

5 Villages VA Live

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” *Nelson Mandela 1918-2013*

If you know me, you'll know that I'm passionate about children's education, not only because of my background in the teaching profession, but also because every child has a right to learn and to grow within their culture to work towards a better future. How often do we stop and think how fortunate we are that our children or grandchildren, irrespective of gender, are entitled to a full-time education within a safe and structured setting from the term in which they are five? This is something we expect as a fundamental human right and take for granted. True, we might complain about yet another change in the curriculum, or the school is closed for an Inset Day, but do we ever give thanks that the education is there for our children? What if it wasn't? We would rightly make a loud and long protest over it, demanding the rights for our children.

But today, there are 57 million girls and boys around the world who are denied the right to education - the struggle for education remains a matter of life and death for millions of children. The world was, and is, astounded by the kidnapping of more than 270 girls from a school in northern Nigeria. Last year, 'A World at School', in partnership with the Office of the UN Special Envoy for Global Education, brought together over 100 NGOs and hundreds of youth in solidarity with the brave education campaigner Malala Yousafzai for "Malala Day." The UN subsequently adopted a powerful Youth Resolution calling on world leaders to deliver on the promise of education for all.

With time running out until the end of 2015, progress has stalled on the task outlined in the UN Millennium Development Goal (MDG2) to get all children into school and learning. With the number of out-of-school children on the rise, 'A World at School', an international organisation, is magnifying the efforts of all organisations working to get all children into school and learning. Check out the world map here <http://www.aworldatschool.org/the-crisis-map> which shows, country by country, the number of primary aged children who are out of school.

In areas where families have to flee violence, war and oppression, Save the Children and the Norwegian Refugee Council asked opinions of those affected regarding emergency response. The result was a resounding call for education to be prioritised as a core part of emergency response. Education is not only a fundamental human right, but the most effective way to alleviate poverty. The world cannot afford the repercussions of failing to educate future generations. Education is an entitlement for all young people – and a sound investment, too.

One child's response: *“With education I think I will have a future that won't have to involve guns and fighting. This is my dream that I can look into my future and see that I have options and choices. Without school you have no choices in life, you are just trying to survive.”* – 13-year-old boy, Democratic Republic of Congo

We can all do a little to help provide education for children around the world and if we all do a little it becomes a lot! The CRoFTT Benefice is having a Michaelmas Fayre on September 27th with 50% of the proceeds going to 'Save the Children' for their work in providing education for the 1 million plus Syrian refugee children*. Maybe you could donate something for a stall and/or come along to support the cause? Look out for further details nearer the time!

With every blessing, Revd Jenny

*For more information go to www.savethechildren.org.uk/save-syria-children



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SUNDAY 1ST

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

9.30am Cromhall
 9.30am Rockhampton
 11.00am Falfield
 11.15am Tortworth
 11.00am Tytherington

EASTER 7

Morning Prayer
 Eucharist
 Eucharist
 Morning Prayer
 Family Service

Thursday 5th

9.30am Tytherington Said Eucharist



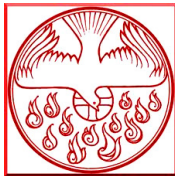
**'SPARKLERS' FIRST FRIDAY
 EACH MONTH AT
 ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, FAL-
 FIELD, AT 10:30AM**

FRIDAY 6th June

An opportunity for toddlers and pre-schoolers to play, sing and informally hear stories about Jesus with their parents, grandparents or carers. (Cost £1 to cover refreshments)

Friday 6th

Wedding at St Leonard's Church at 12.00noon



SUNDAY 8TH

9.30am Cromhall
 9.30am Rockhampton
 Falfield
 11.15am Tortworth
 6.00pm Tytherington

PENTECOST

Eucharist
 Morning Prayer
 Join Tortworth
 Eucharist and Baptism
 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 10th

11.00am Tortworth Said Eucharist
 (followed by meeting of Michaelmas Fayre committee at The Farmers Table)

Thursday 12th

Possible Eucharist at St James' to be confirmed (Bishop Michael's Pilgrimage)

7.00pm Falfield 'Embrace'

We invite you to create the space where the life of God in us can be nurtured and brought to fruition; a time for you to embrace some of the basic disciplines of the Christian spiritual life



SUNDAY 15TH



TRINITY SUNDAY

Woodland Eucharist
 (weather permitting)



9.30am Cromhall Join Rockhampton or Tytherington
 9.30am Rockhampton Eucharist
 Falfield Join Tytherington
 Tortworth Join Tytherington
 11.00am Tytherington Eucharist

2.00 - 4.30pm Cream Teas at Tortworth



Thursday 19th

9.30am Tytherington Said Eucharist

SUNDAY 22ND

TRINITY 1

10.00am

**AT ST GEORGE'S, FALFIELD
 UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE
 SUNG EUCHARIST**



Tuesday 24th

11.00am Tortworth Said Eucharist

SUNDAY 29th

TRINITY 2

5th Sunday of the month
 10.00am

**UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE
 AT ST LEONARD'S, TORTWORTH
 SUNG EUCHARIST WITH CHOIR.**



Thursday 3rd July

9.30am Tytherington Said Eucharist

SUNDAY 6TH JULY

9.30am Cromhall
 9.30am Rockhampton
 11.00am Falfield
 11,15am Tortworth

TRINITY 3

Morning Prayer
 Sung Eucharist
 Join Tortworth
 Sung Eucharist
 & Dedication of Cross in
 memory of Margaret Spreag
 11.00am Tytherington Family Service with
 Baptists at St James

NB Midweek services are liable to change. Please check with weekly pewsheet.

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For all Benefice Business

Please ring
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and leave a message
or email
office@crofft.org.uk

The office will usually be open from 10.00am until 1:00pm on Fridays when messages and emails will be dealt with.

If you would like to make an appointment to speak to Rev'd. Jenny; phone 01453 890384. You might need to leave a message and she will return your call as soon as possible as she is entitled to time off!



If you would like someone to bring Holy Communion to your home please ring 01454 260096 and leave a message. We are more than happy to do this.

Midweek Eucharists are held either on Tuesdays at Tortworth or Thursdays at Tytherington alternating each week. Please see weekly pewsheets for details.

Visit the benefice website at **www.crofft.org.uk** to see the pewsheet, make a prayer request or visit Rev'd Jenny's blog. You can also follow Rev'd Jenny on Twitter

Visiting



Visiting is part of the Church's Ministry. If you would like a visit from someone from the church, please call the Benefice Office and we will do our best to arrange it.

If you are going into or in hospital...

You can help to make sure that the church team can respond as you would like us to when you are ill. It's important that if you are admitted to hospital, you do three things:-

1. Make sure someone tells one of the ministry team that you are going into hospital – ask them to pass on the message as appropriate.
2. Make it plain to the hospital staff whether (or not!) you would like a visit. This means that when someone rings up, they won't have to spend time saying 'hang on, 'I'll just ask him/her...'
3. Make it plain what sort of visit you would like: would you prefer a friend from the church or one of the visiting team or would you particularly like a clergy visit? If you want to be certain of a private, one to one chat, don't be afraid to ask the hospital staff if they will allow your minister to come outside normal visiting hours, so that they don't take up precious time and space from your family.



Thank you to Tytherington Marquee Fund, Tytherington M & M Committee and Mrs E Frankham for their kind donations to 5 Alive.

This publication is dependent on donations and advertising to keep going.

One of the ways of making regular donations is by standing order. If you would like to make a payment using this method please contact our Treasurer, Mr Geoff Crosthwaite

- by telephone on 01454 294140
- by email at: geoffrey.crosthwaite@tesco.net
- or write to him at The Barn, Townwell, Cromhall, Wotton-Under-Edge, GL12 8AQ.

Cheques may also be sent to our treasurer, Geoff Crosthwaite, The Barn, Townwell, Cromhall, W-U-E, GL12 8AQ or the editor.

Please remember to make cheques out to 'Benefice Newsletter'.

Thornbury Picture House Screens Members' Choice

The final film for this season is chosen by the film club members.

Cossham Hall at 7.30pm on
Friday 13th June

£5 on the door for non-members

*The new film season starts again in
September.*

Date for your diary:

Saturday July 12th Cream Teas in Tytherington



TVSA will be offering Cream Teas in the Village Hall as a fundraiser for the Post Office.

**PLEASE KEEP THE DATE FREE SO YOU CAN
COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US**

ALVESTON SINGERS' SUMMER CONCERT

Celebrate the 450th anniversary of the birth of Shakespeare & fantastical scenes of merry England

Shakespeare's words to music (various composers) and extracts from 'Merrie England', a comic opera by Edward German

Concerts start at 7.30pm

Tuesday 10th June at
Alveston Methodist Church,

Friday 13th June at
United Reformed Church, Thornbury

**Free admission with retiring collection in aid of
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(Mobile Chemotherapy Units)**

THORNBURY LIBRARY

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5Alive online

For those wishing to access 5 Alive online from a smart phone or tablet the QR code is now available and will give access to the Falfield website.



TYTHERINGTON SHOP & POST OFFICE LATEST NEWS

Brand new copier in the shop!

As promised at the shop AGM, we have now been able to buy a new copier for general use, to replace our existing worn-out machine. This is thanks to our improving finances, together with a generous donation from the Marquee Committee.

The copier can provide A3 as well as A4, double sided copying, and it will reduce and enlarge. We hope everyone will find it useful.

Post Office fund raising

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Bonus Ball Draw. It is going well and all numbers are allocated for this 10-week period from April 19 – June 21. If you missed it this time, there will be another chance later in the year, when we hope to run it again. We are publicising names of winners on the shop door.

Don't forget to come along and enjoy a cream tea on July 12th in the Village Hall. All proceeds to PO funds. Hope to see you there.

TORTWORTH PARISH MEETING

The next meeting is on
Tuesday 3rd June
7.30pm at
Tortworth Estate Office

All parishioners welcome



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**Minimum charge £240. Available all year.
Please contact Andy/Alison 01454 416263**



Thornbury Clarinet Choir and Thornbury Town Band Summer Concert

Saturday 14th June 2014
7.30pm

Thornbury Baptist Church,
Gillingstool, Thornbury

Retiring Collection

For more details:

Thornbury Clarinet Choir

from thornburyclarinetcho.wix.com/thornbury-cc or
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www.thornburytownband.com

or facebook [www.facebook.com/pages/Thornbury-
Town-Band/268652463170268](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Thornbury-Town-Band/268652463170268)



SUMMER VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Make a difference this summer by becoming a Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer. Thornbury Library is looking for volunteers to help children complete this year's "Mythical Maze" and discover the pleasure of reading. Contact Emma Fisher emma.fisher@southglos.gov.uk or enquire at Thornbury Library.



POPPY CROSSES

Are you visiting a War Grave in the near future?

Anyone in the Thornbury area who wishes to receive a Poppy Cross in exchange for a donation to the Royal

British Legion's Poppy Appeal please contact the Poppy Appeal Organiser, Janice Jackson on 01454 418921

GOCITIZEN

Do you know someone preparing for the Life in the UK test or British citizenship test?

GoCitizen is an online version of the latest official study materials produced by the Home Office, the people who write the handbook. It has hundreds of practice test questions in the same format as the official test and additional interactive learning resources and teaching aids. GoCitizen.co.uk is available online free of charge to South Gloucestershire Library members. Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries and select "e-resources" from the menu on the left of the screen.

Midsummer Music Saturday 21st June

Celebrate midsummer at the inaugural Rockhampton Folk Music festival

Starts at 3pm with a short concert from local groups in St Oswald's church. The folk music then begins at 4pm in the garden of Rockhampton Village Hall.

An eclectic mix of international folk music with:



Rochentune

(folk music from the British Isles)

Traditional Bavarian band from Germany



Lizzie Prendergast

(folk and rock on the fiddle)



Traditional dancing and a taste of Morocco with Ahtub Mahboubi

- Bar and food available and activities for children.
- Bring a folding chair.
- A fun, relaxing and eclectic musical extravaganza.

Tickets available in advance from Surroundings, St Mary St., Thornbury
£7.50 (Children £2.50)

On the door: £12.50 (Children £2.50)

For more information, or to reserve tickets call Chris on 01454 416155.



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Website: **www.pipcareservices.co.uk**

Where animals matter



Brain Tumour support is the new name for Hammer Out Brain Tumours and is a registered charity supporting those affected by a brain tumour, to let them know they and their families are not alone.

Support meeting times at Brain Tumour Support Thornbury, (Unit 1, Thornbury Office Park, Midland Way, Thornbury. BS35 2BS) take place on 3rd Weds of month **10.30am to 12.30pm**.

Next meeting: Wednesday June 18th 2014

Please see our website, www.braintumoursupport.co.uk or phone us on 01454 414355 for further details.

Cosy Community Places

We know that energy is and will be a crucial issue in the future and that costs are likely to go up. How will this affect buildings which we depend on for our meetings and activities and that will be increasingly costly to run?

Alan Pinder from Sustainable Thornbury has information about a new scheme that might just help. He said, "We're looking for people with an interest in community buildings to talk to us about putting solar panels on the roofs. It seems there is a potential opportunity to apply for funding."

Anyone interested please email Alan to find out more at solar@sustainablethornbury.org

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Littleton at Home, Littleton-on-Severn

Littleton will be at home with open gardens on **Sunday 15th June from 2.00 – 6.00pm**

Parking, and teas will be at the Village Hall. There will be plants for sale, a "Made in Littleton" stall and other attractions in the Village.

Our village Church, St. Mary de Malmesbury, will be open.

Entrance will be £3 (children free) with all proceeds going towards essential repair work to the Church.



Please note the date in your diary. We look forward to welcoming you in Littleton on 15th June 2014 at 2.00



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2nd No 154 Andy Williams
3rd No 175 J&F Pearce
Bonus No 106 A Clarke

Young Music Makers of Thornbury
*A Concert by The Octaves Choir
with members of the O'Brien family*

Friday 6th June at 7pm
Cossham Hall, Thornbury

Tickets: £6 adults £2 children from Town Hall
or phone 01454 412272

Drinks will be available

In aid of the Armstrong Hall Dressing Room
Refurbishment Project



Join us for
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AT
TORTWORTH**



**at St Leonard's Church
on
Sunday 15th June**

2.00 - 4.30pm

and on the 3rd Sunday of each month
during the summer.

We look forward to welcoming you

Proceeds to St Leonard's church funds

TYTHERINGTON PARISH LUNCH

SUNDAY 13TH JULY

12.30pm



**AT BOYT'S FARM,
TYTHERINGTON**

Tickets £17 for adults
(reduction for children)

will be available from the village shop or
John Williams (01454 412515)

from Monday 23rd June



In aid of St James' Church

ALVESTON GARDENS ASSOCIATION

Jubilee Hall, Alveston
2nd June at 7.30pm

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Weds 4th June - Saturday 7th June
at 7.30pm.

Tickets priced at £7 (£6 concessions) are
available from Bennett's Estate Agents,
The Plain, Thornbury, or telephone
413783.

ALVESTON GARDENS ASSOCIATION

Jubilee Hall, Alveston

7th July at 7.30pm

Sue Dodd & Sue Smith will be taking us to see
"The Pyrenees in June"



Visitors (£2) will be made welcome



Bosom Buddies

"Bosom Buddies" is an entirely voluntary
group founded in June 1997 to help pa-
tients and their families cope with the
psychological and everyday consequences of
breast cancer and breast related illness.

Our aim is to ensure that every woman diagnosed
with breast disease in Bristol and the surrounding
area is able to contact a 'Bosom Buddy' for guid-
ance, support and friendship during what will
probably be one of the most traumatic and chal-
lenging times of their lives.

Meetings are held in Thornbury each month.

The May meeting will be at Jennie's,
(32, Oakleaze Road, BS35 2LL)
at 7.30pm on Weds 18th June

Tytherington Local History Group

June Meeting:

A walk around Roman Cirencester
with
Cherry Hubbard

Ring 01454 294367 for details

Everyone welcome

FALFIELD BEAT SURGERY

TO BE HELD IN FALFIELD VILLAGE
HALL BETWEEN
10:00-11:00am

THURSDAY 12th JUNE

THURSDAY 24th JULY

THURSDAY 21st AUGUST

THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER

THURSDAY 30th OCTOBER

THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER

GIVING THE RESIDENTS OF FALFIELD THE
OPPORTUNITY TO COME ALONG AND SPEAK
TO THE LOCAL BEAT TEAM TO DISCUSS ANY
ISSUES THEY MAY HAVE.

THORNBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE
TEAM: PC NATALIE DRAPER
PCSO DAWN GOLDING

If you need to contact the Beat Team at any
other time we can be contacted on:

0117 945 5902 or 0117 945 5903

For all non-emergency calls ring – 101;
in an emergency - 999



LORDS OF TYTHERINGTON MANOR

In 1728 the Manor of Tytherington was sold by the Willoughby de Broke family to Peter Hardwicke a doctor from Bristol. The Manor remained for many generations in the hands of the Hardwicke family until 26th December 1935 when Hardwicke Lloyd Hardwicke died and the estate was put up for sale. Yes his first name and surname were the same!! The Hardwicke Estate was broken up in December 1936 and sold off. Amongst many properties which went under the hammer Tower Hill Farm sold for £1,000, Edwards Farm £350, and Yew Tree Farm £1,335.

See photos and read more about the Hardwicke family, look at maps of the estate and details of the property sales on our local history website www.tytheringtonroots.co.uk



Hardwicke Lloyd Hardwicke is pictured here with the vicar Rev. Arkell in about 1906 with members of the illustrious Tytherington Band. Find out about the Tytherington Band as well as the Hardwickses on www.tytheringtonroots.co.uk Discover even more about the village, its people and its past!

FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT URGENTLY!

As you may have seen in a recent Gazette report, Falfield Village Hall has had a facelift. Although the redecoration was undertaken by prisoners from Leyhill, the work still had to be paid for. We also needed to upgrade the water heaters and hand driers. Fortunately we were awarded two grants from South Gloucestershire Council to offset the cost of these essential works with the remainder coming from the Hall's limited funds.

One of its major sources of income is the Village Hall 100 Club which last year raised £500. **Subscriptions are now due for this year.**



Numbers cost £15 each and the current prize money each month is £18, £14 and £10. Nothing is taken out for expenses.

If you have not yet renewed your subscription for this year, or if you would like to join the 100 Club, please contact Rosie Murton on 01454 260615 or email rosiemurton@uwclub.net as soon as possible.

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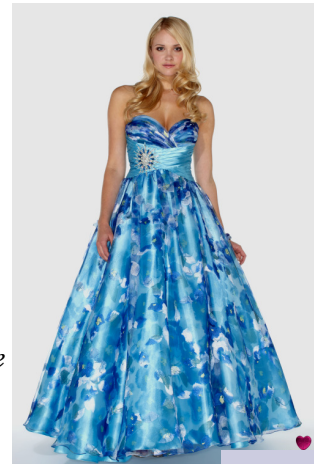


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SEE ALSO THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org

1ST	11:00am	JOINT FAMILY SERVICE AT CHAPEL	Brian
8TH	11:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE	Brian
15TH	11:00am	GUEST PREACHER – DAVID FINNEY (THORNBURY BAPTIST CHURCH)	
22ND	11:00am	GUEST PREACHER – BRIAN MILLER (DOWNEND BAPTIST CHURCH)	
29TH	10:30am	SPECIAL SERVICE (JACK GREENFIELD VALEDICTORY)	Brian



Our Children's Club ("EXPLORERS") will continue to meet during term time, each Tuesday between **4:00pm - 5:30pm**. New children aged between 5 & 11 are always welcomed.

Our **MUSIC GROUP** will meet during term time, at 6:00pm (until 7:15pm) where we shall learn new hymns & songs. Everyone is welcome to join us.



Computer repairs were a computer rip off

South Gloucestershire Council Trading Standards would like to remind residents to be cautious when choosing a trader and to ensure you know the full details of the company you choose.

This warning comes after the police received reports from elderly residents in the Bristol area who felt they had been conned by a trader they employed to mend their computers.

The residents responded to an advert in a newspaper offering computer repair services, which mentioned a discount for pensioners. The trader provided no paperwork and it is unclear what repairs he had actually undertaken. In one case he suggested it would be too costly to repair a laptop, so loaned the resident another for a fee of hundreds of pounds but had not returned the original computer. With no paperwork and only the mobile telephone number in the newspaper advert, it may prove difficult for the residents to pursue their complaints.

Earlier this month, a Somerset man was found guilty of operating a similar scam following an investigation by Devon and Somerset Trading Standards. The offender was handed a one year prison sentence, suspended for two years, by the court.

The scenario above demonstrates the need for consumers to know who they are dealing with. The following advice is offered to anyone looking to employ a tradesman:

- If you are looking for a tradesman, do your homework. Seek recommendations from friends or family or look for a business that belongs to a reputable trade association.
- Ensure you have the correct company name and/or owners name and the full postal address – this will not guarantee the work is done satisfactorily but may enable you to take further action if things go wrong.
- If you enter into a contract in your home you are afforded cancellation rights by law. It is a criminal offence if the trader does not give you written details of your right to cancel.
- Make sure you ask for written details of the work agreed and what was actually done, and ask for proof of any payment you make, such as a receipt.

If you think you have fallen victim to a scam or rogue trader, please report it to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice consumer service on 08454 04 05 06.



**Michaelmas Fayre
Saturday 27th September**

The Michaelmas Fayre which is taking place on 27th September is an event in which all 5 parishes which make up our benefice will be taking part.

The chief aim of the event is to raise money to help Syrian refugees who have fled to countries including Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt and Bulgaria as well as raising funds for our own parish churches.

For three years, too many innocent people in Syria have suffered - above all the children of Syria.

Over one million Syrian children have fled Syria for safety and three million children remain displaced inside the country.



The situation for these children is dire. These children have lost their homes, seen their loved ones killed, their schools destroyed and their hopes eroded. They have been physically or psychologically wounded and they are vulnerable to the worst types of exploitation. They remain the most vulnerable victims in the conflict.

Children like three year old Ashraf, who was born on the day the Syria conflict began. For the first year of his life he rarely left his home, some days the bombings were relentless. Terrified, the family escaped leaving their home and everything behind - except for a few precious items. No longer afraid of bombs, Ashraf is still scared at the sound of loud bangs. It will take him and his generation many years to recover.

So if you can knit, sew, make pots, soap, wooden toys, jam, chutney, grow plants, paint pictures, or have any other talent which can make money to help Syrian refugees and our local churches, we would appreciate your support.

There are representatives in each parish for you to contact if you want more details or to offer help:

- Cromhall:** Ann Greenhalgh
- Rockhampton:** Anne Marshall & Margaret Oliver
- Falfield:** Linda Smith & Paul Davenport
- Tortworth:** Kay Rea & Jan Leach
- Tytherington:** Fiona Shipston & Val Johnson

Students' success shines through



Students from Castle School Sixth Form celebrated their remarkable volunteering achievements on

Wednesday 7 May with an Award ceremony in the Sixth Form Hall. Around 50 sixth formers who took part in Castle School's volunteering programme "Castle in the Community", or acted as peer mentors for their fellow classmates were rewarded for their contribution.

Supported by the students' host charitable and voluntary organisations, certificates were presented by Cllr Ian Boulton, Chair of South Glos Council who thanked them for their valuable contributions. Dr Kathy Fawcett, Deputy Head of the Sixth Form, commended the students for making a difference to the lives of other people and expressed the school's pride in all their achievements. Ted Dolder, representing Thornbury Lions Club, which sponsored this year's ceremony, then spoke about the work and ethos of the Lions.

Georgie Webb, 19, who volunteered at New Siblands Primary School, found the experience most fulfilling. "The atmosphere at the school is very welcoming and the staff and children are lovely to work with. This placement has made me think seriously about this type of work as a possible career. It was a great way to spend Wednesday afternoons and I wouldn't hesitate to do it again."

Other placements included gardening, website design, charity shop work, befriending older people and fundraising.

"Castle in the Community" has just completed its third year in partnership with Thornbury Volunteer Centre and preparations for next year's scheme will get underway soon. To get involved please contact Kim Webb at Thornbury Volunteer Centre on 01454 413392 or mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk

THORNBURY & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

7.30pm Thornbury Methodist Church Hall

Thursday 12th June
Practice: 'East meets West'

Thursday 26th June
OPEN DEMONSTRATION:
A Wedding in the Family
Adrian Cook



Just a thought



We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.

Severnside Ramblers

Join Severnside Ramblers for some fresh air and exercise, you will also enjoy some great views and hopefully see some wild life. Non-members are always very welcome.

For more information about walks in June 2014, log on to www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk, or pick up a programme at your local library.

A contact name and telephone number is given for each walk. We meet at Aldi car park, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9DA at the times shown below and share lifts to the start of the walk. Please bring packed lunch and plenty of fluids.



Date	Venue	Depart time	Walk Length/ Time	Leader or Contact
Sun 1st M	Gray Hill Monmouthshire. Hilly walk in the Went Woods. Views over Severn Estuary and ancient stone circle	9.30	10 miles	Andy 01454 411305
Fri 6th L	Compton Dando. A pretty riverside, woods and meadow walk in the Chew Valley	9.30	2hrs	Jenny & John 01454 777963
Sun 8th M	Lydney. Rolling farmland between Forest of Dean & Severnside Estuary.	9.00	10 Miles	Chris 01594 845423
Sun 15th L	Pensford & Stanton Drew. A walk of heritage to include a stone circle and historic Pensford. Many pretty villages	9.30	9-10 Miles	Joy 01179 334998
Fri 20th L	Thornbury/Filmore Wood. A stretch of the Jubilee Way, fields, woods followed by a Thornbury Coffee Shop	9.30	2 hrs	Andy & Chris 01454 416321
Sun 22nd	Coach Trip to Exmouth – pre booking required	8.30	4/5 & 8/9	Severnside Ramblers www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk
Wed 25th L	Berkeley Deer Park. Deer spotting through the park with fine views east and west. One short climb. Opt pub at end.	18.30	4 Miles	Andy & Chris 01454 416321



Sunday 8th June - 10am-4pm

Open Farm Day @ Tortworth Estate

GL12 8HF




Come and learn more about where your food comes from and how we British farmers work to provide you the best quality produce we can. A fun and informative day with activities to keep the kids entertained, even the “big” ones.

Activities will include:

- Guided Farm Tours
- Tractor and trailer rides
- Meet a calf
- Children's activities (Treasure hunt, Pot your own Plant and much more)
- Rural and Farming Demonstrations



The Farmers Table will be serving meals and refreshments all day. To book a table please call 01454 261633



Tortworth Plants will be open for plant sales during the day.

The event will be held at Tortworth Farm Shop and anyone wishing to attend should park in the designated parking at the shop.

There is no need to book a place however if you have any questions please ring 01454 260268 or email OFS@tortwortheestate.com



“HECTOR MACLAINE AND THE MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN” is the subject of this month’s walk led by volunteers from Thornbury and District Museum. Taking place on Wednesday 18 June, starting at 6.30pm, it will take about 1½ hours and

will be around the town, telling the tragic story behind the memorial drinking fountain at the junction of The Plain and Castle Street. Come and join us and discover more about the highly-respected Maclaine family and the many ways in which they contributed to the life of the town during the 19th century.

The walk will start from St Mary’s Church (we assemble outside at 6.20pm) and ends in the High Street. Unsuitable for the under tens; older children must be accompanied by an adult. Guide dogs only, please. Tickets cost £2 and need to be booked in advance, either by visiting the Museum (1-4pm Tuesday-Friday; 10am-4pm Saturday), or by ringing 857774 or emailing [enquiries @thornburymuseum.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk)

Falfield Shop and Post Office



After ten years of serving the village, Falfield said goodbye to the Panesar family on 6th May - much to the disappointment of Pushpa’s curry clients! We hope that they will find the quieter life which Hardev and Pushpa hope for.

Familiar faces adorned the car park as the takeover took place and we welcomed back the Shackell family in the form of Adrian and his wife Anne after a long sojourn running shops elsewhere. We welcome them back to Falfield and wish them well for the future.

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Cromhall Senior Citizens



Tat3

Thursday 19th
June at 3pm

Cromhall Village Hall

Contact Ann 294200 or Eva 299251 if you would like to be picked up



Coffee Morning

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WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE

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Falfield Village Hall Management Committee



BARN DANCE

Featuring Sargent's Mess

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(By kind permission of Mr C Daniell)

SATURDAY 14th JUNE
7.30pm — Midnight

Adults £12, Children (5–14 years) £6
Family ticket to admit 2 adults
& 2 children £30

★ ★ ★ Prices include supper ★ ★ ★

Contact Liz on 01454 260388
or Rosie on 01454 260615

FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(Registered Charity No. 1041147)

Falfield Village Hall management Committee held its AGM on Monday 28th April. The Chairman, Rob Child, thanked all those who had contributed to the efforts of the Committee, achieving a successful year despite the majority of the committee being new to their positions. He particularly thanked Rosie Murton as Treasurer, Liz Child as Secretary, Cath Shutt as Bookings Clerk and Robin Hathway for his voluntary Caretaker role.

All the elected officers are continuing to stand for another year and Karen Jones and Hazel Packer were welcomed to the committee.

Thanks to two grants from South Gloucestershire Council the hall has seen a major makeover. The hall has been redecorated inside and out and new hand driers and water heaters have been installed in addition to a new hot water drinks boiler.

Hall bookings are continuing to increase and we have new regular groups, as well as many bookings for private functions, such as parties and cycle events.

The Committee continues to fund raise to meet running costs. It held a successful Wine Tasting Evening, Annual Quiz and Treasure Hunt. The survival of the hall, for community use, depends on events such as this to supplement the hiring fees.

The 100 Club also generously supports the Village Hall and anyone wishing to join should contact Rosie Murton(01454 2615).

The next event is a **Barn Dance** at Buckover Farm, thanks to Chris Daniell. This takes place on Saturday 14th June, featuring The Sargent's Mess band.



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Rockhampton Village Hall 100 Club



April winners were: £15 Eileen Mills;
£10 Bill Gill; £5 Sandra Goode & Sheila Fisher

May winners were: £15 Alyson Parnell;
£10 Sue Gazzard; £5 Jim Bennett & Bill Gill

Many thanks to everyone who has joined the 100 club for the new year, it is really appreciated.

The monthly draw prize as you can see is: £15, £10, £5 & £5. The December bonus draw will be: £75, £25, £20, £15, £10

Go to the website:

www.rockhamptonvillagehall.com to see what is on and when. Follow the links for future village events or concerts and parish council news.

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St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group



Tea at Three
Friday 13th June

3.00pm - 4.00pm in the
 Wheatsheaf Inn garden, Thornbury
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WEATHER RECORDS FOR FALFIELD

APRIL

TEMP °C

Mini -0.4 Max 20.7

RAINFALL

Total in month 70.5 Year to date 378.9

Rain Days in month 18

Air Frosts in month 2 Year to date 23

Lat: 52.3.15 N

Long: 2.46.19 W

The above information recorded is taken from a basic weather station and from time to time some data can be corrupted leading to some inaccurate information displayed. Where possible this has been corrected but from time to time some inaccuracies may occur.

If you want to see a more detailed and accurate record of local weather then take a look at either of the following web sites
www.alvestonweather.co.uk
www.thornburyweather.co.uk



**Planned dates for the opening
of the new**

Cromhall Village Shop and Post Office

We are now pleased to announce that that we will moving back to our new shop and post office on Wednesday 11th June 2014. Unfortunately we will have to close for a few days whilst we move into our new premises in Townwell.

The planned dates for the move are as follows:

- **The Post Office counter will close after service on Friday 30th May**
- **The Shop will close after service on Saturday 31st May**
- **The new Shop will reopen in Townwell on Wednesday 11th June**
- **The new Post Office counter will reopen in Townwell on Thursday 12th June**

We apologise for any inconvenience the short closure may cause. Please continue to use and support us when we reopen in our new premises. We will be open five and half days per week, and will continue to take regular orders for papers, milk, bread, locally made cakes and weekly vegetable boxes. We will have the same selection of beers, wines and spirits and a very extensive range of groceries, confectionary, cards, stationery and household goods, plus a few new items to tempt you. We also take debit and credit cards for the purchase of goods in the shop.

Patrick Martin, Chair of the Association



MUSICAL TREAT

Saturday 7th June

Thornbury Orchestra
Thornbury Baptist Church at 7.30

Programme includes:

Beethoven's 5th symphony

Elgar's cello concerto

(soloist, Rosemary Stoner)

Sibelius' popular tone poem, Finlandia

and a new piece, 'Hartland Point'

by local composer Nigel Jefferies



Entry is free but there will be a retiring collection in aid of St. Peter's Hospice.



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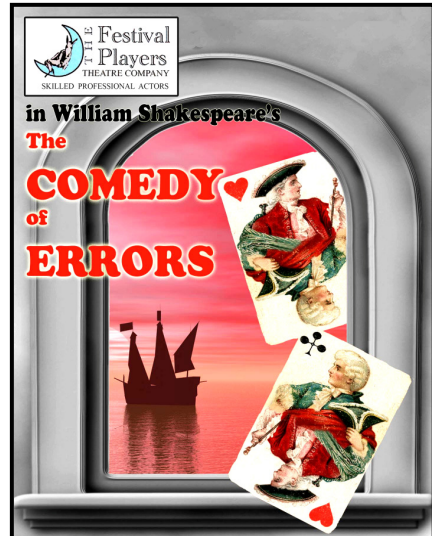


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6.30pm Evening Worship

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Please ring 01454 294065 for details

11th, 18th & 25th June at 7.30pm – Bible Study & Prayer in the chapel hall.

THURS 5th & 19th June – 10am till noon, Coffee Morning in the chapel hall

Sunday service preachers during June are:

1st, 15th & 22nd (am & pm) Pastor Kevin.
8th (am) Steve Loader, (pm) Richard Douglas.
29th (am) Sandy Sandercott, (pm) Phil Ricketts.

There is now a prayer box on the outside wall of the Chapel. If anyone has a concern they would like our small prayer group to pray for, please do drop us a line.

A warm welcome awaits you at all of our meetings

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THORNBURY VOLUNTEER CENTRE NEWS

We're excited to be holding a Pop-Up shop in the St Mary Centre during national Volunteers' Week 2-7 June. The shop will bring volunteering onto the High Street and will feature a tombola table and raffle, sale of good quality pre-owned goods and showcase local craftspeople who will be displaying and selling their work.

Our AGM is on Thursday 3 July in the function room of The Swan starting at 1.15pm. A light buffet will be served and everyone is welcome to attend.

For details of our Volunteers' Week children's competition with cash prizes go to our website at www.volunteer-thornbury.co.uk

Court Farm Teas

Sunday 13th July

2 – 4 pm

**Court Farm,
Church Lane, Cromhall**

**Teas, Cakes and
Scones**

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