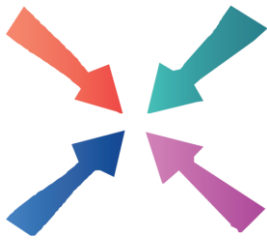


# Meeting Point



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## **From the Editor**

Apparently, when March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb. Meaning, I suppose, that a grim start to the month can be tolerated in the hope that it will all warm up and be more pleasant by the end. In any event I hope that we are able to enjoy early spring flowers, such as the lovely display of daffodils in Tockington that we have used as our cover image this month.

This edition includes good news about the Olveston Playgroup. Back in January's Meeting Point, there was a plea for somebody to get this group going again and so it is good to hear that some local mums have done just that.

There is good news, too, from Olveston Table Tennis Group. They have not been running that long but clearly they are doing something right. Read their story in the magazine.

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# News from St. Mary's

Michael Kirby and Trevor Cook



## Lent Begins

Giving up chocolate or alcohol during Lent is for many of us an expression of 'fasting'— a small stand against consumer culture and recognition that others have to 'do without' whether it's Lent or not, and prepare us for Easter Day and the Resurrection of Jesus from the tomb.

Sevenside Churches commend us during Lent to support financially the Methodist Centre in its work with homeless and vulnerable people in Bristol. Get a Sticker for your personal Savings Jar, and support the Coffee Morning on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March** at Alveston Methodist Hall.

Pick up a leaflet in Church of Groups meeting for the Diocesan Lent Course 'Creating Connections'- connections to God, to each other and to our communities. The Sermon and Bible Reading for each Sunday will follow the theme of the week – March 5<sup>th</sup> 'What do we mean when we call God *Father*?', March 12<sup>th</sup> 'How now shall we live?', March 19<sup>th</sup> 'Holiness', March 26<sup>th</sup> 'Our identity in Christ: being true to who God has made you to be', April 2<sup>nd</sup> 'I am who I am'. Bishop Lee speaks at 10am on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Quiz night

Always popular, our next quiz night is on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March** in the church and this one is the 'Shepherd's Pie Quiz' as this will be served during the interval. Pre-booking is recommended via Debbie Harries; please contact her by email at [oboe-debbie@live.co.uk](mailto:oboe-debbie@live.co.uk) to book a place.

## Auction of Promises

The Auction of Promises will take place in the church on **Saturday, 18th March** at 7 pm for a 7.30pm start. Entry is free of charge but bring your wallets and purses to bag a bargain; a list of promises will be available in Olveston Stores at the beginning of March.

There is still time to offer a promise for the auction and if you are moved to do that, Gail Lowe would love to hear from you on 612709.

## New Vicar

At the time of writing, no applications have been received for the post of Vicar for our new Northern Group of churches. The offer and job specification will be reviewed and will be re-advertised in March.



# Olveston Parish Hall

## AGM

*Geoff Chappell, Chair*

The next Parish Hall Committee Meeting is the AGM, to be held in the Hall on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm.**

You are all invited to attend and a warm welcome will be extended with Wine & Cheese on offer. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Table Tennis - Aust vs Olveston

*Jeanette & John Treby 01454 202319*

Before Christmas Jon McGee, from Aust Table Tennis Group, called into one of the Olveston Wednesday evening Table Tennis sessions and suggested an Aust and Olveston tournament. The event took place on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Jan at Olveston Parish Hall. There was great anticipation before the event amongst all the players since this was the first such event for either group.

Olveston team had amongst its team four players called John and Aust arrived with three Jons or Johns, so when '*it's your turn to play, John*' was called out, we had to avoid seven players leaping to their feet! However, we played twenty-four doubles matches on a 'draw names out of a hat' basis. Each game was hard fought, competitive, and the scores were close. In the end Olveston just managed to win thirteen games to Aust's eleven.

We all adjourned for refreshments after a very successful evening. Thank you to all the Aust and Olveston players for taking part and all your help with the event.

There will no doubt be a return match!

## From the Registers of St Mary's Olveston

February 10<sup>th</sup>: Interment of ashes. Antony Stuart Waycott.

# Olveston Playgroup is reopening!

From Thursday 9th February the playgroup will be up and running again.

We will be open 9.30-11.30am in the Olveston Methodist Hall.

There are lots of toys for the little ones to play with and a drink and snack for them too.

Come along for a cuppa and a catch up. £2 per family, everyone welcome.

Enquiries: please contact Sharon Burrough 07742148765 or Betty Cottam 07481919476.

email [sharonburrough@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sharonburrough@hotmail.co.uk) or [bettycottam@gmail.com](mailto:bettycottam@gmail.com).

Or follow us on Facebook.

## Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the February draw, held on 9th February 2017 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	536	Dr M Wright, Olveston
£75	494	Mr J L Henniker-Heaton, Winterbourne
£25	556	Mrs S Chick, Olveston
£25	439	Mr D Skinner, Tockington
£25	173	Mrs B Morgan, Tockington
£20	244	Mrs C K Hickman, Olveston
£20	209	Mrs C E Black, Thornbury
£20	544	Mrs T Fear, Tockington
£10	162	Mrs P A Kemp, Stoke Lodge
£10	482	Mrs N Turner, Olveston
£10	254	Mrs S Roos, Olveston
£10	202	Mrs E Jackson, Olveston
£10	201	Mrs E Jackson, Olveston
£10	160	Mr J H Chick, Olveston

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

# Lucy Shrimpton

*Profile by Pat Thirkettle*



Lucy had a happy childhood, the first half of which was spent in Stourbridge in the West Midlands. Her parents split up when she was very young; happily she saw her father regularly, but the guiding influence in her life is her mother. In the 1970s being a single mother was more unusual, but finding herself with two young daughters and no academic qualifications, Lucy's mother took A levels, went to university and trained as a teacher in a short space of time. She was a brilliant role model and very empowering for her children, showing what could be achieved in the male

dominated environment of the time.

When Lucy was seven her mother married again and a few years later they moved near Swansea in South Wales for her stepfather's job. This was a big leap for them all, leaving grandparents and settling into new schools. Lucy was the only English girl in her class, but she pleased her mother by coming top in Welsh language exams! However the family soon came to love the area, with lots of caravanning on the Gower until they all moved to Bristol in the late 1980s. By now Lucy's sister was at University and Lucy started sixth form at Wellsway School in Keynsham. This was an easier change and she still has many close friends from those days. She took A level French, German and English and went to Manchester University to read French; a four year course including a year in Bordeaux as a language assistant in a secondary school – a wonderful experience.

Her first job was with the French Tourist Board based in Bristol but involving much travel to Normandy. She loved it and stayed six years during which time she met her husband Phil. She moved to a PR company in London organising events in France and the U.S, but craving the countryside she only stayed one year in the Big Smoke. She and Phil married in 2000 in Compton Dando and bought Salem Cottage in Church Hill, Olveston, where their children Millie and George were born. When Salem became too small they moved next door but one into Holly Cottage where Anna was born. Around this time and rather surprisingly Lucy's father gave her a half-brother – who is the same age as George!

Working around the children for several years, Lucy taught French at school clubs, worked for three years supporting a visually impaired pupil at Red Maids' School and was a reading mentor in local schools. After stopping work

temporarily to concentrate on the children and the house move to Tockington in 2014, Lucy then worked for the Out of School Clubs, the school childcare provider.

Now is the right time to start working for herself, in translating and writing for the tourism sector. Her first projects have included sub-editing a France holiday magazine and writing content for a language holidays website. Lucy also writes her own Francophile blog. It is early days, but doors are starting to open. Unsurprisingly with her background, Lucy is now Co-chair of the Olveston Parish Twinning Association (OPTA.) The family had a great time on the last exchange and also enjoy the OPTA social events such as the quiz and 'Fest Noz' soiree. They are certainly in for the long haul!

## Olveston and Tockington

### Tennis Club

Race Night Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm  
Olveston Parish Hall



OTTC would like to invite you to a fun race night to raise funds for their exciting new club house.

£5 per head including meal - pay on the door.

The new club house will be a fabulous addition to the community and will hopefully encourage new members who are always welcome.

For more information on joining the club please visit [www.ottctennis.co.uk](http://www.ottctennis.co.uk) or email the Membership Secretary: [martin.dawes@live.com](mailto:martin.dawes@live.com)

## Aust Parish Council Matters

*Tim Pyper (austparishcouncil@googlemail.com)*

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April in Elberton Village Hall.

# Parish Matters



*Richard Rogers (clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

In January, Tom Witherbed and Geoff Anderson resigned from Oveston Parish Council. Both have given significant time to supporting the Oveston Parish Steering Group and its associated Subgroups of parishioners, working on issues including the Housing Needs Survey and Traffic & Parking. The Council would like to thank both of them for their hard work. **Three of the nine seats on Oveston Parish Council are now vacant** and Councillors would welcome early responses from residents interested in applying for these positions. Up to date information can be found at [www.olveston.com](http://www.olveston.com) and especially the recently refreshed and updated website. [www.olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

At the November Parish Council Meeting, the budget for 2017/18 was agreed and a precept of £50,390 was approved despite being significantly higher than the 2016/17 charge. The rise is partly prompted by the Council's own plans, replaces reduced grants and makes provision for the further services expected to be handed down from South Glos Council. In addition there is an expectation that Central Government may impose stringent caps on funding increases in future years. It is understood that many local Councils in the area are also seeking similar rises in their 2017/18 precept. Details will be presented at the **Annual Parish Assembly on May 2nd at the Parish Hall from 7:30** to which all are invited.

The Parish Council has replaced the fencing around the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tennis Court/ overflow car park. This court has also been used in the past for netball and recently 5-a-side football. The old fencing has become damaged with time, and the new fencing should be better suited for such activities. It is also hoped that the additional netting will stop footballs landing on the Parish Hall roof and the associated damage.

The Parish owns two basket ball hoops, one overhanging the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tennis Court at Tockington and the other in the middle of Vicarage Lane play area, Oveston. The forthcoming annual safety checks may advise that Health & Safety signs be added to each hoop, so the Council needs to decide whether they are being used, or whether the time has come to have them removed. The Council would welcome feedback from people interested in their preservation.

The Council would like to thank all the residents who have over recent years helped to plant daffodil bulbs, this year flowering began at the start of February and already looks good.



For comments/ views on any items above, please contact one of the Parish Councillors (contact details on [www.olvestonandaust.com](http://www.olvestonandaust.com)) or the Parish Clerk via email: [clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## Police Report

*PCSO Kelly Dimery*

There is only one reported crime for January:

*Windscreen smashed on a vehicle, Camp Road, Oldbury.*

The next Beat Surgery: March 29<sup>th</sup>:

At Easter Compton Village Hall, 9.15 – 10am

And at Olveston Stores 10:30 – 11:15am

## Olveston Arties

*Linda Chappell*

If you have children age 5 - 11 years look out for details of the next Olveston Arties event for families at the Parish Hall, run by local Mum, Charlotte. I have taken my grandson to two sessions on a weekend afternoon and both were brilliantly organised, imaginatively themed and best of all great fun.

At a cost of just £3 per family, how can you afford to miss out?

Why not give it a try? You'll love it!

## Cancer Research UK - AGM

Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee are holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 6th April at Thornbury Hospital commencing 7.30pm.

All friends and supporters are invited to attend, meet Committee Members, find out about our fund raising and how Cancer Research spends the money we raise.

Following the formalities there will be light refreshments available.

Please contact Jennie Watson on 01454 415856 if you wish to attend.

# The Great Olveston Wine Challenge

an evening of wine tasting with nibbles,  
bread and cheese, and an element of competition

a great  
selection of wines  
carefully chosen  
to please and  
surprise

7.30pm Friday 24th March 2017

Parish Hall, Tockington

Tickets £14 each or £12 for OPTA members  
phone Emma on 07812 719948

ORGANISED BY OLVESTON PARISH TWINNING ASSOCIATION



## Old Down Cricket Club

*Tony Gardener 07889 727729*

### **150 Club Winners February 2017:**

£50 Bill Finch  
£15 Simon Walker  
£5 Roger Riggs

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

14/01/17 Dave Buckley  
28/01/17 Andy Rowen

The Club is making a concerted effort to recruit more players for 2017. All age groups are welcome, but Senior Players are particularly required. Dave Gardner & Simon (Sam) Gould have volunteered to head up the campaign. If you are interested in playing cricket in 2017, or know anyone who is, please contact Dave  
email: [dave25laxton@aol.com](mailto:dave25laxton@aol.com), Mobile 07771 848898, twitter @deeg159

**Up the Down!!**

# Dancing Success

Big congratulations to Laura, Sophie and Matilda Evans, from Olveston, who all achieved a Distinction grade in their recent Modern exams at the Sharon Phillips School of Dancing.

*'We are very proud of all our students who pass their dancing exams but we have never had three sisters receive such amazing results all in one day.'*

If any boys are interested in a boys only Ballet class (school years 2-5) on Fridays 4.15-5pm in Alveston, please contact 07989652780  
sharondance13@yahoo.com



## MoMac'n'Me in Concert @ Rockhampton Village Hall

MoMac'n'Me are accomplished musicians who share a passion for traditional music and songs of Ireland, Scotland and England with one or two from other parts of the world thrown in for good measure.

Mo Turton and Mac Cullen are MoMac and with two other great musicians who form the Me part. Together they play a variety of instruments to make their unique sound. Mo is brilliant with the bodhran, an Irish drum, his voice ain't half bad either. Mac's voice is natural and effortless with a talent for remembering the words of many songs. So come along, request your favourite songs and join in the singing and have an evening of old fashioned entertainment.

**Rockhampton Village Hall 7.30pm. (Doors and bar open 7.00pm)  
Saturday 11th. March 2017**

Tickets £8 from Roger Watkins 01454 260530

# Oveston Parish Council needs you!



The role of the Parish Council is to act on behalf of residents to ensure the parish continues to be a fabulous place in which to live. Due to its number of widely used amenities the Parish of Oveston is unique in South Gloucestershire.

The Council is divided into four Committees- Recreation and Leisure, Planning, Finance and Projects. Each Committee meets once a month with a full Council Meeting on the fourth Tuesday in the month at 7.30 in the Queen Alexandra Memorial Pavilion. We aim to keep the length of meetings to a maximum of two hours.

Oveston Parish Council should have 9 members - at present we are 3 Councillors short and need to bring the number up to our full quota. We understand that this would be a further commitment in the modern world where everyone leads busy lives. However as active parishioners you will be involved in the decision making which is now being devolved to us on a more regular basis from South Gloucester Council who is in turn having to accept more responsibilities from Central Government.

We know there are many people in The Parish (Oveston, Tockington, Old Down, surrounding hamlets and the local area) who could bring additional and valuable skills to the Council – so please come and join us.

If you are interested, contact:

The Chairman John Hughes: [john.hughes@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:john.hughes@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk) ,

The Parish Clerk Richard Rogers: [clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

or any of the other Councillors – Adrian Baxter, Nick Gingell, Richard Panes, Pat Savage or Tony Williams\*

\*contact details for Councillors are available on [www.olvestonandaust.com](http://www.olvestonandaust.com)

# Soap, Cider and Sewers

Friday 17 March, United Reformed Church, Chapel St, Thornbury, 7.30pm

These are not things which, at first glance, seem to have a lot in common but if you come to this month's talk organised by Thornbury and District Museum, you will soon understand the connection in relation to Thornbury.



This talk will focus on a less well-known aspect of Thornbury's history, the town's industrial past.

There used to be numerous small businesses and trades in this busy market town, from shoeing horses to making clothes and even, until the late 16th century, a thriving woollen trade.

There were saddlers and shoemakers, beer and cider makers, many butchers, tanners, candle and soap makers - and some surprises as well. Some of the industries were smelly, noisy or dangerous – not a fragrant part of the town's history! The museum has photos, documents or objects relating to many of them.

In the 19th and early 20th century, Thornbury also had a saw mill and a brickworks. As for the sewers, mains drainage came relatively late to Thornbury - and how the townsfolk coped before that is an interesting story. The advent of gas and electricity was also eventful.

The talk will highlight a number of interesting characters who played an influential part in Thornbury's industrial past.

**Tickets: £5** (includes tea/coffee & biscuits in the interval).

Tickets should be booked in advance by phoning, emailing or visiting the museum in Chapel Street (open Tues- Fri 1-4pm, Sat 10am – 4pm).

Tel. 857774

email: [enquiries@thornburymuseum.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thornburymuseum.co.uk)

[www.thornburymuseum.org.uk](http://www.thornburymuseum.org.uk)

# March Puzzle

Jan Winter

**Crossnumber** – all the answers are whole numbers and none begins with a zero. The double lines show borders between numbers – so A down is three digits and D across is two digits for example.

A	B	C	
D		E	F
G	H	J	
K			

## Across clues

- B a multiple of 320
- D square root of 121
- E 4 more than C down
- G one ninth of A down
- J one less than J down
- K twice F down

## Down clues

- A 9 times G across
- B a multiple of 7
- C a prime number
- F B down plus C down
- H same as D across
- J one less than C down

# Answer to February puzzle

If you had been able to fold the paper 50 times the pile would have been  $2^{50} \times 1/10\text{mm}$  which (to mix units!) is more than 70 million miles or more than  $2/3$  of the distance from the earth to the sun.

In fact, however big your piece of paper it is impossible to fold it more than six or, at the very most, seven times.

# THORNBURY AND DISTRICT U3A

Have you recently retired or reduced your commitments leading up to retirement? Are you new to the area and looking to make new friends?

Thornbury U3A (University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age) promotes keeping us mentally and physically engaged and active in an enjoyable and friendly atmosphere. 'Learn, Laugh and Live' is the U3A motto and aims to provide opportunities for members to do so without having to travel too far or enrol on expensive courses. We already have over 1,700 members and around 80 different groups meeting at various venues throughout the area but there is always room for more!

The groups mainly meet during the day and range from Archaeology to Walking; some meet weekly, other less often and they include physical activities, crafts, board and card games, organised visits to gardens, concerts and theatre as well as purely 'educational' topics.

Our next Welcome Meeting will be held on Monday 6 March 2017 at 3.30p.m. in St Mary's Church Hall. Please come along; we would love to meet you.

For further information visit our website [www.thornburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.thornburyu3a.org.uk) or for membership enquiries [membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk)

Alternatively phone our Membership Secretary, Rosie Bailey, on 01454 419977 or Chairman, Alison Makepeace, on 01454 415019.

## Severn Vale Art Trail



Please put the following dates in your diaries – more information will follow nearer the time:

- The trail begins on Friday April 28th and finishes on Sunday May 7th.
- The free Exhibition in the Town Hall begins during the trail from Friday 5th to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 4pm in festival week.

Nicola's Duck Quack!

Nicola Latham

# Movies at St Mary's: March *Trevor Anderson*



After a long and possibly tedious day, nothing beats getting together with others to watch a film in a warm and friendly environment. But modern multiplex cinemas are so impersonal - and what's more, their expensive tickets and pricey popcorn do nothing to compensate. *So where to go?*

*Answer:* Come to **St Mary's in Olveston!** For well over six years now, we've been showing films on the first and third Monday evenings of each month for the 'grown-ups' and on Monday mornings during school holidays for 'children of all ages'. Here's our March programme.

Everyone is welcome to all the films and there is no need to book. Admission is FREE, but a little donation at the end is always valued.

## MONDAY MOVIES *(Recent releases and ever-popular classics)*

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Mar at 7.30pm:** At the age of 21, Tim is told an incredible secret by his father: all the men in his family have the ability to relive their past. He can revisit any moment in his life to try things differently until he gets them perfectly right. He decides to use his special new gift to win the heart of the beautiful Mary, but finds that the course of true love can be hilariously difficult – even with the ability to try, try and try again. (2013, Cert12)

## MONDAY MOVIES EXTRA *(Non-mainstream films and historic classics)*

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Mar at 7.30pm:** This hand drawn animated film, based on the award winning graphic novel by Raymond Briggs, is an intimate and affectionate depiction of the life and times of his parents, two ordinary Londoners living through extraordinary events. Beginning at their first meeting in 1928, events that fill their days include the Great Depression, World War II, the invention of the television and the birth of their son. This entertaining and heart-warming story features the voices of Jim Broadbent, Brenda Blethyn, Pam Ferris and Virginia McKenna. (2016, Cert PG)

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



We make no charge for entry, but we do value and appreciate a small **donation** at the end towards expenses if you have enjoyed the evening.

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](mailto:trevoranderson@btinternet.com).



# Beds

Jenny Murray Band will be telling us what she finds so intriguing about beds when she comes to the March meeting!



Her beautifully illustrated talk is on

## **The Cultural Significance of the Bed in Early Modern Europe.**

Jenny worked with the Royal Collection tapestries and was awarded the MVO (a personal award by Her Majesty the Queen) in 1987 for her work in and after the Hampton Court fire.

Asked to explain what fascinates her about beds, she says:

*“Having worked at Hampton Court Palace for over 25 years as Head of the Textile Conservation Lab and Studios, looking after the unique collection of tapestries and state beds there, I had become extremely interested in the social role of the pieces I conserved. This led to a curiosity about why the bed had become such an important social symbol. Hampton Court was at that time considering an exhibition of its extraordinary state beds and, as I was then doing a Masters degree, I decided to use the subject for my research.*

*However, the more I peered into the background of the bed - this familiar symbol of comfort! - the more strange, paradoxical - and even threatening - it became. I developed a great fascination with the subject and consequently decided to put it into a lecture format. This is the result - which I hope will give the audience a whole new perception of this otherwise benign topic!”*

Jenny is still based near Hampton Court Palace – but is happy to travel to Olveston to talk to us. Her other great love these days is Bee-keeping – but Beds is her subject for this meeting!

The illustration shows the Great Bed of Ware, 1590-1600, now in the V & A Museum in London. [Image credit: CC BY-SA 3.0 <http://images.vam.ac.uk>]

**Wednesday, 1 March 2017, 7.30pm, Olveston Methodist Church, The Street, Olveston BS35 4DR**

Open to all - everyone welcome. £2 on the door.

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



Northavon Youth Theatre Company

# HAIRSPRAY

Do you remember those heady days of short skirts, black eyeliner, natty suits, brylcreemed hair, backcombing and an all pervading aroma of hairspray, plus the arrival of pop shows on TV, or would you like to know more? Well, the Students of the Northavon School of Drama, performing as the Northavon Youth Theatre Company, invite you to join them on a nostalgic trip back to the 1960s with their stunning production of the iconic musical: *HAIRSPRAY!*

It's 1962 and the local TV station has launched a popular dance show, but to one young lady: Tracy Turnblad, daughter of a joke shop owner and stay at home agoraphobic Mum & laundress, it appears they are definitely biased against those of a different colour and size! Tracy believes in equality in all areas, but is desperate to dance on the Corny Collins Show, so along with her zany friend Penny, she embarks on a crusade to overcome these prejudices and bring about integration and better understanding. Along the way she meets some good friends, such as a friendly black family headed by Motormouth Maybelle, singer on the show and record shop owner, with her children Seaweed and Little Inez, plus a 3-girl group called the Dynamites and all their friends; while constantly being thwarted by the Producer of the show: Velma Von Tussle and her acid-tongued daughter Amber, who happens to be the girlfriend of heartthrob Link Larkin ~ also the object of Tracy's affections! Tracy's enthusiasm lands a lot of people in jail, but are people from both sides of the argument beginning to understand her pleas and might acceptance be imminent . . .?

Join this award winning group with numerous theatrical trophies, plus almost 50 superb youth productions to their credit, for a brilliant Easter entertainment with stunning effects, magical sets & hundreds of colourful costumes ~ a visual feast! **12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April, Armstrong Hall.** Just ring Box Office No: 07980543691, send a postal booking with SAE to BONDS of Thornbury, 14 The Plain, Thornbury, BS35 2BD, *email: bookings@nytc.org.uk*, or call into Wildings, in Thornbury High Street from 28 March on Tues, Thurs, Fri & Saturday. 10+ gets you 10% discount, with Family Tickets available for Sat Matinée!



or visit [www.nytc.org.uk](http://www.nytc.org.uk) for more details!

# Cornucopia in Concert at the Armstrong Hall

*Four horns with a massive range producing a richness and breadth of sound.*

Cornucopia is a horn quartet of professional players founded in 1995, which for this special concert is collaborating with well-known local flautist Nicki Woodward (Barnes), experienced baritone Niall Hoskin and classical pianist Steven Hollas.

They will present a varied and eclectic programme which tracks through time from Mozart's 'Ave Verum Corpus' and Haydn transcriptions of vocal quartets. In contrast we will hear an interesting rarity, a work written by Mozart's son for flute and two horns. Also included in the concert are a beautiful 19th century piece almost a mini concerto, 'Bird of the Forest' for solo flute and four horns by the Austrian Franz Doppler and a Schubert song with horn obligato, 'Auf dem Strom'. Niall Hoskin will perform a piece for solo voice 'Heynonnynonny Smallprint', a piece which defies description but is highly entertaining. The concert will conclude with Gordon Carr's poignant 'Chinese Songs' for baritone, flute and four horns.

The four horn players, Stephen Macallister, Paul Sawbridge, Alistair Smith and Allen Cheshire have illustrious musical careers and will play instruments covering a three and a half octave range perfectly balanced in tone using baroque horns, the natural horn and various types of valved instruments. Niall Hoskin, our baritone, has a varied career from classical recitals and oratorio to Roald Dahl family shows and his popular programme addressing Fairtrade issues. Pianist, Steven Hollas read music and history of art at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, teaches the piano at St. Laurence School, Bradford on Avon and plays continuo harpsichord and organ for Baroque groups and accompanies several choirs in the Bath area. Nicola Woodward studied at the Royal College of Music where she won Exhibition scholarships on both flute and piano. She has won many prizes and performed in many prestigious venues with world class orchestras. She has an interest in folk music which led to a tour in South America for the British Council. She plays folk flutes and whistles and sings and writes folk music. More recently she set up and is Artistic Director of the Rockhampton Folk Festival. Thornbury audiences may have seen her in performance last year with the folk band 'Fife and Strum'.

This prestigious concert on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm** is part of a series of concerts raising funds for the Armstrong Hall Development Project (Phase 1). Tickets: £12 each (concessions under 16 years and over 65 years) from Thornbury Town Hall or phone 01454 412272.



More and more people are buying electric cars. Will your next car or bike be an electric one? Are they worth the money? How far can you go on one charge?

Come and find out by talking to local owners of different makes of electric cars on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April in St Mary's Centre**. Sustainable Thornbury is offering you the chance to look at some local cars and bikes and ask questions of owners without any sales pitches! Find out what the performance is like winter and summer. Will you be able to find charging points? What do they look like under the bonnet? Will the bike go without pedalling? Is there enough room for you and your family? Cars, bikes and owners will be available from 10am to 12 noon. Find out from the REAL experts!

## Rogue Traders in South Glos - Let Trading Standards Know

South Gloucestershire Trading Standards would like to reiterate the warning given recently to residents to be extra vigilant when dealing with unexpected callers at the front door.

Officers are aware that rogue traders are currently operating in the area and are offering to buy gold or jewellery or carry out, amongst other things, paving, roofing and gardening work. Reports suggest they are currently operating in Yate and Frampton Cotterell areas.

South Gloucestershire Council Trading Standards advise residents;

- Do not deal with unexpected visitors at your door if you do not know who they are or what their history may be.
- Do not allow any unknown and unexpected visitor into your home. If possible, try to deal with them through a window or use a door chain.
- Ensure your front and back doors are closed and locked if your attention is elsewhere.
- If you are unhappy or feel intimidated by the visitor – shut the door and call the police.

If you think you or someone you know may have been targeted by scammers or rogue traders, please contact senior Trading Standards enforcement officer Neil Derrick on *01454 864565* or *07801 200104* as soon as possible.

**Remember; Not Sure, Don't Open The Door.**

For advice on this and other consumer matters, please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on *03454 04 05 06*, Monday to Friday between 9am-5pm.

# Thornbury Library

## Special World Book Day - Rhymetime and Storytime

We'll be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> annual World Book Day at Rhymetime on Friday 3 March 11.15am -11.45am and at Storytime on Monday 6 March 2.15pm - 2.45pm, especially for youngest book lovers, aged 0-4 years. All welcome! Nappy changing facility available. Breast-feeding welcome.

Find out more about #WorldBookDay20 at [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

## Craft & Chat Drop-In

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2pm-4pm

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and all people who love to make things... 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.

## Free Computer Support

Drop-in without an appointment on Monday mornings 10-12 to see Mike, our computer volunteer. Mike can help with quick enquiries. Bring your device and charger with you.

If you need more intensive support, book in to see computer volunteer Chris. Chris is available on Tuesday mornings at 9.30, 10.30 or 11.30. Sessions with Chris must be booked in advance – enquire in person at Thornbury Library or email [thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk)

We have free WiFi - bring your portable device with you to make the most of the session. Our computer volunteers only offer support in the library and not in customers' homes.

## Looking for opening times, service information or contact details?

See our website [www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries)

# Yours Faithfully

*Revd Helen Webb*

March – the month that sits between the dark gloomy winter days of February and the sometimes rainy but often promise-of-spring days of April. And the month that is always associated with Lent – that season of ‘giving up something’. For many we have only just finished our ‘Dry January’ (no alcohol) or our ‘Veganuary’ (no meat or dairy) challenge and it’s tough to be faced with another ‘giving something up’ challenge.

So – here’s the good news! Why not do something extra for Lent instead? You don’t have to give up chocolate, a particular TV programme, social media or other indulgences for Lent – take on something instead!

Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days) when we prepare for the sadness of Jesus’ death and the celebration of His resurrection, God’s victory over wrong doing and death! The thinking is that the better the preparation the more effective the celebration will be. The purpose of Lent is to separate people from what they do wrong, from selfishness etc through a time of self-denial and prayer, and create in them the desire to be closer to God and to want to serve Him.

So – rather than giving something up which very often means you think about it more, do something extra. It could be as simple as resolving to write a note/send a text of encouragement or thanks to someone each day, saying something positive to someone you might not otherwise speak to, lightening someone’s load by doing something for them or any number of kind and thoughtful gestures which will brighten someone’s day.

If that’s too difficult how about a ‘gratitude’ jar? We have so many things to be thankful for and yet we take a lot for granted. Find a clean jam jar and put it somewhere you will see it every day such as on a windowsill or kitchen table and cut some coloured paper into strips. Each day write one thing you are thankful for on a strip of paper and add it to the jar. By the end of Lent you will have a jar crammed full of thanks. You won’t have given anything up and yet when you look at the jar your heart and mind will, hopefully, be more prepared for celebration!

Of course – if you’re bit of a traditionalist and Lent ‘wouldn’t feel right’ if you didn’t give something up then think about what you’re going to do to make your sacrifice a positive thing. So if you’re going to give up chocolate whose day could you brighten by giving them a chocolate bar? If you’re giving up your favourite TV soap what are you going to do with that extra time? If you’re giving up alcohol could you collect the money you save and donate it to a good cause?

As we all prepare for that celebration of Easter, the promise of joy, of new life – let’s make Lent a positive time!

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Mar 1	9am	Holy Communion with Ashing	Rev Philip Rowe
Mar 5	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Mr Trevor Cook
Mar 12	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev David Bone
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mrs J McBride & Bishop Lee
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
Mar 19	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Helen Webb
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev Philip Rowe
	3.45	Back to Front	Paul Harrod
	6pm	Evensong	Mr Trevor Cook
Mar26	8am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev Ann Lloyd
	10am	Family Parade Service	Paul Harrod
	6pm	No Service	

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

**Rev Philip Rowe**, 01454 613223; email: [office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk)

**Verger:** Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

[www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html](http://www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html)

**PRAYER GROUP:** Mondays, 2.45pm in the Chancel

**WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION:** At 9.00am, except 4<sup>th</sup> Wed when it is at Olveston Methodist Church

**Weekday Morning Prayer** 8.30am daily ex. Wed

## CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Mar 12	5.30	Holy Communion	Rev. Ann Parker
Mar26	5.30	Evening Service	Rev. Ann Parker

**Focal Minister:** Rev Ann Parker, 01454 632329

e-mail [annatdibley@btinternet.com](mailto:annatdibley@btinternet.com)

**Church Wardens:** Jon Burnett 633835 & Jenn Dickens 632035

## ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Mar 5	9am	Matins	Mrs Tracey Black
Mar 19	9am	Holy Communion	TBA

**Contact** Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Mar 12	9am	Matins	Sandra Edgerton
Mar26	9am	Holy Communion	TBA

Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Mar 5	10am	Tock. Ch..	Church Anniversary Service led by Rev John Emmett
Mar 12	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Adam Briddlestone
Mar 19	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
Mar26	10am	St Mary's	Mothering Sunday Service

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Mar  
To book your lunch please ring 416528

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP** meets at 12.15pm at the Swan on Thurs  
16<sup>th</sup> March. To book please ring 613241

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

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

**HOUSE GROUP** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am at 6 Manor Close led by Rev  
Sandy Williams

**THE OLVESTON COMPUTER CLINIC** Olveston Methodist Hall

Monday 2-4pm Wednesday 10-12 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, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer & conversational Bible studies incorporating Communion, on Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm We also visit other Churches and events so please check our Notice Board or contact .

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

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



## THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Mar 5	6.30pm	Courtney Harris
Mar 12	6.30pm	Ian Thornley
Mar 19	6.30pm	Peter Belcher
Mar26	6.30pm	Neil Mobbs

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

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

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

## AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am

For more details contact Ann Roberts 632564.

e-mail [ann.roberts@bylanes.co.uk](mailto:ann.roberts@bylanes.co.uk)

## LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

## RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -

Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass

Monday-Friday Daily Mass at 10am

Tel 01454 412223 [www.ctlk-thornbury.org.uk](http://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: 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 March 2017

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Computer Clinic every week Holy Communion at Daldry Gardens Table Tennis O.P.H.S.	10.00-12.00 2.30pm 7.00-8.30pm 7.30pm	MH DGCL PH OMC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop	9.00-1pm 9.00-12.00	OS†
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	Women's World Day of Prayer Thornbury Carers Support Group Computer Clinic every week Swimarathon - & Sat & Sun St Peter's Hospice Quiz	10am 1.00-3.00pm 7.00-9.00 7.15	TCh Chy MH AH
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning The Importance of Being Earnest	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH CH
6 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Computer Clinic every week Monday Movie	2.00-4.00 7.30pm	MH StM
7 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee Morning Royal British Legion Womens Section Mtg	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	DGCL DGCL
8 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	MH
9 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop S. Glos Ladies Lunch Club	9.00-12.00 12.15	OS† OSH
11 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Quiz Night - Shepherd's Pie Quiz Mo Mac'n Me at Rockhampton Village Hall OTTC Race Night	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	AVH MH StM PH
14 <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
15 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Table Tennis Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	7.00-8.30pm 8.30pm	PH
16 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop	9.00-1pm 9.00-12.00	OS†
18 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Auction of Promises for 'Springs of Hope'	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH StM

20 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Monday Movie Extra	7.30pm	StM
21 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens	10.30-12.00	DGCL
22 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	PH
23 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Parish Hall AGM	9.00-12.00 7.30pm	OS+ PH
24 <sup>th</sup> Fri	OPTA Wine Challenge at Parish Hall	7.30pm	
25 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
26 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Mothering Sunday Summer Time starts Aust Quiz Night at Boar's Head	7.30pm	
28 <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
29 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Beat Surgery Table Tennis	10.30-11.15 7-8.30pm	OS+ PH
30 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop	9.00-12.00	OS+

## Looking ahead to April

1 <sup>st</sup>	Memorial Service for Roly at Southwark		
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**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 StMTSt Mary's Thorn TCh Tock Chapel; TBCh - Thornbury Baptist Church; TMH – Thorn. Methodist Hall; ; WR – Wesley Rooms. 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](http://www.olvestonandaust.com). If you would like to update your organisation's details, please email: [meetingpointsecretary@olvestonandaust.com](mailto:meetingpointsecretary@olvestonandaust.com)

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