and everyone is welcome to attend.

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September we are running a Personal Resilience and Stress Management workshop between 6.30-9pm at the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury. This workshop will provide helpful tips and techniques to help you feel less stressed. It is suitable for all ages and is supported by a grant from the Tesco Bags of Help fund, so is free to attendees.

Throughout the summer we have several organisations who are willing to hold 'Taster Sessions' for potential new volunteers. Organisations working with children, families and disabled people, charity shops, conservation and heritage organisations will open their doors for a morning or afternoon and give potential new volunteers the chance to talk to existing volunteers, learn more about the organisation and then have a go themselves. Potential volunteers are under no obligation to continue volunteering but we hope that it will give them a feel for what is involved.

Finally, our summer opening hours start from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The Centre will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays only between 10.30am-12 noon. Normal opening hours resume on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Please contact us on 01454 413392 or [mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk](mailto:mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk) for further information on any of the events listed.

## Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK

### Tea, Tiffin and T'hornblowers in Tytherington

Come and enjoy tea in a spectacular garden at Boyts Farm [GL12 8UG] on Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> from 2.00-5.00 pm.

Along with the music and tea you can buy crafts, preserves, wooden garden troughs and more. We hope the sun will shine but are hoping to provide cover should we have inclement weather. There is plenty of parking at the farm.

Tickets cost £6 available in advance from Tytherington village shop, from Mary on 01454 414466, from any committee member, or just turn up on the day.

We'd love to see you.



# Olveston Parish Council

*Pat Savage*

## **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General meeting was held at the Queen Alexandra Memorial Pavilion on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. At the Meeting the following were elected to serve for the forthcoming year:

**John Hughes**

**Chairman**

**Robert Harris**

**Joint Vice-Chairman**

**Richard Panes**

**Joint Vice-Chairman**

Adrian Baxter, Martin Gibson, Nina Lewis-Leaver, Catherine Offer, Pat Savage and Tony Williams continue in their roles as Councillors.

## **Parish Clerk**

Our Parish Clerk, Richard Rogers, is leaving his post as Clerk and will cease employment at the end of June. Richard has been Clerk to the Council for the past seven years, during which time he has successfully navigated the many edicts and directives from South Gloucestershire Council. We thank Richard for his loyalty and will greatly miss the help and advice which he gave to us all on Council matters. He takes with us our best wishes for the future.

## **Parish Achievements**

Olveston Football Club completed a double this season in winning both the Bristol Premier Combination League and the League Cup.

Heartiest congratulations to the team!

# Alveston Gardens Association



Spring Alpine Flowers. A Presentation by Robert Bryant

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall  
Monday 2nd July 2018

All welcome – Visitors (£3)

Full programme on [www.alveston.org](http://www.alveston.org)

## Alveston Singers

The Alveston Singers recently performed two concerts of 'Songs from the Shows' and would like to thank the audiences for their generous donations to the choir's chosen charities, Cancer Research and Children's Hospice South West. A total of £1137 was raised which will be added to donations at our next concerts and divided equally between the two charities.

Since the choir was founded in 1977, with the aim of enjoying singing and raising money for charity, many thousands of pounds have been raised due to the continued support of friends, families and the community. Our next concerts will be on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> when we look forward to welcoming our audiences once again.



## Wanted – Baby Clothes

'Sandra's Baby Clothes', a Rotary Charity, has been sending clothes and shoes for children to North East Romania for at least ten years. To date clothes to the value of approximately £250,000 have been sent to Romania and Moldova.

Thornbury Rotary Club continues to support this simple but effective charity and, once more, is seeking good quality, clean clothes for infants aged up to 2 years and bedding for cots, also clothes for children up to 11 years old.

If you can contribute to this very worthwhile project, Rotary can arrange collection. Please call David Thomas on 01454 613962

# Thornbury Art Club Summer Exhibition

Thornbury Art Club will be holding their Summer Exhibition in Thornbury, from Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 10 am to 6 pm (Sundays 2 pm to 4 pm) at the Methodist Church Hall. This is on the road leading off the High Street to the Castle Court Car Park. Entry to the exhibition is free.

There will be a variety of framed paintings on display, together with some unframed. Most will be for sale. Some members will also have greetings cards for sale. Alongside our exhibition will be a display of paintings by the Stroke Group.

Details can be seen on [www.thornburyartclub.org.uk](http://www.thornburyartclub.org.uk) together with information about joining the club.

## Sue and Brian's Fostering Story

Almondsbury based carers, Sue and Brian, have only one regret about their fostering career – they wish they'd started it earlier. They originally thought age might be a barrier for them but realised that life experience was valued, and they've now looked after 12 children and have enjoyed every minute of it.

Sue said: "For years we had considered becoming foster carers, but the time was never right for our family. In 2011 we decided to become Support Housing Hosts for our neighbouring local authority where we supported a young mum and her new-born baby for 7 months. After this experience we both knew we wanted to be foster carers.

We contacted South Gloucestershire Council in 2012 and we began the fostering process, but to be honest I thought our ages might have been an issue as I was in my mid-fifties and my husband in his early sixties, or our faith, or the fact that we were already a blended family as this wasn't our first marriage might have been an issue for us. Luckily, we didn't let this put us off as it wasn't an issue and we were approved in March 2013.

Over the years we've looked after many different placements including respite to give other foster carers an opportunity for a well-earned break, mothers and babies and several long-term placements for teenagers. When we were first approved we wanted to foster siblings as we had a couple of spare rooms available but over the years we seem to foster teenage boys. We really enjoy

encouraging them to try new experiences and learn new skills. We find them generally needing clear boundaries alongside affection and fun; a sense of humour is a real bonus. They can be challenging but we find them so rewarding. That's not to say we don't have to take a deep breath and change how we manage their behaviours. But that's where the training and support comes in; after five years I'm still putting new skills into practice. You're never too old to learn a new and better way to support a child or teenager.

We love fostering, it's the best thing we've ever done, it's not always easy but we do receive a lot of support from the Family Placement Team and there are fantastic training opportunities. Fostering is something you need to commit to. We've always loved kids and, personally, we wish we'd done it even earlier in life."

If Sue and Brian's fostering story has inspired you, and you think you could welcome a child into your home we'd love to hear from you. Call 01454 866423, email [fostering@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@southglos.gov.uk) or visit [www.fostering@southglos.org.uk](http://www.fostering@southglos.org.uk)

## Award Winning Garden

Thornbury, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Don't miss the chance to visit a series of lovely gardens in Thornbury centred on the award-winning garden at Pound Cottage, Church Road opposite St Mary's Church. Relax as you wander from one to another with a cold drink or a glass of wine, for the all-inclusive fee of £5. Just turn up at the gate from 3pm onwards for a perfect summer treat!

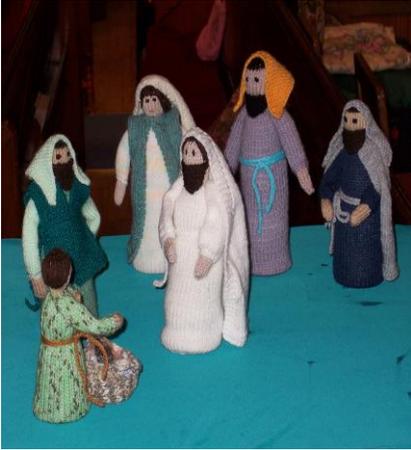


All proceeds will go to the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1).

The team is also planning a concert by Michael Lunts on 22<sup>nd</sup> September (describing in words and music the stormy end to the great romantic relationships between

Chopin and Georges Sand), in addition to a return of the much-loved Bristol Ensemble with Roger Huckle on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Call 01454 412272 for information.

# The Knitted Bible



A touring exhibition coming to St. Peter's Church, Pilning. Refreshments and cream teas. Activities for children of all ages.

Friday 29th June 2 - 5pm

Saturday 30th June 10 - 5pm

Sunday 1st July 1 - 5pm

The Exhibition, which features 33 scenes from best loved stories in the Bible, has been lent to us by St George's Church, Hartlepool. Any donations will be shared between our church and theirs.

## Savoury Courgette Cake

This recipe first appeared last year in one of Chris Bolton's 'Vegetable Matters' articles. It came from his French friend Martine and is worth a repeat as courgettes should be ready for picking about now and, who knows, there may well be the inevitable glut as the summer progresses.

Take 2 courgettes and slice them thinly, then fry them with a little olive oil (10 to 15 mins). Dry them with kitchen paper. Mix 150gm plain flour, 2 teaspoons of baking powder and 3 eggs, and then add 1fl.oz of sunflower oil, and 4fl oz. of warm milk. Mix well, then add 200gms of grated gruyere. Check the seasoning and then add the courgettes to the mix.



To this mixture you can also, if you wish, add a handful of chopped bacon, a chopped onion, a few chopped black olives, a red pepper, or any other combination that you like! (Cook these ingredients with the courgettes).

Mix well, turn into a greased loaf tin and cook in a preheated oven at 200°C for 30-40 mins until golden. Enjoy with a salad or as a nibble with a glass of white wine as the French do!

# Aust Parish Council Matters

*Tim Pyper ([austparishcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:austparishcouncil@googlemail.com))*

## **Changes to Planning Law and Procedure**

You may have seen in the local press that South Gloucestershire Council was proposing to stop holding planning meetings in Thornbury and otherwise reduce the opportunity for public input. However, the new leader of the council has suspended the decision.

In the meantime, the council has also published guidance on a change in Government regulations about the grant of permission in principle (PIP). Each PIP has two stages – the matter of principle for the proposed development; and thereafter the “technical details” stage. The first stage (PIP) solely establishes whether a site is suitable in-principle for residential development (or residential led). All the detailed development proposals would be assessed in the second technical details stage.

There are three routes for a site. Basically, the LPA (Local Planning Authority) can enter a brownfield site on the register with permission in principle – which would mean that it could be developed subject to a detailed application following. A developer may apply for PIP for a minor residential site (fewer than 10 houses); lastly, a site may be included through the local plan.

The time allowed for the LPA to decide is reduced from 8 weeks to 5 (so that, if the decision is not made within 5 weeks, the applicant can appeal). The public will only have 14 days, instead of 21, to comment.

## **Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)**

South Gloucestershire Council, BANES and Bristol City Council have published a draft ROWIP about the future management and improvement of public rights of way (footpaths etc).

You can see it at

<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/ROWIP/consultationHome>.

It will interest anyone who uses footpaths and bridle ways and deals with motorised traffic use of those bridle ways which vehicles are permitted to use.

The consultation ends at the end of August.

# Thornbury Library

## **Craft & Chat: First Thursday of the month 2pm - 4pm.**

A chance for people who love crafting to get together and share inspiration. No charge and no booking required. Just turn up and bring your craft project with you. New faces welcome!

## **Carers Support Centre Drop In - Supporting Carers into Employment. Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> 10.30am -12 noon**

Carers Support Centre are supporting unpaid carers and former carers who have been out of work for more than 12 months to move closer towards their employment and training goals. An Advisor from the Carers Support Centre will be here to give free advice and support; drop in anytime between 10.30 am and 12 noon.

## **Summer Reading Challenge 2018 – Mischief Makers**

There's a ton of fun waiting for you at a South Gloucestershire library this summer – get ready for Mischief Makers, the Summer Reading Challenge 2018! Mischief Makers begins on Saturday 14 July and runs in all South Gloucestershire Libraries until Saturday 8 September. It's free to take part.

Join Dennis, Gnasher and friends on a hunt for Beanotown's famous buried treasure! Read 6 library books over the summer, collect special stickers and explore your map of Beanotown to find clues. But watch out, Dennis is usually up to all kinds of mischief. He'll make sure some of those stickers are extra stinky! Read all 6 books and you'll get a medal and certificate too!

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up and see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading.

*"My son really improved his ability to read. Every day he was asking me to take him to the library and take out new books." (Parent, Bradley Stoke)*

Plus, beat the boredom this summer! Find out about our free Fizz Pop Science workshops and Mischief Makers fun craft activities at [www.southglos.gov.uk/childrenslibrary](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/childrenslibrary).



# Olveston and Tockington W.I.

*Vicki Townsend*

In June, following a short business meeting, we were treated to an interesting and amusing evening with Frances Benton, known to us as The Pearl Lady. Frances sources cultured pearls from different parts of the world and produces a wide selection of necklaces and earrings. The £50,000 profits from her sales since 2011 have been donated to a charity in Durban, which supports and educates street children. The success of this project has seen 23 young people through University and countless more given a chance in life.

Frances explained that cultured pearls are produced by introducing an irritant into oysters or mussels which causes them to lay down nacre, a form of calcium carbonate, which produces the pearl. These can be farmed in either salt or fresh water. Natural pearls are produced when a parasite enters the oyster, causing the same reaction, much rarer, which is why in the wild only one oyster in 10,000 will produce a pearl, hence their value.

The front of the Parish Hall stage was arrayed with examples of beautiful wares and many of us were tempted to treat ourselves or buy some as presents. Frances explained that pearls should be worn, even in bed, as they shine when in contact with the skins natural oils, so we went home to wear our pearls, maybe in bed.

Our meeting at the Parish Hall on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, will see Philip Hoyland talking on 'Benefits, Brass & The Gertist Grandest Day'

**A date for your diary:** Olveston and Tockington W.I. celebrates its centenary in September. We are having an afternoon tea at 3pm at the Parish Hall on September 8<sup>th</sup>, we would like to invite the community to enjoy this event with us, please do come along and sample W.I. hospitality. Watch this space for more details next month.

## Severn Vale Probus Group

*Les Jones*



If you are looking for an additional interest in retirement, then maybe Probus is for you! The network of clubs for retired PROfessional and BUSInessmen provides the opportunity to meet and socialise with like-minded people and listen to stimulating talks on a wide range of subjects. Severn Vale Probus draws its members from Thornbury and surrounding villages. You may

well already know a member.

In recent months the club has received presentations on such diverse subjects as the Zulu Wars, Organic Agriculture and German V Weapons, as well as witnessing a quite amazing indoor flying display of miniature drones. The Club meets for lunch at Thornbury Golf Centre on the third Tuesday of each month, apart from December when wives, partners and widows are invited to a Christmas Lunch in a local Hotel. In addition, visits are arranged to places of interest to which all wives and partners are welcome, subject to any limit on numbers. In the recent past we have been to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Training Centre, the Rolls Royce Archives and to Thatcher's Cider. In June we visited a new Organic Garden in the Chew Valley. Some members also meet once a month for a Pub Lunch at carefully selected hostelrys, whilst other members meet for walks led by members, which also finish with suitable refreshment. A Club Bowls team has recently been suspended, pending new members with an interest swelling the ranks of those wishing to play.

Please do contact the Secretary Andy Dewar if you would like to join or perhaps to come as a guest to get a feel of who and what we are. He can be contacted on 01454 774201 or at [pamandydewar@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pamandydewar@yahoo.co.uk).

## Coffee Shop

Sue Farr



Why not meet up with friends in the Thursday Morning Coffee Shop in Olveston Stores?

9am - 12 noon. (10am - 12 noon in the school holidays.)

Tea, fresh coffee or hot chocolate with a piece of homemade cake, all for £1.

# Our Town: A Walk Through Time

Wednesday 11 July, 6 - 8pm, starts at St. Mary's Church, Thornbury



Are you new to Thornbury or one of the neighbouring villages? Maybe you've lived here a while but don't know much about the town's history?

In either case, do join volunteers from Thornbury and District Museum for an evening stroll around the town to find out how it has grown and changed over the centuries.

We'll be telling stories about the buildings and streets and the people who have lived here. The walk will last around two hours and is suitable for wheelchair users. (We would ask you not to bring dogs, please, except for guide dogs.) Come and enjoy a midsummer evening stroll - and learn something (painlessly) along the way!

The cost is £3, with all profits going towards the upkeep of the Museum.

Tickets need to be booked in advance, either from the Museum in Chapel Street, or by telephone on 857774, or email: [enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk).

Museum opening hours are Tuesdays to Fridays 1-4pm and 10am-4pm on Saturdays.

# July News from The Chantry



The Chantry has seen many changes over its history and the Trustees have decided to make another change. As you know the bar only sells bottled drinks and will only be open for the Chantry fundraising events, so it is to be given a new name and it will be known as 'The Garden Room'.

## Membership

If you have joined the Chantry but are not receiving our monthly newsletter, please could you send in your correct email as some of them are being rejected and sent back to us.

## Fundraising Group

I am pleased to announce that we now have a fundraising group who will be working with Debbie our wonderful Administrator to organise some amazing events to raise money for all the many areas of the Chantry which need our attention. New toilets, new storage radiators, new carpets come to mind, as well as the repair and painting of the windows and the outside of the building - to name but a few of the areas which need our attention. If you are able to help in any way, then please let us know. A big thank you to the kind people who have had amazing suppers in their houses to raise money for the refurbishment of the Chantry. You know who you are!

## Candle Making - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 10am-12.30pm £35

Learn how to make three different scented, soy wax and container candles and take them away with you. Mount Cottage Crafts Tel 01454 413103 or [www.mountcottagecrafts.co.uk](http://www.mountcottagecrafts.co.uk) for this and future courses.

## Quiz Night Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm

Come and test your knowledge at our monthly Quiz. £1 per person and up to 4 in a team, bar open.

[www.thechantry.org.uk](http://www.thechantry.org.uk) email: [office@thechantry.org.uk](mailto:office@thechantry.org.uk) phone: 01454 414268

# Yours Faithfully

*Father George Malecki  
Christ the King, Thornbury*

Life is full of fresh starts. A major decision in life is seldom arrived at and then consigned to history. Choices made have consequences. Take the life-changing event that is marriage, for example. There are those who approach their wedding day believing they have arrived. Now they can sit back and enjoy 'married bliss'. When the euphoria wears off, they begin to realise that the day they made their vows was simply the arrival at the starting point. For that marriage to work, fidelity to the promises made must be lived out daily in the choices and considerations made. Each new day is an opportunity to make a fresh start. It is how we grow and mature in our chosen vocation.

The same is true in matters of faith. For many, faith is associated with feelings and emotions. But these things are fickle. To judge the strength of our faith in these terms is to build on foundations of sand. The storms of life will wash that sand away leaving us stranded. To adopt the policy of turning to God only when things do not go well, or to bank on an 'eleventh-hour' conversion towards the end of life, is to skate on thin ice. We are foolish to take such a gamble with our eternal existence. Faith is a gift offered to all and it is not everyone who can find it in themselves to accept its challenge. Our response must be a decision with the clear intention to persevere in its demands no matter what. It is a decision that must be re-affirmed in the choices made each day.

The committed relationship goes beyond feelings and emotions. We do things and behave the way we do because they are right and not because they make us feel all warm and cosy. Such feelings do have a value but come as a by-product of something much more important and profound. The same holds true in matters of faith. Those who choose to respond will find themselves challenged at the deepest part of their being. Life's events will slowly re-form them and re-make them as God re-directs human dependencies and securities, establishing beliefs and certainties on a deeper and more lasting spiritual foundation. This is the rock on which true faith is founded. It does not come easily, and few persevere, preferring to make do with more superficial and transient values and then blame God when things fail to turn out as hoped.

Every day is an opportunity to pause, take stock and make a fresh start. It is a chance to think again about the things in life that really are most important and then to make tough choices in the light of what is perceived. One thing humans are adept at is seeing things and situations as they want them to be, not as they actually are. In creating us and giving us life, God has given us this one opportunity to get it right. We are foolish in the extreme to waste it.

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

July 1	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong with Choir	Rev. David Bone Revs D Moss & A Lloyd Mr Paul Harrod
July 8	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer with Choir Holy Communion	Rev. Ann Lloyd Mr Trevor Cook Rev. David Bone
July15	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Choir Evensong	Rev. Ann Lloyd Revs D Moss & D Bone Mr Trevor Cook
July22	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Fourth Sunday Evensong with Choir	Rev. David Bone Mr Paul Harrod Rev. David Moss
July29	8am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion(BCP) with Choir	Rev. Ann Lloyd TBA Rev. David Moss

**Information on services correct at time of going to press.**

**Rev David Moss**, 01454 415190; email: [mossds@gmail.com](mailto:mossds@gmail.com)

**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 9.15am 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

Jun10	9.45	Holy Communion	Revs D Moss & A Parker
Jun 24	9.45	Morning Prayer	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

July 1	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Moss
July 15	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black

**Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660**

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

July 8	9am	Morning Prayer	Judith Heybyrne
July 22	9am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Moss

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

July 1	10am	Tock. Ch.	Family Service led by Mr Glyn Varney
July 8	10am	Olv. Ch.	Final Service led by Rev Pete and Mrs Debs Brazier Will include Holy Communion and incorporate the Holy Habits programme
July 15	10am	Tock Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Damon Ujvarosy
July 22	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Valerie Williams
July 29	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr Peter Jones

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> July  
To book your lunch please ring 416528

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 12.15

For further information please ring 613241

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

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

**HOUSE GROUP** to be agreed

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

**CONTACT:** Rev Pete Brazier Tel 01454 418176,

e-mail [pete@thebigfishcafe.co.uk](mailto:pete@thebigfishcafe.co.uk)

## THE VINE House of Prayer

Pilning Street, Awkley BS35 4HL

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

**Mike and Barbara Matthews**, tel. 07512 917229 or email:

[thevine\\_awkley@hotmail.com](mailto:thevine_awkley@hotmail.com)

## **THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN**

July 1	6.30pm	Mike Dorgan
July 8	6.30pm	Steve Mills
July 15	6.30pm	Munir Din
July 22	6.30pm	Ed Stuart
July 29	6.30pm	Chris Palmer

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

Contacts Jenny Parfitt [jennyparfitt@ymail.com](mailto:jennyparfitt@ymail.com)

Sue Tett [stett56@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:danny@thebamfields.co.uk)

## **LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

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

## **RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING**, Thornbury -

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Monday-Friday Daily Mass at 10am

Tel 01454 412223 [www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk](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

National: [www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk) Bristol area: [www.bristolquakers.org.uk](http://www.bristolquakers.org.uk)

# Diary Dates for July 2018

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Almondsbury Gymkhana at Tockington Cricket Glos U12 v. Dorset U12		TMS
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Tea/Coffee & Bisc. 50p Monthly Raffle British Legion Women at Tomorosa	10.30-12.00  2.30pm	DGCL
4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Holy Communion followed by Tea & Cake Table Tennis every week	2.30pm 7.00-8.30pm	DGCL PH
5 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OS† MH
6 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Haven Memory Café Thornbury Carers Support Group Computer Clinic every week	10.15-11.45 1-3pm 7.00-8.30pm	URC Chy MH
7 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
8 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
9 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
10 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Memory Café W.I. Aust Parish Council	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL TMH PH EVH
11 <sup>th</sup> Wed			
12 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup HONK TMTG Juniors	9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30 7.30pm	OS† MH AH
13 <sup>th</sup> Fri	HONK TMTG Juniors	7.30pm	AH
14 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Severn Festival, stalls music etc at Severn Beach HONK TMTG Juniors Rose Ball	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 11.00-4.00  2.30 & 7.30 6.30pm	AVH MH  AH TMS
15 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Cricket Glos U11 v Middlesex U11		TMS
16 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
17 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
18 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Beat Surgery Jazz at the White Hart	10.30-11.15 8.30pm	OS†

19 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	Ost MH
20 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Haven Memory Café	10.15-11.45	URC
21 <sup>st</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Parish Council Surgery	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	MH MH
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun			
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mon			
24 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Memory Café Olveston Parish Council	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm	DGCL TMH AP
25 <sup>th</sup> Wed			MH
26 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	10.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	Ost MH
27 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
28 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
29 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Aust Quiz at Boars Head	7.30pm	
30 <sup>th</sup> Mon			
31 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
<b>Looking ahead to August</b>			

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

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