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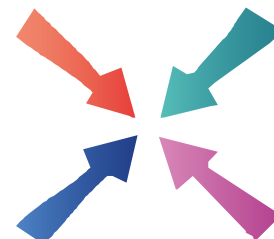
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We still plan to have a regular item about U3A activities that local people enjoy, but it has not quite got going yet. In the meantime, however, we have received an item from our local cribbage team which sets out their recent achievements, outlines how they run and issues an invite to potential new members. Something worth considering if you like playing cards.

The Severn Vale Art Trail is running at the start of the month; in my opinion it is always worth supporting. Several venues are in Thornbury as well as a couple in Olveston and Aust. More details and links are provided within the magazine.

Looking back, we have got reports from two recent quizzes, both of which raised money for local charities. Looking forward, for those who enjoy handicrafts, there is a call for knitted or crocheted poppies to add to the Remembrance Day display in Olveston.

Marelin

Our cover photograph of sheep being driven through Littleton on Severn was taken by Emma Plant.

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All proceeds will go towards the running costs of Oveston and Tockington Methodist Church.

Any offers of help, either baking or help on the day, would be very welcome. It is never too late. Please contact Maggie on 01454 610053 or email tocs.hire@gmail.com



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Fish and Quiz

The 2026 Quiz was held on Friday 27th February at the Parish Hall with a record turnout.

The winning team was Dogbodies, successfully defending their 2025 title.

The evening raised £600 which was donated to the Made a Mark charity. The charity helps families who are dealing with the loss of a parent or a sibling.

The date for the 2027 Quiz is Friday 26th February.

Save the date.....

60 years and counting... *Jenny Newley*



We're celebrating Olveston Parish Historical Society's 60th birthday with an exhibition in the Parish Hall, Tockington, on the late Spring Bank Holiday, Monday 25th May, 1pm to 4pm.

The exhibition celebrates the anniversaries of some local groups as well as our own and will feature a range of other material drawn from our archives. Do come along and have a browse. You may recognise some familiar faces in the photos we'll have on display, and you may learn things you didn't know!

We've timed the exhibition, as we did last year's, to coincide with one of the Cream Teas on the Green. That's likely to run from 2pm to 4pm, so you'll easily be able to fit in both events. Perfect! Put the date in your diary now...



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The concert will be in aid of the Children's Hospice Southwest.

Tickets £10 pay at the door. A paying bar will be available.

Quiz night

Saturday May 9th 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Olveston

There is still time to book a team!

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The prize winners in the April draw, held on 2nd April 2026 were:

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Olveston and Tockington W.I.

At WI this month we shall be investigating a modern phenomenon with the help of our speaker, Sam White. You may have already come across her doing her job, as she is a Celebrant. And what's that? It's someone who conducts secular public ceremonies like a naming ceremony for a child, or weddings, or funerals. It must be a very challenging role as she is leading the ceremony at a time that's especially sensitive for her clients, so it will be really interesting to hear how she got into this work in the beginning, what training she had, if any, and what her working life is like.

On the practical side, back before Easter, WI members bought well over 100 Creme Eggs and knitted little chicks to go on top of them, ready for St. Peter's Hospice to sell to help raise extra funds. This is the third year we have done this, and it is very much appreciated. Also, some members have been busy creating colourful "worry monsters" for Olveston School, where they are used to help comfort unhappy children. And some of us are already embarking on our next bit of charity knitting, mentioned elsewhere in Meeting Point.

And on the fun side, we recently had a lunchtime skittles session at the White Hart, where many of us showed we are just not very good at skittles! We were very kindly given lunch at a bargain price which enabled us to put some money towards our charity for the year, Age UK Thornbury. Thank you, Gary!

WI is on Tuesday 12th this month (7.30 in the Parish Hall), and on Thursday 14th we're looking forward to a guided tour of that fascinating Aladdin's Cave in Bristol that is St. Nicholas' Market. Please ring me, Angela Green on 615222, if you'd like any more information about WI in the village.

u3a Thornbury Coffee Morning

Alveston Methodist Hall, Wolfridge Ride, BS35 3RA from 10.30 – 11.30 Saturday 30th May

Thornbury and District u3a is holding another coffee morning in Alveston Methodist Hall. Members and non-members are welcome. Some u3a groups will be represented and will be happy to answer questions. There will also be refreshments.

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Olveston & Tockington Tennis Club Resurfacing Appeal

OTTC has a very active junior coaching programme, meaning our courts are in daily use, including evenings and weekends. We also run several teams in the local Avon Tennis Leagues with practice and coaching three nights each week. The club is a family orientated village tennis club established in the late 1970s, initially with a single court which was then expanded to two courts in 1999 and floodlights were added in 2000.



Our courts have been maintained, including refurbishing and repainting, over the past 25 years. However, they are in urgent need of an immediate surface replacement to allow both social and competitive play to safely continue this season and in the future. A sub-committee has been working on quotes to carry out re-surfacing using modern synthetic grass

carpet, with quotes of between £40-50k from three local specialist companies.

Although the club has already raised some funds to provide a significant contribution towards the project cost, they are not enough to cover the total costs. So, we are launching an appeal seeking urgent financial assistance in order that we can continue to grow the club and maintain our coaching and competition plans this year. On behalf of the OTTC membership, the club would be grateful to anyone who would consider helping us to achieve the funds required to go ahead. All contributions, large or small, will be welcomed and our gratitude shown with court advertising and memberships to the club.

If you are able to offer us some assistance, please give either Chairman Martin Dawes (07720509653) or myself a call to meet and discuss. Many thanks for your interest.

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Movie on May 4th

Our offering this month is a British film from 2025*. It is part comedy, part drama and full of heart-warming nostalgia. Set on a remote Welsh island occupied by just a handful of residents, the leading character, a big lottery winner, invites his favourite musical twosome to a well-paid reunion gig. Many years ago they were the country's leading folk duo. There's real chemistry between Tom Basden and Carey Mulligan as former lovers and bandmates. This film fell under the radar somewhat last year, but it received fifteen nominations for awards, including 3 BAFTA nominations. Which shows just how watchable it is.

Monday movies are held in St Mary's Church. There is no admission fee, and everyone is welcome. Doors open at 7pm and the film starts at 7:30pm. Tea, coffee and licensed bar.

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Cribbage is an interesting card game, with rather eccentric rules – unlike any other game. Once you've learned them it's straightforward and fun to play. The season runs from September to March so it's a nice way to while away an occasional dark Monday evening over a drink.

A team of six people plays each week, and we are always happy to hear from new people who'd like to join us. Because we are a good-sized group we generally only play once every 2-3 weeks during the season, so it is not a big commitment. If you already play, or would like to learn, do get in touch with me at janwinterolveston@gmail.com. Who knows? You might be a league champion next year!

Music at St Mary's, Thornbury



Our next Third Sunday afternoon concert will be on May 17th at 4.00pm and will feature the organist, David Bednall.

David is particularly well known for his exciting performances of romantic and contemporary music and his interest in improvisation brings a fresh approach to this repertoire. David has given recitals in many prestigious venues

both in this country and in Europe. Besides his extensive performing career, he is recognised as a leading choral composer of his generation. He is the Choral Director at Clifton Cathedral and conducts several choral ensembles, including the Bristol Chamber Choir, who performed at our Sunday concert in January. We look forward to welcoming him again.

As usual the concert will be followed by refreshments. Admission is free and the proceeds of the retiring collection go to St. Mary's Music.



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You may remember that last year at Remembrance time we marked the occasion with a cascade of poppies. They were put on the bus shelter in Tockington for practical reasons - it was hard to secure them elsewhere - but it was felt there should be some poppies in Olveston as well. So, this year a further cascade is planned, this time for St. Mary's Church and more poppies will be needed! Volunteers from WI and from St. Mary's Church have already starting knitting or crocheting poppies, and anyone who would like to join in doing this will be very welcome.

Red poppies with a black centre, made to any pattern, knitted or crocheted, will be needed. Here is one possible knitting pattern for poppies (though other patterns are equally welcome):



Cast on 120 stitches; knit 4 rows; Row 5: knit 3 st. together across the row (40st.); Rows 6-9 knit; Row 10: knit 2 st. together across the row (20 st.); Rows 11 - 14 knit; Row 15: knit 2 together across the row (10 st.); Cut yarn, leaving a tail of about 20 cm. which will be used to tie the poppy on to the backing drape. Slip remaining st. on yarn, pull tight and fasten. Stitch up seam, making a circle. Make a knitted centre or use a black button to complete your poppy.

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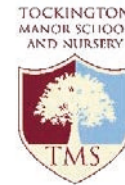
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The event begins on Saturday, 23rd May, with any runners still standing by Loop 31 facing a 'shotgun finish' to win the £500 prize and claim first place. "Our events are all held in the name of charity," says Ollie Biggin from PWR Endure. "We proudly support Muscular Dystrophy UK because it's a cause really close to our hearts. We're hoping to have around 200 runners join us on the day." Ollie and his three brothers (one of whom has muscular dystrophy) set up the Backyard Ultra as a major fundraising and endurance challenge. It was initially held in their home village of Olveston but has moved to the scenic Tockington location for logistical reasons.



All race-related traffic and infrastructure will be contained within the historic Tockington Manor School grounds, with the course winding through the school's private fields and woodland.

On the day prior to the main event, the pupils, inspired by their school's track record of distance running success, will complete their own loops for charity to earn a commemorative medal featuring the school's iconic Manor House.

Any local businesses that would like to get involved by sponsoring the event can still do so by getting in touch with the organisers at www.pwrendure.com.

Entries are also still open for brave and committed runners!

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Date for your diary: 20th May **World Bee Day** plus, all month, it is **No Mow May**.

Tockington's Lost Chapel

Martin Gibson and Tony Turnbull

Since our article in the April edition of Meeting Point there has been further research which has finally revealed the name of the medieval Tockington Chapel. Buried deep in the Worcester Episcopal Registers is a single reference on 19th December 1485 to the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel of St Nicholas.

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A Note from the Severn Vale Village Agent

Are you a carer? That is an adult or child, caring for one or both ageing parents, in-laws or elderly relatives. Do you wish you could find all the information you need in one place? Whether it is planning or managing health or personal care, finances, or tackling some of the tricky issues of ageing

Carens Room has created a comprehensive library of checklists, guides, and expert-led advice—all designed to help you navigate the realities of caring for a parent or older relative <https://carens.co.uk> If you're supporting an ageing parent or loved one, there's a good chance you spend a lot of time monitoring someone else's wellbeing, rarely do you give own health the same attention. Taking time to do a heart health check protects your ability to continue caring.

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Olveston Allotments

Now that Spring has sprung, are you thinking about spending more time outdoors?

A great way to do this is to have an allotment. You get lots of healthy exercise and plenty of fresh vegetables too. The Olveston Allotments have a few plots available, of different sizes.

If you would be interested in finding out more about taking on a plot, please contact Marlene Baker at OPAGA.chairman@gmail.com. She will be very happy to talk to you about what's available.

Do come and join us!



* See the next page for some ideas on growing corn.

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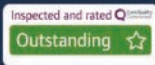


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What's Growing on Olveston Allotments?

John Clayton

This article first appeared last May.....and was followed by such a dry summer that even John failed to get his usual abundant crop of corn. Let's hope that those of us who like growing vegetables have a bit more rain this year - at night preferably.

I was born in the Mid-West of America, which is famous for its huge amounts of field corn which is fed to beef animals and sweet corn (hereafter referred to as corn). Corn is sold to people to cook at home.



Corn thrives in soil that has been manured the previous winter so, in the autumn, decide where you are going to grow your corn and it should be grown in blocks like rectangles, as this allows good cross pollination.

To get the corn started, either buy your corn plants from the garden centre or grow seeds in

a greenhouse according to the seed packet. The plant grows a long tap root, so I use a propagator or make sure the pot is deep. Once the seedlings are about 15 cm(6 inches) high plant out in blocks about 45cm (1 to 2 feet) apart.

During the growing period, your job is keeping weeds under control until there are pollen tassels (the male element) on the top of the plant and silks (the female element) on each cob. The wind should do the work, but I like to help by taking pollen from the tassel of one plant and placing it on the silks of a different plant.

The corn is ready when the tassels become frazzled brown and the cobs are nicely swelled. Corn is a vegetable and like all vegetables, the sugars in the vegetable turn to starch over time after picking. However, it is the fastest to turn. In fact, the person who understands corn gets a large pot on the cooker to boil, before walking to pick the corn and then runs home to get the corn in the pot! Now comes the fun part. We just butter it, add a bit of salt and eat – yum!.

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Thornbury Art Club

Tuesday 26th May Club Night.

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During the evening's demo, we will have a short break for free tea, coffee, and biscuits. This will give us an opportunity to chat with member, visitors and the artist. Don't miss this fantastic chance to learn, socialise, and enjoy an evening of art, whether you're just starting out or looking to refine your skills. If you're interested in joining the Club, our membership secretary, Pat will be on the door to give you more information, or else contact us below.

Members free, non-members very welcome - £6 on the door, cash or card.
7.15pm until 9.30pm.

www.thornburyartclub.co.uk www.facebook.com/ThornburyArtClub or
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Painting the Distance in Landscape with Mark Warner

Friday 22nd May. 10.00 until 4pm



Be sure to book your place at this exciting workshop. Using acrylics, Mark will explain step by step, how to examine distance in the landscape. You will create your own version landscape painting from a provided image.

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Things to bring: A packed lunch and a mug (tea and coffee provided).
Equipment requirements to be advised.

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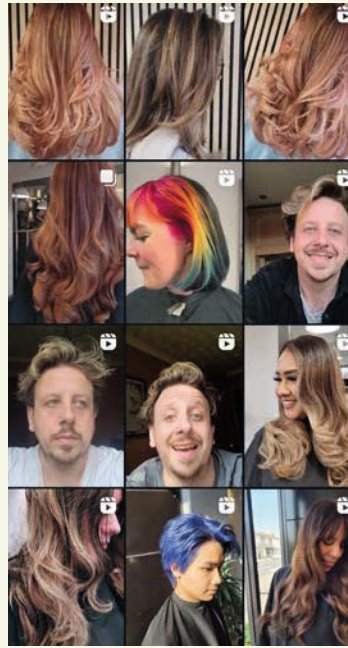
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Performances will take place in Christ the King Church Hall, Castle Street, Thornbury from 10th to 13th June 2026 at 7.30pm. As there is seating for only 75 people in this charming 15th century building, tickets are usually in demand, so do try and get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment.

Tickets costing £10 will go on sale on Saturday 2nd May at Rosie & Rex gift shop at 32 High Street, Thornbury. The shop will be open on Monday to Friday from 9am – 4.30pm and Saturday from 9am – 4pm, except Bank Holidays.

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Severn Vale Art Trail

Now in its 20th year, the Severn Vale Art Trail (www.severnvalleartrail.org) will take place from **Thursday 30th April to Monday 4th May.**

Featuring more than 85 artists and makers across 36 venues in the region, there is something for everyone at this year's trail. As well as many paintings, there will also be sculptures, glasswork, papercut, batik, ceramics, woodturning, jewellery, quilting and even upholstery on show.

Many of the artists and makers are opening up their own studios and workshops, so visitors will be able to see them at their work. Others are sharing venues such as historic churches and village halls and even museums such as Dr Jenner Museum in Berkeley and Thornbury Museum.

The trail covers a large area centred around Thornbury in the south and Berkeley in the north. While many sections of the trail can be done on foot, this year there are also some suggested cycle routes on the Severn Vale Art Trail website.

And this year, for the first time, the trail will also include three additional exhibitions:

- **Year 12 students from The Castle School** will be showcasing creativity across a diverse range of media—from bold contemporary digital pieces to beautifully crafted paintings—these emerging artists have drawn inspiration from a rich variety of styles, techniques, and influences.
- **'Ukraine – Humanity Under Fire'**, an exhibition by Ukrainian artists invites viewers to see Ukraine not just through the lens of conflict, but as a continuum of humanity – resilient, rooted and alive. It features portraits of Ukrainian princesses, paintings of modern icons and photographic work of a frontline photojournalist.
- At her studio in Sharpness, mixed media artist Lynda Knott will be curating an exhibition entitled **'overLOOKed'** in collaboration with the Canal & River Trust. Seven local artists have been invited to create artwork inspired by the Sharpness Dock area to celebrate the overlooked beauty and interest of the docks.

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Opening hours vary between the venues, so visitors are encouraged to check the website for opening hours of the venues to avoid disappointment. Follow the Severn Vale Art Trail on Instagram and Facebook (@severnvalleartrail) for all the latest updates.

Thornbury Choral Society

The Choral Society's Spring concert will take place on Saturday May 16th, 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Thornbury. We are performing the Petite Messe Solennelle by Rossini.

This will be the final performance of our conductor Steven Kings, who is retiring after twenty-one years. He has been an inspirational conductor and brought the choir to new musical heights. We thank him for his hard work and enthusiasm and wish him well as he follows new musical pursuits. I am sure many of you would wish to come to support him in this retirement concert.

Tickets priced at £18 (pre-booked) £20 (on the door) £5 (under 18s) are available from members or tickets@thornburychoralsociety.org.uk and from Horders from May 1st.

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The orchestra was founded in 2002 and draws players from across South Gloucestershire and beyond. We rehearse regularly in St Helen's, Alveston and normally give two or three concerts a year, all in support of local charities. We are always keen to hear from interested players and currently have a number of vacancies. For more details, visit our website: www.thornburyorchestra.org.uk

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dinners for the children during the winter months, The dinners have added greatly to the comfort of the little ones, and the attendance has been increased. The average number of children dining three times a week has been 70, making the total number of dinners served 4410. Mrs Harford has again given a soup dinner every week, and the subscriptions amounted to £4 4s 6d. (About £700 in today's money)

A story from different times.

Elderflower Cordial

Tessa Floyd

We have shared this recipe before, in fact it was during lockdown, and I think it is well worth repeating this month. I have had a glass of this lovely drink at Tessa's house, and it is delicious! We should see elderflowers in the hedgerows and gardens around this area towards the end of May, particularly if we have a spell of warm weather.

Recipe

Boil 2pt water and 2lb sugar to a syrup and pour over 2 squeezed and chopped lemons, 2oz citric acid* and 25 heads of Elderflower. The flowers need to be fully out and fragrant.

Put in cool place and stir regularly for 2 days. Strain well and pour into bottles. Freeze the cordial in small quantities. Because of the high sugar content, it does not go very hard. I freeze it in used water bottles. Keep it in the fridge once opened.

*Citric acid is a preservative, and it sharpens the flavour. It can be bought from chemists or, if you are in Thornbury, try Riddifords. If you can't get hold of citric acid, then an extra lemon will help.

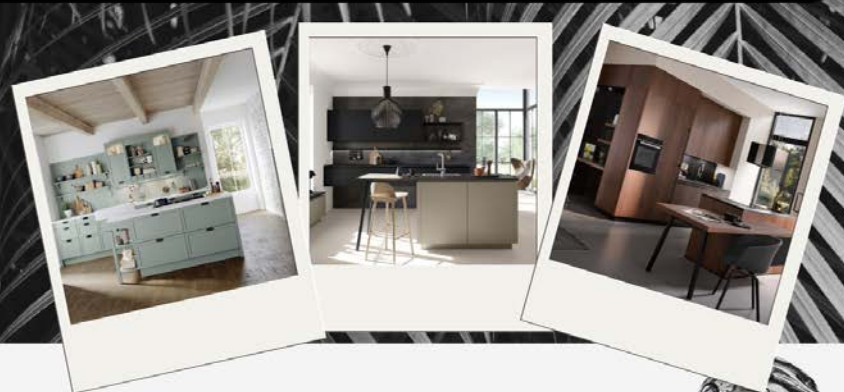


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With longer, brighter, days Eastertide brought communities together as people gathered for church, for family get togethers and other events. With bright sunny days, seeing little children hunt for Easter eggs gave us hope for the future. May they grow up to live fulfilling lives, supported by the love of the people around them.

Communities care for each other, reflecting the love of God for us all. Currently captivated by the spaceship Artemis and its mission to the other side of the moon, as the astronauts return, we give thanks for their enterprise and contribution to knowledge. With their colleagues we wish them godspeed and a safe landing. How we wish they could return to a more peaceful world.



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ST MARY the VIRGIN, OLVESTON

May 3rd	10am 6pm	Holy Communion Evensong - Choir	Rev David Lloyd Rev David Lloyd
May 10th	10am 6pm	Morning Prayer - Choir Holy Communion	Rev David Moss Rev David Moss
May 17th	10am 6pm	Morning Prayer - Choir Holy Communion BCP	Janet McBride Rev Ann Lloyd
May 24th	10am 6pm	Holy Communion - Choir Reflective Evening Prayer	Rev Ann Lloyd Janet McBride
May 31st	10am 6pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer - Choir	Rev Ann Lloyd Rev Ann Lloyd

First Sunday of the month during term time, **Messy Church** 9am.
 Every Saturday (term time) **'REFRESH'**, 4.30-5.30 - Fun, relaxed church.
 Every Wednesday, Holy Communion, 10am.
 NB Clergy may change.
Contact: Rev David Moss, 01454 415190, mossds@gmail.com

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

May 10 th	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss
May 24 th	10am	Morning Prayer	Trevor Cook

Contact: Trevor Cook, 01454 618442
Church Wardens: Jenn Dickens 632312 and Jon Burnett 633835

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

May 10 th	9am	Morning Prayer	Rev Ann Lloyd
May 24 th	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contacts: Church Wardens: Catharine Gunnery 413225 and Cheryl Meredith 411065

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

May	3pm	Evensong	Rev David Moss
May	3pm	Evensong with Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

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May 3 rd	10am	Tock Ch	Easter Morning Worship led by John Barnett
May 10 th	10am	Olv Ch	Holy Communion led by Rev Simon Edwards
May 17 th	10am	Tock Ch	Local Arrangement service
May 24 th	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Stephen Holliday
May 31 st	11am	Withywood Ecumenical Project	Circuit Assembly at Withywood

Contact: Rev Dr Simon Edwards 418176 Simon.edwards@methodist.org.uk

THE VINE House of Prayer, Pilning Street, Awkley BS35 4HL
Meeting at 11am every Sunday and on the 1st and 3rd Weds at 2.30pm.

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THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Services at 6.30pm every Sunday. All are welcome.

Contact: Neil Mobbs, cnmobbs@hotmail.com

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Service 11am every Sunday
LITTLETON EVANGELICAL CHURCH Service 5.30pm every Sunday
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RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury
Mass on Sundays at 9.00 and 10.30am
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SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury
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THORNBURY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
Services are every Sunday at 10.45am Rev Neil Thorogood

Diary Dates for May:

Information believed to be correct at going to press.

1 Fri	Severn Art Trail until Mon 4 th Haven Memory Café 1 st & 3 rd Fri Tockington Community Café	10.15-11.54am 10-12pm	Various URC TMC
2 Sat	Park Run every Sat	9am	MPF
3 Sun	Litter picking	10am	OPH
4 Mon	Monday Movies	7.30pm	StM
5 Tues	Citizens Advice, every Tues Thornbury Art Club painting studio, every Tues WRBL meeting	10-12pm 1.30pm 7.30pm	TTH SMCH DGCL
6 Weds	Table Tennis very Weds	7pm	OPH
7 Thurs	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee Shop every Thurs Good afternoon, Choir, every Thurs Thornbury Art Club painting studio every Thurs JTP Theatre: "It's What Matters" Until Sat 9th	9-1pm 9.30-12pm 1-3pm 1.30 pm 7.30pm	StM URC SMCH CH
9 Sat	Coffee Morning Quiz night with Supper	10-12pm 7.30pm	OMC StM
11 Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club, Demo	2pm	SMCH
12 Tues	Thornbury Memory Café every 2 nd & 4 th Tues Olveston and Tockington WI	10.15-11.45am 7.30pm	TMCH OPH
15 Fri	Olveston Parish Assembly: Cheese and Wine Social AAG: Mark Bennett, Magician	6.30- 8pm 7.30pm	OPH CH
16 Sat	Feria Baroque Ensemble Concert AAG: Mark Bennett Magician	7.30pm 7.30pm	StM CH
17 Sun	St. Mary's Music	4-5pm	StMT
20 Weds	Alveston Local History Society talk	7.30pm	AMC
21 Thurs	Thornbury Farmers Market	9-1pm	

25 Mon	Olveston Parish Historical Society. 60 th Birthday Exhibition Tockington Cream Teas Severn Vale Flower Club, Practice	1-4pm 2-4.30pm 1.30pm	OPH Tock StMCH
26 Tues	Thornbury Art Club Night	7.15pm	SMCH
30 Sat	Thornbury u3a Coffee morning	10.30am	AMH

Looking forward to June:

Weds 10th - 13th - Murder at the Margate Majestica - 7.30pm- CtK
Sat 13th - AAG: An Evening of Jazz - 7.30pm - CH
- Thornbury Orchestra Concert - 7.30pm - StM, Berkley

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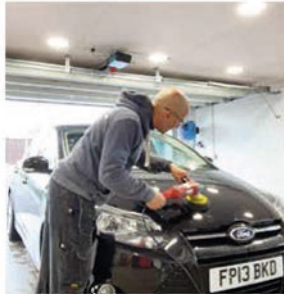
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