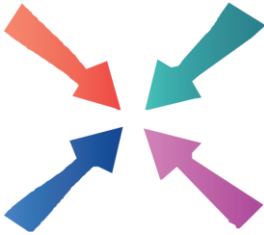


# Meeting Point



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Readers of Meeting Point have probably noticed that we get a new Editor every two years. However this has not been the case for the person who deals with all the advertisements that appear in the magazine. Nigel Dawes has been responsible for the advertisements in Meeting Point for well over thirty years and he feels that it is time he handed the role on to somebody else\*. Could you be that 'somebody'? More on this inside the magazine.....

This month we have stories about three local people: a new Parish Councillor, a recently retired familiar face from the Post Office in Olveston Stores and somebody who has recently made a rather special visit to Windsor Castle. We also have our regular updates from A Forgotten Landscape and Making Space for Wildlife – both of these projects are making huge efforts to improve our local environment.

*Marelin*

\* We certainly don't expect anything like this length of service from his successor!

This month's cover is by Lisa Helyar

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# News from St Mary's

Debbie Harries

## Rogation Sunday

On the 6<sup>th</sup> May at 10am there will be a Rogation walk from St Mary's to Tockington Methodist Church, where a short service will be held. Do come and join us.

## Toilet Twinning Soup Lunch

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 12 - 2pm at St Mary's. We are raising money to twin our two toilets with two in a developing country and to twin Olveston School's toilets with another school there as well. This is a very practical scheme providing toilets for families and schools that don't have any and teaching them about the importance of hygiene and good sanitation. If you would prefer, you can twin your own toilet. See [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org) for more information.



## Thy Kingdom Come

May 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. Between Ascension Day and Pentecost, Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, is calling on Christians around the world to pray as one for people to know Jesus. To encourage people to do this, St Mary's is to have a prayer trail based on the Lord's Prayer available and anyone is very welcome to drop in and use it. There will also be a 12 hour day of prayer this week, day to be finalised, so look out for when the date is announced!

## Pentecost

There will only be one service on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am which will be followed by a finger buffet to celebrate the birthday of the church. All welcome!

## Royal Wedding

On May 19<sup>th</sup> we are celebrating the Royal Wedding! Come and watch it on the big screen in church. You can join in with the service and hymns, followed by fizz and wedding cake! Doors open at 11am. No charge for admission of course!

## Thornbury Arts Trail

Once again we are playing host to the Severn Vale Arts Trail between May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> with local artists using the church as a venue. Do come and see their work and pick up a brochure with more details about the Trail.

# June meets the Queen

Pat Thirkettle

On March 29<sup>th</sup> June Robbins, Verger at St Mary's, Olveston, went to Windsor Castle to receive Maundy Money. The Royal Maundy is an ancient custom commemorating the day before His crucifixion when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and commanded them to 'Love one another...'. On Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday, the British monarch ceremonially distributes small silver coins (this year totalling 92 pence, one for each year of the Queen's life) to elderly recipients (92 men and 92 women). The coins are

legal tender but do not circulate because of the silver content and the numismatic value.

June spent Wednesday night in a Windsor hotel with her nephew, his wife and their daughter Amy who would accompany June to the service. They were met at the Windsor Castle entrance by buses which took them to St George's Chapel in the Castle grounds for the 11 o'clock service.

June was given a badge with her name and seat number in a side aisle, with Amy sitting behind her. In the middle of the service the Queen presented her with two small leather pouches, a red one with the silver coins and a white one with a crown coin, worth £5, inscribed 'Four generations of the Royal Family' and the initials E,C,W and G in the centre and a 50p piece inscribed 'Representation of the People Act'.



June said the Queen was wearing blue with a lovely hat, and she smiled at June as she handed her the purses. She also said the Queen is very short and thinks that she is taller!

After the service all the recipients and their guests were taken up to the Castle and into the State Apartments where they were served with sandwiches, cakes, white wine and fruit juice. At 2 o'clock they left and her nephew and his wife were waiting for them outside; they had had tickets admitting them to the Castle grounds to see the Queen drive to and from the Chapel.

In June's words: *'It was a day to remember'*.

# The Future of the Armstrong Hall

On 26<sup>th</sup> March, Thornbury Town Council issued a press release with the decision on the future of the Armstrong Hall, which is to pursue a new-build of the Armstrong Hall on the existing site. Cllr Clive Parkinson, Chair of the Armstrong Hall redevelopment group said,

*'On balance the Armstrong Hall Trust believes that at this time the new build option is the preferred route to take forward. This is also the clear preferred option of the Thornbury public in their response to the consultation'.*

Copies of the Consultation Report are available from the Town Hall or from [www.thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Cream Teas on a cold Easter Monday. You helped us raise £435.00 for Alzheimer's Research UK.

Please note we will not be serving Cream Teas on May Day, 7th May. The next Cream Tea will be on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday 28th May.

We are all not as young as we were so if anyone can give us some help on the day, it would be much appreciated. Please ring Judy Draper on 01454 776216 if you would like to help.

## From the Registers of St Marys, Olveston

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 16 <sup>th</sup> March | A Service to Remember Dr Margaret Alison Lush.                                                                |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March | Funeral Service followed by burial at St. John the Evangelist, Elberton of Capt. Peter James Grindal CBE. RN. |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March | A Service of Thanksgiving for Grantley John Browning.                                                         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> April  | Baptism of Timothy Robert Auburn                                                                              |

## From the Registers of Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church, Olveston Church

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| 12th April | Funeral Service for Eluned Jones. |
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# Oveston and Tockington Methodist Church

A trip to Portsmouth has been arranged for the 5th June led by Mr Jack Vokes. We will travel along a scenic route to Portsmouth via Bath, Warminster, Salisbury, with a coffee stop at Wilton, and the New Forest.

The Cost will be £15.50 for the Coach and Driver's gratuity. Meals and coffee are not included.

Whilst in Portsmouth, travellers may wish to visit other attractions:-

- The Gun Warth Quay and Shops, by the Waters Edge with the extra option of going up the Spinnaker Tower with amazing views of the Solent, Isle of Wight and the Shipyard. Cost £9.50
- A tour of Nelson's ship HMS Victory. Cost £16.20
- Henry VIII's ship The Mary Rose. Cost £16.20

If you would like to join us please ring Trevor Watkins on 01454 416528.

## Oveston Parish Hall

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Parish Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The newly elected officers are:

Chairman - Phil Savage

Treasurer - Richard Newley

Secretary - Mark Bunyan

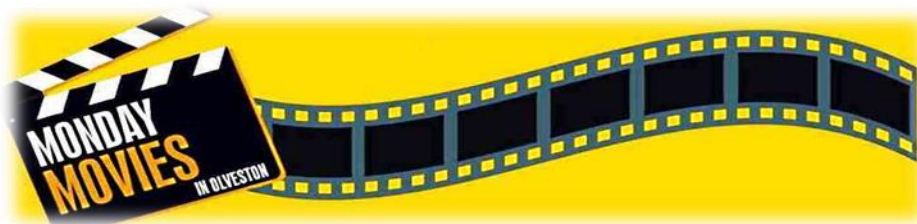
If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact *Phil Savage*: 01454 616370.

## Afternoon High Tea

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group would be delighted to welcome you to Afternoon High Tea on Thursday 31st May at Methodist Church Hall in Thornbury at 2.30pm.

The guest speaker will be Mr John Riddiford, 'Emergency Services Grocer'. Tickets are priced at £10.00 (to include a full home made high tea) and are available from Thornbury Town Hall from 1st May or pay on the door.

Please support St Peter's – your local Hospice.



## MAY PROGRAMME

Trevor Anderson

**MONDAY MOVIES** (7.30pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Mondays of each month)

**Mon 7 May:** The incredible true story of three brilliant African-American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn; a stunning achievement that turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world. (2016, 2h 1m, Cert 12)

**Mon 21 May:** He is the quintessential angry old man next door. With strict principles and a short fuse, he spends his days enforcing housing association rules that only he cares about. When a boisterous young family accidentally flatten his mailbox, they earn his special brand of ire. Yet from this inauspicious beginning an unlikely friendship forms and we come to understand his past happiness and heartbreaks. In this lovely charmer of a film, we are gently reminded that life can be sweeter when it's shared. *Swedish with English subtitles.* (2016, 1h 56m, Cert 15)

**CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB** (10.00am most Mondays in the school hols)

Would you like to join our CMC team? We urgently need more adults to keep the Club going.

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** towards church running costs if you have enjoyed the show.

For copyright reasons we can't name the films here, but if you join the Movie Club we'll send you titles and full details by email. It costs nothing to join – just email me at [trevoranderson@btinternet.com](mailto:trevoranderson@btinternet.com)

# Making Space for Wildlife

*Emma Williams*

## **National Hedgehog Week 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Did you know that the Hedgehog is the most popular wild animal in the UK but is in worrying decline? One third of the hedgehog population has been lost in the last 10 years with the rural population declining more rapidly than in urban areas. Changes in agriculture have resulted in loss of habitats and food sources plus increased numbers are killed on our roads and by predators such as badgers. Our gardens are also becoming less hedgehog-friendly.

Hedgehogs are solitary, nocturnal animals that walk around 1-2km each night and that's a lot of gardens to get around. They hibernate between November to March and tend to live along woodland edges, hedgerows and gardens.....Our Parish sounds perfect!!

## **So Why Help?**

Hedgehogs are vital for our ecosystem. They eat beetles, caterpillars and slugs amongst other things and so they are a gardener's friend. Mostly we love them and want to continue to see them around. So, what can you do to give them a chance?

- Make your garden Hedgehog friendly by creating wild areas, don't be too tidy and leave behind dead wood and leaf piles. These act as both hibernation areas and increase food sources.
- Ensure ponds are covered or have slipways to allow hedgehogs to escape if they fall in.
- Refrain from using slug pellets and remove any dead slugs or snails as hedgehogs are also poisoned when they eat poisoned slugs.
- Provide feeding stations. Hedgehogs like meaty cat or dog food or you can buy specific hedgehog food. Remember to leave out fresh water but never cow's milk.
- Build a Hedgehog House for safe hibernation. Place it in a quiet spot, hidden by plants. (see link below)
- Drive more carefully and stop if safe to let a Hedgehog cross the road! Our local roads are dark, making it harder to spot them on the road.
- Create a Hedgehog Highway by cutting a 13x13cm hole in your fence (see link below). You can even map these Highways on 'The Big Hedgehog Map'. <http://bighedgehogmap.org/>
- You can also record any sightings of alive or dead hedgehogs on the 'Big Hedgehog Map'.....Let's see how well we can link up our Parish!!



**Want to know more?** Here are some suggested websites:

[www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org).

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

[www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-hedgehogs/link-your-garden/](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-hedgehogs/link-your-garden/)

[www.hedgehogstreet.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/data/HEDGEHOGHOME\\_2014.pdf](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/data/HEDGEHOGHOME_2014.pdf)



## Blue Heart? What's that about?

***It's about re-wilding Britain, garden by garden, park by park and verge by verge.***

The BLUE campaign is a community nature conservation project started in Chipping Sodbury that is now a national campaign. It fits perfectly with Olveston Parish's own Making Space for Wildlife project.

The aim is to bring back more wildlife to our cities, towns and villages. It costs us nothing and asks us to do less, not more.....

This is how it works. Anyone who maintains a green space is encouraged to give back a piece to nature, by leaving about 10% of their lawn uncut during summer, letting native plant species grow through. The native species – often 'weeds' – that grow are the food plants for a variety of caterpillar and insect species. The more caterpillars that can return means the more moths and butterflies that will emerge, in turn providing a vital source of food for small birds and animals.

If you would like to take part this summer, place a Blue Heart made out of recycled materials into the ground on a stake, and just sit back and let the grass and wild Britain grow. And if you see a blue heart amongst some long grass this summer, you'll know it's not because someone forgot to mow their lawn!

More information on <http://bluecampaignhub.com/>.

## The Times they are a Changin'\*

In a change to our usual timing, the Olveston School and Church Summer Fayre will be held on Friday 29th June 3.30 - 5.30pm. The Olveston School Proms will follow at 5:30pm. More details of the new format for the Fayre will be provided in June's Meeting Point.

\* Bob Dylan

# Alveston Gardens Association

**Plant and Cake Sale:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 – 11.30am Alveston Methodist Church Hall.

**'Tulip Mania':** A Presentation by Alan Wells. Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall.

All welcome – Visitors (£3) Full programme on [www.alveston.org](http://www.alveston.org)

## Alveston Singers Spring Concert

Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> The Cossham Hall, Thornbury 7.30pm

Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> Alveston Methodist Church 7.30pm

Join the Alveston Singers for a light-hearted evening of 'Songs from the Shows' including songs by Arthur Sullivan, Irving Berlin, Henry Mancini, Cole Porter, Andrew Lloyd-Webber, and Kurt Weil - along with a few surprises.

The programme will also include "A Little Jazz Mass" by Bob Chilcott who has been described as one of the finest choral composers at work in Britain today. This setting of the Latin Missa Brevis has been sung across the world in concerts as well as part of church services.

Conductor: James Davies. Accompanist: Sue Phillipson-Masters

Admission free, with retiring collections for Cancer Research and The Children's Hospice South West

## Olveston and Tockington W.I.

*Vicki Townsend*

The Olveston & Tockington WI hosted a Centenary Rally in March, on behalf of the Severn Bridge Group of Women's Institutes. Members from Severn Beach and Pilning, Bradley Stoke, Almondsbury, Westbury on Trym and Easter Compton were entertained to an interesting and amusing talk by Dr. Frances Burroughes. He gave an account of several of his more unusual visits to Women's Institutes in the South West. OTWI members produced a delicious buffet table which was enjoyed by all and the evening concluded with the cutting of a Centenary celebration cake by Kim Prewett, the OTWI President.

Meetings are held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm, visitors are very welcome to attend.

# Local Footpath Walk

*Marelin Orr-Ewing*



On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April, Rod Williams led a group of local people on a walk to discover some of the footpaths around Olveston. There were about 20 of us on the walk including a youngster, five dogs and an all-terrain wheelchair. As you can see from the picture, it was a lovely sunny day.

We walked for about two hours and on several occasions people commented that they had not been on certain parts of the route before.

Rod will be leading another walk as part of the Severnside Walking Festival, which is one of the many projects from the A Forgotten Landscape project. Don't forget that you can pick up free packs of six 'Olveston Parish Walks' leaflets from

St Mary's Church Olveston and The Swan pub in Tockington.

# Thornbury Running Club

*Kevin Wood*

As the evenings get lighter you will begin to notice more people out running in the Parish, many of them will have run through the winter but not been seen! An increasing number of the runners you see in Tockington & Olveston are regulars at the local Thornbury Running Club.

The health benefits of exercise continue to be promoted in all the newspapers and running is one of the simplest ways to get fit. If you are thinking about starting to run and need help and encouragement you might want to consider the Thornbury Running Club 'Introductory Course for New Runners'. This is a 6 week course on Tuesday evenings from Thornbury Leisure centre and is suitable for all standards, aiming to get you to 5k run/walk. *Contact [beginners@thornburyrunningclub.co.uk](mailto:beginners@thornburyrunningclub.co.uk) for more information.*

If you are already an experienced runner and looking to improve, then the club provides the benefits and safety of running with others and also the opportunity for coaching. For those of you wanting to compete, the club can provide access to a whole range of events and the chance to benchmark yourself against other runners. If you would like to know more please contact *[membership@thornburyrunningclub.co.uk](mailto:membership@thornburyrunningclub.co.uk)*



# Oveston Parish Matters

*Pat Savage*  
([pat.savage@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:pat.savage@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk))

## **Annual Parish Assembly 2018**

The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. The keynote speaker will be Richard Lewis from the Great Western Air Ambulance who will be accompanied by the CEO Anna Perry. This is an ideal opportunity to hear what the Parish Council has been doing on your behalf throughout the year and to meet the Councillors.

## **Monthly Surgeries**

The monthly surgeries which are now held on the third Saturday of the month at the Methodist Hall in Oveston continue to be a success. The May surgery is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> between 10:30am and 12:00pm.

## **Parish Council Facebook**

The Council is currently renovating its Facebook page. The aim is to keep Parishioners up to date with local projects and events which may be of interest. The Council's Summons and Meeting Agenda will be posted monthly. We invite all Parishioners to like and follow our page once it is up and running. Messages will be responded to through the Facebook page. This will be in addition to the Meeting Point Articles, the Parish website and the Noticeboards.

## **Peter Grindal**

Peter asked me before he died, to say thank you on his behalf to the village, for the kindness shown to him by you all when he was ill.

Francesca, Alexander and I would also like to add our thanks for the compassion and kindness shown to us since his death. It has helped us all enormously to be 'cocooned by such warmth'.

Julie, Francesca and Alexander.

# Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in the March draw, held on 8th March 2018 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	433	Mrs J Prothero, Buckover
£75	261	Mrs A Knight, Olveston
£25	163	Mrs P A Kemp, Stoke Lodge
£25	557	Mrs S Chick, Olveston
£25	490	Mr I J Lyons, Cowhill
£20	273	Mr & Mrs J Croome, Exmouth
£20	574	Dr E Saunders, Olveston
£20	237	Dr G Hargreaves, Alveston
£10	562	Dr E Saunders, Olveston
£10	560	Mr B Amos, Olveston
£10	210	Mrs C Black, Thornbury
£10	605	Mr M Lewis, Olveston
£10	204	Mrs A Dix, Tockington

The prize winners in the April draw, held on 5th April 2018 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
£150	422	Dr D Cochrane, Olveston
£75	485	Mrs S Lyons, Ingst
£25	251	Mr & Mrs R Williams, Olveston
£25	205	Mrs G Olewicz, Borth
£25	552	Mrs B Kingscott, Almondsbury
£20	588	Mrs M Shurmer, Olveston
£20	229	Miss J Davies, Olveston
£20	289	Mrs G Davies, Abergavenny
£10	228	Miss J Davies, Olveston
£10	454	Mrs P Macleod, Olveston
£10	569	Mr P Haworth, Olveston
£10	561	Miss J Davies, Olveston
£10	332	Mr & Mrs R Garlick, 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 April 2018:**

£50 Audrey Evans  
£15 Ben Riggs  
£5 Tony Cudmore

## **Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:**

07/04/18 John Welsher

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

05/05/18 1st XI v Bath  
12/05/18 2nd XI v Abbots Leigh  
19/05/18 1st XI v Bristol West Indians Phoenix  
26/05/18 2nd XI v Oldfield Park

Up the Down!!

# Severn Vale Art Trail 2018

This year the trail begins on Friday May 4th and finishes on Sunday May 13th. Twenty one enthusiastic new artists are joining the trail and among the new recruits are painters, textile artists, basket weavers and a woodcarver.



To visit those taking part in their own homes and studios is fascinating, reminding us of the great talent that exists locally behind closed doors. Don't be shy! They will be so disappointed if you don't come!

In the Thornbury group of venues you will find some firm favourites such as textile artist, Ira Wood, wood turner, George King and painter Anne McAllister, whose picture, Padstow, is featured here on the left. Many of the Thornbury artists can be visited on a walking trail through the town – a

treasure trail indeed!

Not to be missed in the northern part of the trail in Cam, Julie West shows her work close to Christine Dack. Claire Failes exhibits again in her studio at North Nibley and Ronald Swanwick delights us all again with his beautiful paintings of birdlife. You can download a brochure by visiting [thornburyartsfestival.com](http://thornburyartsfestival.com) or pick one up from Thornbury Town Hall or one of the many outlets in surrounding towns and villages.

## A Self-Build Opportunity

The owner of a former framing business on Hortham Lane has been given planning permission for nine self-build dwellings on his land. All of the building plots will be sold to genuine self-builders, not developers, and due to a 3 year residency covenant they will not be immediately sold on or built as 'buy-to-let'. This is an opportunity for somebody to build their own home, or employ a local builder, at a cost which should be much lower than a similar property on the open market. If anybody wants to find out more about this project, please contact Mike Royal: [mike@royalfamily.co.uk](mailto:mike@royalfamily.co.uk)

## Police Report

*PCSO 9317 Kelly Dimery*

The following are the reported crimes within the Meeting Point area for the first quarter of 2018.

Vehicle broken into after being involved in an accident and items stolen from within. Moor Lane, Tockington.

Vehicle broken into and items stolen from within. Orchard Drive, Aust.

Damage caused to substation in Aust when unknown offenders attempted to gain entry.

Garage broken into and items stolen from within. Awkley Lane, Tockington.

Front driver's side window of car smashed. Orchard Rise, Olveston.

Unknown offenders gained access to a shed and stole items from within. Haw Lane, Olveston

Unknown offenders stole a wheelie bin. Awkley Lane, Tockington.

Unknown offenders took two pieces of equipment from a Yard. Elberton.

Unknown offenders have gained access to a garage and stolen items from within. Elberton Road, Olveston.

Next Beat Surgery Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> Olveston Stores 10:30 – 11:15am.

# Meeting Point needs.....

..... somebody to take over from Nigel Dawes and organise the advertisements that appear in the magazine.

Advertisements, which appear on every left-hand page, are crucial to Meeting Point because, through their fees, they ensure the viability of our free community magazine. They also are extremely useful to readers – for example, how many of us have been faced with a domestic ‘drama’ and reached for Meeting Point to find a plumber or electrician at short notice?

Meeting Point is run by a small, enthusiastic and supportive committee who would make a new member of the team very welcome. Nigel is happy to spend time with anybody considering taking on this role, which he estimates takes a few hours each month, and explain what it entails.

If you want to find out more, please contact Nigel on 01454 201558 or email him at [julie.dawes@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:julie.dawes@tiscali.co.uk)

## Update from A Forgotten Landscape

*Katie Scaife*

### **Severn Beach Sculpture Launch, Severn Beach Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Join us for the unveiling of the three new stone sculptures in Severn Beach! We will be celebrating with fire sculptures, live music, a chance to meet the makers and a wonderful procession. It's free – just come along and join in. Find out more on our website [www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk/events](http://www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk/events)

### **Sevenside Walking Festival 13<sup>th</sup> May – 17<sup>th</sup> June**

In May we are going to be launching our new walking routes! They range from 2km to 10km and are a mix of urban and country walks. We're currently improving access along the routes (for example replacing stiles with kissing gates) to make them as easy as possible to walk. Each route will be waymarked on the ground and have a leaflet with route description and map. To celebrate the new routes we are holding a walking festival from 13<sup>th</sup> May – 17<sup>th</sup> June. We will be organising lots of different walks from story walks, wildlife walks and history walks. There's something for everyone! We are still finalising all the dates but you can already book for some of the events here: [www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk/get-involved/events/)



# 'Fabulous at 50'

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm.  
Armstrong Hall, Thornbury.

In this, its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, the Thornbury Musical Theatre Group invite you to join us at the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury for our celebratory concert 'Fabulous at 50'. A marvellous medley of musical melodies, TMTG will entertain you with some of our showstoppers from concerts, pantomimes and musicals from the last 50 years.

All tickets are £10 and group discounts are also available. Bookable online now at [www.tmtg.org.uk](http://www.tmtg.org.uk). For enquiries call Angie at the Box Office on 07516 270140. Tickets will also be available at Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings at 53 High Street, Thornbury. We are once again indebted to Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings for their generous offer to run our Box Office.

## Robert Harris

*Pat Thirkettle*



Robert was born in a small village in Northamptonshire where he went to the village school and passed the 11+ exam to Wellingborough Grammar School. During his A level year, he decided that A levels weren't for him; he left and started a journey that would end in a higher management grade of the Civil Service and two post graduate degrees.

His first clerical job was with the Ministry of Defence but he was soon promoted to Executive Officer where he had three options; stay where he was, H.M Customs and Excise or an Overseas posting. He chose H.M Customs and Excise, but later he was rung up by Northern

Command to be told that he would have been posted to Cyprus for three years.....during that time Archbishop Makarios was shot with subsequent political turmoil, so Robert felt he was well out of it!

As he started at H.M Customs and Excise VAT was being introduced, and he was one of five Collection Officers that travelled round an area from North London to Northampton. It was excellent experience; it included several breweries, Wine Bond, Oil Bond, import and export reliefs and summer relief at Luton Airport.

In 1981 he was promoted to Higher Executive Officer at the VAT office in Bedford. For five years he also a partner in a Singer Sewing Machine franchise in Northampton which meant a lot of driving between Northampton and Bedford, as well as working weekends in the shop and using annual leave to attend exhibitions.

In 1988 he was promoted to Senior Executive Officer in a grade known as Surveyor. Historically this dates from the late 1200s when the King appointed Collectors to collect taxes around the coast. When the work became too much, the Collectors would appoint others to work for them surveying the area and then the Collector was called Surveyor.

In 1989 he met his wife Sue who also worked in Customs and Excise. Robert wanted to become a Regional Training and Development officer Manager. At the time three of only twenty two posts in the whole of HMC&E were vacant; he was successful in gaining the post in Bristol and came for six months probation.

During the next ten years Robert completed his own education: two level 5 NVQs and two post graduate degrees in Business Improvement/Development and Quality Management and for a while, membership of the British Psychological Society. It was during this period that he became an assessor for the European Foundation for Quality Management Awards; he once spent five days aboard a Royal Navy frigate, HMS Montrose, assessing their management ethos and processes whilst sailing from Plymouth to Casablanca. In the last five years of his working life he led a team of International Tax Fraud Investigators, which he enjoyed as he felt they really made a difference.

He retired from the Civil Service in 2000 and embarked on the full time job of being 'retired'. Both he and Sue joined the Bowls Club; Robert was Chair of the Development Team, is now Men's Captain and Bar Manager whilst Sue is Ladies Vice Captain. Their social life always revolved round Olveston; they have many friends here, Robert is the new organiser of the Summer League Skittles at the White Hart and they are members of the Twinning Association. One day Robert realised he had driven up and down Fern Hill seven times going to and from their house in Almondsbury; it was a light bulb moment so they started house hunting in Olveston and two years ago moved into The Street. This is a perfect central location with just enough garden for Sue to explore her creative planting.

For the last twenty winters they have holidayed in Goa for three weeks or so as it celebrates both their birthdays, Indian Valentine's Day and they get to see the local friends they have made. It is also warmer!

In January this year Robert joined the Olveston Parish Council, which will no doubt involve a lot more of his time.

# Smile 'til it Hurts - with Kate Dimbleby and Keith Warmington

19<sup>th</sup> May Cossham Hall, Thornbury, 7.15pm

Thornbury's Cossham Hall will host this foot tapping concert, pairing internationally acclaimed singer - songwriter Kate Dimbleby and harmonica virtuoso Keith Warmington on harmonica, guitar and vocals. The self-penned songs by both artists are a revelation.

The concert is part of a series to raise funds for the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1). Tickets to include interval nibbles are £10 from Thornbury Town Hall or by calling 01454 412272.

## Octopus presents Twelfth Night

Set against the backdrop of the 'Roaring 20s' and enriched by the music of the period, twins become shipwrecked on the island of Illyria. One female, one male, each believing the other dead. Cue cross-dressing, mistaken identities, masks and masquerades. Nobody is what they appear but nobody can escape exposure....or can they? Join us for all the fun of one of Shakespeare's most riotous and accessible comedies. Directed by the multi-talented Sarah Wiggins and with a youthful, vibrant troupe of players this is definitely one for the June diary.

Wednesday 6th June - Saturday 9th June at Christ the King Church Hall at 7.30pm

Tickets available from 6<sup>th</sup> May, Adults £7 Concessions £6

Can be obtained from Chappell and Matthews, Thornbury High St. or by calling Karen Gill on 01454 413783

## Popular Pop-Up makes Welcome Return!

In the run-up to National Volunteers' Week, Thornbury Volunteer Centre will once again be running a pop-up shop at 11 St Mary Street, next door to TSB, in the St Mary Centre. It will open at 10am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May and will continue all week until Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Its aim is to bring volunteering into the shopping centre, raise the profile of the Volunteer Centre, highlight the hundreds of local volunteering opportunities available and encourage more people to volunteer. Last year this proved to be very successful with at least

15 potential new volunteers registering and many more taking away information.

The shop will also act as a way to raise funds for the Centre, which as a small local charity is always in need of support. It will sell a wide assortment of good quality pre-owned goods from clothing to furniture, bric-a-brac to toys. We would welcome any donations, please contact Kim Webb at *mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk* to arrange delivery. Any items not sold at the end of our time will be distributed between the other Thornbury charity shops.

The shop will be open between 10am-4pm daily and also on the following four Saturdays, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June. We may also 'pop-up' at other times during those weeks so please keep a look out. Do please call in and see us, help us to raise valuable funds to support volunteering in your community and possibly even volunteer yourself.

## Tea and Cake

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!

For details, please telephone Lynn: 01454 612201, Lesley: 01454 613804 or Gail: 01454 612709

## Rosy Retires

*Pat Thirkettle*



In April, Rosy Rowlands retired from the Post Office in Olveston after twenty years of service.

Rosy was born in rural Dorset and lived there until she was twenty.

On leaving school she worked as a chairside assistant for the schools' dental service based in Bridport. After three years, she moved to work at Rolls Royce

in Filton where she remained for nine years. Initially she stayed with friends, but she soon met her husband, they married and went to live in Horfield. After a few years they moved to Westbury-on-Trym where their elder daughter was

born. In 1986 they moved to Almondsbury where their second daughter was born and Rosy became a stay-at-home mum until both girls were at school.

Rosy worked at Stepping Stones for six years and was in charge for the last four. However the advent of Ofsted changed its ethos for her and she left after the first successful Ofsted report in 1997. She immediately started working in the Post Office when it was on the corner of Vicarage Lane opposite the church. In October 2001 it moved to Olveston Stores, then run by Richard Overell, and he became Post Master. Janet Davies joined a short time later and she and Rosy worked together as a good team for twelve years during which time Jason Riggs took over as Post Master. When Janet left, Stella Caswell arrived in 2014 and Sarah Lyons in 2016.

Rosy loved the job and working in Olveston; she thinks the people are lovely and she enjoyed socialising if she had time. However the Post Office is very busy these days for a variety of reasons. Several others have closed in the area, but the growing business comes from personal banking; at least fifteen banks allow transactions via the Post Office, and a few banks allow business banking. Another growth area is online parcels, and so being a parcel collection point along with the usual postage, bill payments, car tax renewals, foreign exchange and travel insurance the future looks assured.

Rosy says that she has always wanted to meet plenty of people wherever she worked, and hoped to brighten their day with a smile or a little encouragement. There is no doubt she will be missed by all and maybe she will miss us, but the future of the Post Office is bright and in the capable hands of Stella and Sarah.

## A Puzzle for May

There is a television programme where a question is asked of 100 people and then the contestants are asked to choose the answer that the fewest of those 100 people knew. Here are five anagrams of countries in South America. Can you solve the anagrams and work out the country that the fewest of the 100 people could solve?

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# Yours Faithfully

David Bone

St. Mary's Church, Olveston

By the time you read this, the little lambs we can see at the time of writing (a somewhat damp Easter weekend) will have developed from toddlers, gambolling all over the place, to the equivalent of teenagers, feeding themselves, rapidly putting on weight, and no longer dependent on their mothers, in fact fast approaching 'coming of age'.

The first disciples also had a rapid development, from a frightened bunch meeting in secret to increasingly confident followers of a charismatic leader who could appear in their midst, and, having promised them the comfort of an advocate who could put words into their mouths; put that promise into action by breathing on them the Holy Spirit. That's how the beloved disciple, John, put it. Luke, the beloved physician, tells us how they felt emboldened by that gift of the spirit to speak up in public about their charismatic leader, Jesus, and all that he had taught and done, and this a mere fifty days after the Passover festival, on a day when the Jews held another festival, a harvest festival celebrating first fruits. We call it Pentecost (fifty days), the Jews called it Succoth, or tents – think immigrant workers gathering grapes, or grain. Christians celebrate it rather like a birthday, the coming of age, spiritually speaking, of those early disciples. Many older readers will recall how we used to celebrate it in this country; not so much a red-letter day, more of a white-letter day, with teenage girls dressed in white, and church processions in celebration of the gift of the spirit, so we called it, you've guessed it, White Sunday, or Whitsun.

Talking of celebrations, we hope that on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> we'll be celebrating the launch in St Mary's of a book written by Canon John Poarch, called *The Mountain in Galilee*, that is, the mountain where the risen Jesus said he would meet his disciples. The book recounts with wit and wisdom John's ministry, which has included time in several Bristol churches and a spell as Archdeacon of the Seychelles; for many years he was involved in the selection and training of priests in the diocese of Bristol. Since his retirement, he has helped out in several churches, including St Mary's at Almondsbury and St Mary's here in Olveston, and those who know him will wish him every success with his new book.

# Church News

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

May 6	8am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion	Revs D Moss & A Lloyd
	6pm	Evensong with Choir	Mr Paul Harrod
May 13	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Helen Webb
	10am	Morning Prayer with Choir	Mr Trevor Cook
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
May20	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Revs D Moss & D Bone
	6pm	Evensong	Mr Trevor Cook
May27	8am	Holy Communion	Rev. Ann Lloyd
	10am	Fourth Sunday	Mr Paul Harrod
	6pm	Evensong(BCP) with Choir	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

May 13	9.45	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss and Rev Ann Parker
May27	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

May6	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss
May20	9am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Tracey Black

**Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660**

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

May 13	9am	Morning Prayer	Judith Heybyrne
May27	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

**Contact Mrs Tracey Black 01454 417660**

## OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

May 6	10am	Tock. Ch.	Holy Habits Service led by Mrs Debs Brazier
May 13	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Alison Smith
May20	10am	Tock Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Pete Brazier
May27	10am	Olv. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev sandy Williams
May27	2pm	Badminton Rd. Meth. Ch.	Pentecostal Celebration

**NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP:** This meets at 12.30pm on Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> May  
To book your lunch please ring 416528

**TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 12.15

To book your lunch please phone 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** please see Church Newsletter for details

**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.

**CREAM TEAS** May 28<sup>th</sup> but NOT May 7<sup>th</sup>

**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

May 6	6.30pm	Vision of Hope
May 13	6.30pm	Mike Jenkinson
May 20	6.30pm	Phil Nutt
May 27	6.30pm	Bristol Male Voice Choir

Each Thurs at 7.30pm Prayer & Praise Time

Contacts Jenny Parfitt [jennyparfitt@gmail.com](mailto:jennyparfitt@gmail.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 May 2018

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Tea/Coffee & Biscs. 50p Monthly Raffle Annual Parish Assembly British Legion WS Bingo	10.30-12.00 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL PH DGCL
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	Computer Clinic every week C.R.U.K. Coffee Morning Beat Surgery Holy Communion followed by Tea & Cake Table Tennis every week	10.00-12.00 10.00-12.00 10.30-11.15 2.30pm 7.00-8.30pm	MH AMH OST DGCL PH
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OST MH
4 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Severn Vale Arts Trail 'til 13th Haven Memory Café Thornbury Carers Support Group Computer Clinic every week	10.15-11.45 1.00-3.00pm 7.00-9pm	URC Chy MH
5 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
6 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Forgotten Landscape Severn Beach Sculpture Launch		
7 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Computer Clinic every week Monday Movie	2.00-4pm 7.30pm	MH OST
8 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning Memory Café W.I. 'The Pearl Lady' Frances Benton Aust Parish Council Meeting	10.30-12.00 10.15-11.45 7.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL TMH PH EVH
9 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	PH
10 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OST MH
12 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Charity Plant Sale 6 Knole Close Alm..	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 From 9.30	AVH MH
15 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
16 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	8.30pm	
17 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OST MH
18 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Haven Memory Café Th. Picture House 'Ethel and Earnest'	10.15-11.45 7.30pm	URC CH

19 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning Parish Council Surgery Royal Wedding on the Big Screen	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00 TBC	MH MH StM
20 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
21 <sup>st</sup> Mon	Monday Movie	7.30pm	StM
22 <sup>nd</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
23 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Alv. History 'Thornbury' Meg Wise	7.30pm	AMC
24 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	9.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OST MH
25 <sup>th</sup> Fri			
26 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	MH
27 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Aust Quiz Night at Boar's Head	7.30pm	
28 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Cream Teas on Tockington Green	2.30-5pm	
29 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Friends of Daldry Gardens Coffee morning	10.30-12.00	DGCL
30 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Table Tennis	7.00-8.30pm	PH
31 <sup>st</sup> Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Playgroup	10.00-12.00 9.30-11.30	OST MH

## Looking ahead to June

Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Church and School Fete		
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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; **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; ; **WR** – Wesley Rooms. **URC** United Reform Ch Th

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