

5 Villages VA Live



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Plant trees, plant hope.

Our daughter has lived in a terraced house in Easton for the last 12 years. It's a bit different from Tortworth but she loves it.



In the tiny garden is a fabulous camellia tree. It radiates pink from late November until Easter. It is as tall as the house. If it was in a National Trust garden, people would stop and take photographs. The petals turn the whole area pink when they fall and we collect sacks full and put them on our compost heap. (She's really only got room for a wormery!). It has quite a trunk and I reckon it must be about 80 years old. Now why is it there?

I like to think it was planted to commemorate the homecoming of someone from the war. A real celebration. I guess I could research and find out who lived there at the time. I'm not sure I want to find out in case I'm wrong. How sad if it was planted because someone never did return home. To plant a tree in the devastated city of Bristol in the immediate aftermath of war, must have taken huge imagination and effort. And yet there is that tree in Easton, dropping its petals like the poppies of Flanders, to remind us that peace is possible.

It seems unimaginable that in years to come people might be planting trees in Gaza, Ukraine, and Russia, and yet we have seen newly planted trees in Bosnia following the tragedy of the Balkan war

Over the years we have planted many, many trees; some in celebration, others to enhance our towns and villages. The Jubilees, the Coronation, gave us lots of excuses to plant significant trees. We are surrounded by trees planted by our forebears. Many have also developed where land has been left to mature or hedges left to grow.



What significant occasion will you commemorate by planting a tree? Let us hope it is for a great celebration and we pray that trees will flourish in those areas currently being devastated by conflict. A sign of life arising from ruins and conflict.

Fen Marshall

There's always
a reason to
smile ... find it!



LEGO CLUB at Thornbury Library

Listen to a story or some poems, then create your own LEGO masterpieces and display them in the library for your family and friends to see.

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View 5 Alive online

Remember that 5 Alive is available online and in colour at:

- www.www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk
- <https://cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrews-church>
- www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk



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St James' Church 2023/24 100+ Club Easter draw

- 1st No 49 M Brown;
- 2nd No 171 P Dunning
- Joint 3rd No 144 R Keen,
No 139 Andy Williams,
No 164 S Daly.



VISITING RINGERS

There will be a group of visiting ringers at St James', Tytherington on **Monday 6th May from 5.00 - 5.45 pm.**



Tytherington Village Shop Association

Annual Members' Meeting

will be held on

Wednesday June 12 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex

All welcome but only TVSA members will be able to vote. Membership forms are available on request at the shop.

COPY DEADLINE FOR AUGUST EDITION

I have now received a date for my knee replacement operation and consequently the **deadline for material for inclusion in August's edition of 5 Alive will be brought forward to midnight on Friday 5th July.**

You can, of course, send material for the August edition before that date.

If you contribute to the magazine on a regular basis, please ensure that you make a note of this date because anything submitted later than this will not be included.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CROMHALL, 100 CLUB EASTER DRAW

The winner of the £50 Easter Draw was Ian Harvey with No 9. Many congratulations to Ian and a reminder that there are still 19 numbers available for the rest of the year At only £10 each.

The next draw will be held at 11am on Friday 31st May in Cromhall Community Shop. Good luck!

Mandy Bird (01454 294186)

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

in taking on a 'shared vegetable plot' within a mature, productive garden in Tytherington - - - - in exchange for mowing two small lawns? Mower provided.



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FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Annual General Meeting

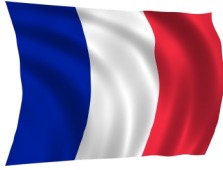
Wednesday 8th May 2024

7.30 pm

All welcome

<https://www.falfieldvillagehall.co.uk/>

TYTHERINGTON MAY DAY FAIR



MONDAY 6th MAY 2024 FROM 2pm

AN OLYMPIC THEME

ALL INVITED TO MAKE AN OLYMPIC TORCH
FOR A PARADE

ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:

MAYPOLE DANCING

FUNDOG SHOW

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CAKES

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AND MUCH MORE

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AND DONATIONS FOR THE TOMBOLA, SOFT TOYS, RAFFLE

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OR VAL valj475@gmail.com

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Rockhampton Folk and World

Music Festival

Saturday 15th June 2024 from 2pm

Quality music, relaxed family friendly atmosphere and local food and drink – that's what people tell us they love about the Rockhampton Folk Festival.

We have another fab line up this year - traditional folk from Tarren and Intarsia, joyous African songs from the Ganda Boys and the wonderful Tango Calor plus the Lochrian Ceilidh to finish the evening.

There'll be kids' activities and free workshops for all ages with the musicians. It all happens in a small field by the church in Rockhampton and is simply about quality music and having fun in a safe, relaxed friendly atmosphere.



Saturday 15 June 2024



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BEGINNERS' LINE DANCE

Sat. 11th May 7.30pm at Falfield VH

Come and try your hand (and feet) at our Beginners' Class. For more information see www.falfieldvillagehall.co.uk or call 01454 413371



Yee Haw!!



Tytherington Village Hall is now bookable online.

The Hall is available for hire by individuals, community groups, or business users.

So, if you or your organisation is looking for a venue for social gatherings, family parties, meetings or stage shows why not take a look at <https://tythvh.org/>.

Thornbury Art Club monthly Club Night
St Mary's Church Hall, 7.15 for 7.30pm.

May Club night is Tuesday 28th

David Johnson: 'Moody Seascapes'

David will demonstrate a variety of techniques using palette knives, brushes and figures to achieve a wide range of texture and patterns found in seascapes eg. water, foam, reflections. Come and watch an artist at work, ask questions and get some tips.

We welcome any visitors or prospective new members, £6 on the door, includes tea & biscuits.

For more details visit www.thornburyartclub.co.uk, www.facebook.com/ThornburyArtClub, email publicrelations.tac@gmail.com or Tel.01454 414433



Tytherington Village Shop May Day Fair

The shop will be running the Sweet stall and the Tombola; we shall be collecting items for the Tombola in the shop. Please

see if you can spare any tins/bottles/packets/chocs./sweets or other small items to donate for Tombola prizes. Anything you give needs to be in date of course.

Alternatively, you could buy an inexpensive item from the shop to donate as a Tombola prize, so please be generous. All funds raised at the Fair are shared between all the village organisations involved.

We are also happy for you to leave any raffle prizes or soft toys in the shop, for us to pass on to the volunteers running those stalls.

Date for your diary

Annual Members Meeting – Wednesday June 12, 2024 at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall Annexe

We hope that as many customers, friends and supporters of the shop, whether members or non- members of TVSA, will come along to hear about the shop's activities during the past year and to have your say on how things are going.

We are hoping to have some extra volunteers to join the Management Committee, to undertake a specific area of responsibility such as publicity, premises or health and safety.

We also need a Secretary to the Tytherington Village Shop Association; duties mainly involve minuting of meetings and keeping records up to date...

So there are plenty of opportunities to get involved for 'old hands' and newcomers alike.

Fake News?

On 14th May 1796, Edward Jenner performed his first inoculation against smallpox by infecting James Phipps with immunising cowpox germs, allegedly taken from the hand of milkmaid, Sarah Nelmes.

His opponents, however, spread the tale that those who were vaccinated would turn into cows, like 'a child at Peckham who, after being inoculated with the cow pox, had his former natural disposition absolutely changed; so that it ran upon all fours bellowing like a cow, and butting with its head like a bull.'

Learn Tango Dancing
Mondays from 13th May 2024

8.15 - 9.15pm at Hill Village Hall

Ever fancied learning to dance the Tango? Here's your big chance.

For the four Mondays leading up to the Rockhampton Folk Festival in June there will be Tango dancing lessons in the Village Hall at Hill.

Suitable for all ages and levels. No skill, experience or partner necessary, just a sense of humour. You'll then have a great headstart if you want to dance along to Tango Calor at the Rockhampton Folk Festival on Saturday 15 June.

Sessions are Monday 13 May, 20 May, 3 June and 10 June from 8.15pm. The four sessions cost £20 per person.

To sign up or find out more call Nicki on 07973 796508.



Tat3

will meet on
Wed May 15th
at 3pm
in Cromhall Village Hall
for tea and a chat.



All senior citizens living in and around Cromhall are welcome.

New comers are always welcome.

If you would like to be picked up, please let me know on 01454 294200. Ann

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Cancer Research UK

Fish and Chips Quiz

Manorbrook School, Park Road,
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Saturday 15th June 2024.

Please arrive by 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets: £15 per person and can be obtained from Gill Blackborough on 07866 580608.

Contactless will be available on the night and there will also be a raffle.

Quiz Master Tony Flintoff will be in charge.

Maximum 6 per team.



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Tortworth Parish Meeting



The highlight of Tortworth Parish Meeting's social calendar came to its annual climax on Saturday 23rd March.

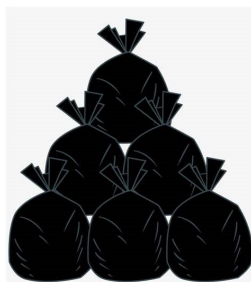
Wearing the traditional costume of high viz. jackets and gloves and brandishing hoops and grabs, 23 parishioners, and residents of Leyhill, from the ages of 6 to 80, sallied forth to explore the lanes, laybys, and hedgerows of Tortworth.

The decorations at this year's event were mainly sponsored by Stella Artois and Red Bull, although Dog Poo Inc. with their clever adornment of barbed wire fences and black-thorn bushes played their usual significant part.

Burger King was not quite so forthcoming this year, probably due to the intermittent closure of the road from the motorway services. Sadly, there were not quite enough of us to collect from every layby and verge so anyone will be welcome to join our celebration next year. South Gloucestershire Council kindly lent the fetching outfits (geddit?) and collected the goodie bags (for some unknown reason the participants were not keen to take these home with them).

Some parishioners and members of the hotel staff were sadly unable to join the main party on the Saturday but were, nevertheless, rewarded with some dozen or so goodie bags themselves which they had collected the previous week.

The end of the pilgrimage was celebrated with bacon baps kindly supplied by Tortworth Estate Farm Shop. The huge pile of around 75 bags (yes, that's what we collect every year!) was collected by the Council along with other rubbish including a full set of tyres.



It was generally felt by everyone, that if any of us had the chance to personally thank any of the contributors to the decorating of our lovely village, we would string them up by the b*****s and chuck them off the Severn Bridge.

DAN NORRIS Update from Dan Norris,
West of England **Mayor of the West of Eng-**
METRO MAYOR land

Get up to £250 off energy efficiency assessment today Take advantage of a home assessment voucher and start your journey towards an eco-conscious and cosier home. Backed by the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority, this discount will help you achieve your goal of a more energy-efficient home with cheaper energy bills. For more details please visit: <https://www.retrofitwest.co.uk/vouchers/>

Don't mow the lawn! We've lost approximately 97% of flower-rich meadows since the 1930's which pollinators, like bees need. But your lawn can help! In "No Mow May" please don't mow the lawn. It will help in our ambition to make the West of England the bee and pollinator capital of the U.K. Find out more at <https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/pollinator-resources>

WESTlink improvements. To make WESTlink more efficient new zones have been introduced. WESTlink is a bus stop-to-stop minibus you can book for £2 (£1 concessions) on the WESTlink app, linking you to buses and trains for onward travel. Residents in Falfield, Tortworth, Tytherington, Rockhampton and Tortworth can travel to Southmead Hospital and Bristol Parkway.

'Spring forward' onto the bus. Now that Spring has officially sprung, those with Birthdays coming up can take the opportunity to enjoy the warmer weather whilst touring the wonders of the West via bus- for free! Birthday Buses allow West of England residents unlimited free bus travel throughout the month of their birthday. Apply at: <https://www.birthdaybus.co.uk/>

Tytherington Village Hall AGM

will be held at 7.30 pm on

Thursday 9th May 2024

in the Village Hall

Villagers interested in joining the committee will be welcome.

Falfield Parish Council

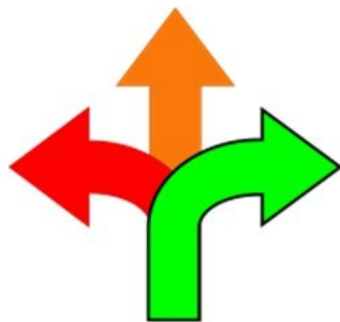
At the Parish Council meeting in April Councillors decided to move the Parish Council meetings from the 3rd Tuesday in the month to the 3rd Monday in the month commencing in May 2024.

After long discussion with the Council's Insurers agreement has been reached that the vandalised benches on the Village Green were covered by the Council's insurance. An order has now been placed for two 1.8m hardwood benches and it was hoped that delivery and installation would be completed within the next few weeks.

Although the Avon and Somerset Frampton and Charfield Beat Team were unable to attend the meeting, in their written report it was noted that the crime statistics for the six months up to February 2024 totalled 28 reported incidents with the highest being 'Violence against the person'. Further details of Crime stats for the Beat Team area can be found at <https://www.police.uk/your-area/avon-somerset-constabulary/frampton-and-charfield/?yourlocalpolicingteam=about-us&tab=crimemap>. Also in their report they advised that a Neighbourhood Watch scheme had been set up covering the roads on the Linden Homes development and that their next 'Talk to Us' event would take place on Tuesday 28th May between 9am and 10am in Falfield Village Hall.

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be its Annual Parish Council Meeting on 20th May this would follow the Annual Parish meeting which would commence at 7pm. Details of the agendas for these meetings would be published on the Council's website where the minutes of previous meetings can also be found.

J. Carpenter, Clerk and RFO, Falfield Parish Council
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2024 at 2.30pm
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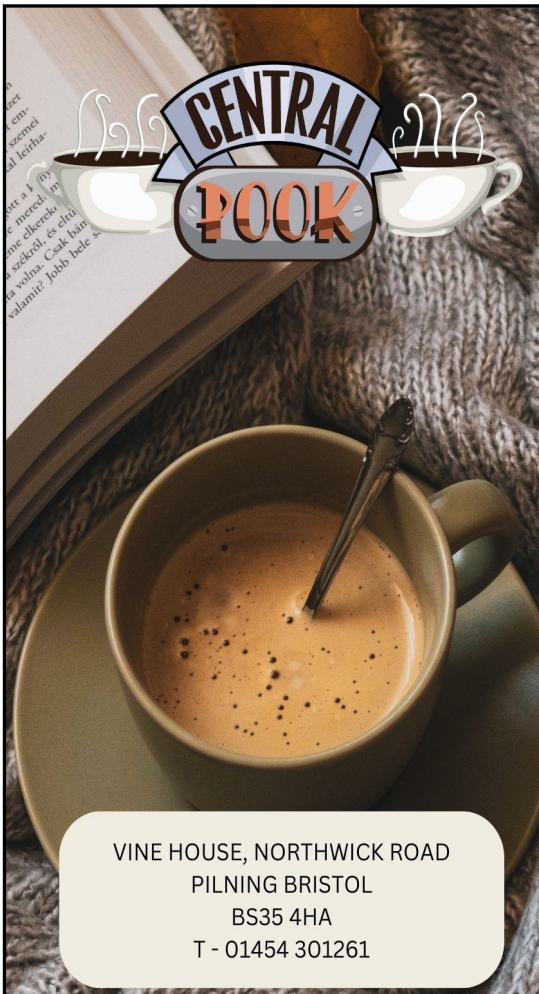
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Friday

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Saturday

9am to 4pm

Sunday

10am to 4pm

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- ✓ **Checking any exiting documents are legally valid:** Checking your Will or Powers of Attorney are signed in accordance with the complex rules that apply. With advice to make sure they still reflect your current family arrangements.
- ✓ **Property ownership:** Advice to make sure it's owned in the best way to prevent problems. There is a £3 charge from HM Land Registry.
- ✓ **Reviewing what you own:** Making sure those you trust can find and are legally able to access your bank accounts, investments and life insurance – if you were seriously ill or had died.
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Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200
Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017 or
 Sian Hogg 07986699986/sianhogg@gmx.com
Rockhampton: Liz Cullimore 01454 412208
Tortworth: Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or
 Fen Marshall 01454 260821
Tytherington: John Williams 01454 412515 or
 Phil Coward 01454 281444

If they are unavailable, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. Please bear in mind they do have other lives and may not be available instantly. However, leave a message and they will deal with it as soon as they can.

Failing that, contact **Rev. Graham Stacey, the Area Dean** on areadean@wottondeanery.org.uk or Tel. **01453 709859**

Cromhall

Sun 12th 9.30am Eucharist led by Rev. David Powe
 Sun 19th 9.30am Eucharist led by Rev. Ian Gardener

Falfield

Sun 12th 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 19th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Rockhampton

Sun 26th 10.30am Holy Communion

Tortworth

Sun 5th 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev'd Rob Axford
 Sun 19th See poster on page 8
 Sun 2nd June 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev'd Rob Axford

Tytherington

Thurs 2nd 9.30am Said Communion
 Sun 5th 10.30am Joint service at the Baptist church
 Tues 7th 12 noon Celebration of the life of Roger Howell
 Sun 19th 10.30am Holy Communion

Tortworth 3rd Sunday 19th May
2.30 - 4.00pm
 for tea, cake and chat,
 including at **3.45pm**
 an hour of Summer music with
 Eddie Garrard and The Vale
 Singers.
Everyone welcome

A Service of celebration for
 the life of **ROGER HOWELL**
 will be held at
 St James' Church,
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 noon and afterwards at
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'CALENDAR GIRLS' REAPS DOUBLE ACCOLADES FROM N.O.D.A.

Collaborative Productions are thrilled to announce that our production of 'Calendar Girls', performed at Rangeworthy Village Hall last September, has received two accolades.

Firstly, we have been nominated for the NODA South West Award for Best Drama Production in 2023. In addition, we gained 2nd place in the Programme competition.

NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) is the national body that represents amateur theatre and just to be nominated is a great achievement. The awards ceremony will take place on 18th May when we will be up against 8 other nominees for the Best Drama Production.

We are especially proud as Collaborative Productions is a group which we started to enable us to put on 'Calendar Girls'. It really was a collaborative production with a great cast and supporting technical and front of house roles.

We are so proud of everyone involved in this venture, and also for raising £6,000 which was split between Blood Cancer UK and BUST (Bristol Cancer Unit Support Trust) supporting the Bristol Breast Care Centre at Southmead Hospital.



Have
you
read?

Have You Read...?"

A book group for everyone at Thornbury Library

Come and enjoy an open book group with a difference. No set novel to read. Just drop in for an hour for refreshments and a chat.

Friday 3rd May 2pm - 3pm

Alveston Gardens Association

**Monday May 6th
Dillycot Garden
by Sally Oates**

**Alveston Jubilee Hall
7.30pm**

All welcome - Visitors (£3)



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Cancer Research UK Thanks

A huge 'Thank you' to all customers of Tesco Thornbury who donated to our bucket collection on April 6th, raising £688 for Cancer Research UK. This is the most we have collected in the store in one day and we are most grateful for your generosity.

With over 200 types of cancer, valuable research is vital and is the way forward to treating this disease. Ongoing research is being undertaken in Southmead Hospital, The BRI and the University of Bristol, so your donations help fund this.

Congratulations and thanks to all who contributed in any way to the success of the Lent Soup Lunches at Tortworth.

These raised £500 to be shared equally between St Peter's Hospice and Macmillan Nurses.



Falfield WI News

Many congratulations were given to Judy and David Clark for their 60th Wedding Anniversary this month.

We were all very sad to hear that Vera Busby had died. She had been a long-standing member of our WI and was always ready with her musical talents on the piano or with singing. Our thoughts are with David Busby and the family.

The May Day celebrations in Falfield are on the 6th from 2 - 4pm and volunteers were asked to make cakes or come along to serve teas at the event. There is going to be a "Getting to Know You" evening for new and old members on the 14th May.

Our entertainment for the evening was provided by Stockwood WI Curling organisers. 5 teams played each other with the curling discs which run on ball bearing and are very effective and definitely a challenge. The winning team members were presented with medals.

Our next meeting will include a talk about travelling the world.

Tea and Cake with local author

Joanna Toye

at Thornbury Library

on Saturday May 11th at 2pm

Ticket: £5.00 (non-refundable) - refreshments included.



Pop in and talk to a member of staff or visit
<http://SGlibraries.eventbrite.com>

OCTOPUS DRAMA GROUP

BRINGS ON THE LAUGHTER WITH 'BIRTHDAY CLUB' Christ the King Hall, Castle Street, Thornbury

Written by Phil Olsen and directed by Abi McManus, 'Birthday Club' promises to be a real hoot!

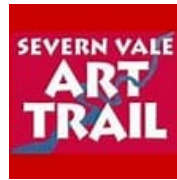
Five women, each with their own story, get together to celebrate their birthdays every year. They celebrate, commiserate and support each other as they hilariously attempt to negotiate their way through their own respective issues with relationships, work, divorce, childbirth and kids and whatever else life throws at them. Gradually, each group member reveals their own 'personal demons' as the group endeavour to support and advise each other in a variety of questionable and unorthodox ways. However, when it is accidentally revealed that one of them has been 'liaising' with another's husband, the vodka finally hits the fan.

Suitable for those 16+. Limited seating owing to the performance being set in an intimate 'in the round' theatre space.

Tickets: £8 available from Saturday 4 May at Rosie & Rex gift shop in Thornbury High St.



Rhymetime at
Thornbury Library
FREE
Every Monday and Friday
9.30am-10am



Severn Vale Art Trail 2024

This year's art trail will be taking place over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Monday 6th May 2024.

Enjoy an afternoon, day or the whole weekend exploring the trail from Stinchcombe down to Alveston, discovering talented local artists displaying their art in their own studios or shared venues. We will be hosting 68 artists in 31 venues representing a diverse range of work: paintings, photography, ceramics, textiles, jewellery, glass art, mosaics and much more!

Many of the venues have refreshments for sale or are located close to local coffee shops, and include interesting churches, working studios and community buildings. This is a great opportunity to support local artists and purchase original artwork and gifts, or simply to enjoy an inspiring day out!

For details of all the artists and venues (including accessibility, directions and opening hours), and to view the trail map, please visit our website www.severnvalleartrail.org or pick up one of the printed trail guides from local shops and cafes.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @severnvalleartrail for all the latest updates.

For further information regarding press release please contact Lynda Knott on 07833496799, or Lynda.knott@yahoo.co.uk.

The advertisement for 'Fennell's Alpacas of Falfield' features a stylized landscape with rolling green hills and a blue sky. In the foreground, there are black silhouettes of a dog, a horse, and two alpacas. The text 'Fennell's Alpacas' is written in a large, black, handwritten-style font across the middle. Below it, 'of Falfield' is written in a smaller, similar font. At the bottom, a black banner contains the text 'Alpaca Experiences * Sales * Workshops * Yarn & Products' in a green, handwritten-style font. Below the banner, the mobile number '07912 770053' and the website 'www.fennellsalpacas.com' are listed in white. A Facebook logo is in the bottom right corner.



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- 12th "Gospel Messages" [Mark 1:1-13]*. *Brian*
- 19th Guest Preacher - Hugh Ferguson {Thornbury BC}.
- 26th "Gospel Messages" [Mark 1:25-39]. *Brian*

All services commence at 10:30am unless otherwise stated.

*Service will include Holy Communion

NOTICE

To all electors of Falfield Parish you are invited to **FALFIELD ANNUAL PARISH (ELECTORS) MEETING**

This meeting will take place on **Monday 20th May 2024 commencing at 7pm in Falfield Village Hall**

The Annual Parish (Electors) Meeting is not a Parish Council Meeting. This meeting is for parishioners (hosted by Falfield Parish Council).

This is your chance to comment or ask questions on any parish issues. The Agenda for this meeting will be published on Friday 10th May 2024



Assured that it was in working order, a priest bought a lawnmower at a jumble sale. Back home, he pulled on the starter rope a few times with no results.

He went back to the sale and told the previous owner, "I can't get the mower to start!"

"That's because you have to curse to get it started," replied the man.

"I'm a man of the cloth; I don't even remember how to curse," replied the priest.

"You keep pulling on that rope and it'll come back to you!" said the man.

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Classes are £2.50 each to enter.
Enter 3 classes for £6, or all 4 for £8
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Medals will be awarded to the winners,
following our Olympic theme.
Just turn up on the day.

Classes

1. Most handsome boy
2. Prettiest girl
3. Best child handler (for children under 13)
4. Blooming dogs! Best dog aged 7 or older

Dogs will be permitted on the Jubilee Field on 6th May by permission of Tytherington Parish Council

Computer Support 1-1 at Thornbury Library
Book a session with our computer volunteer for IT and digital support
Every Thursday 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am

ARE YOU AN UNPAID CARER?

It is important for unpaid carers to be aware that they are not alone and that there is help and support out there, for many it is a role that is thrust on them when a partner or relative is no longer able to fully care for themselves.

When you are caring for someone it is worth registering with South Gloucestershire Council and requesting an assessment, this can be done by contacting the Council on 01454 860007 or the Carers Support Centre on 0117 9652200 this will give the carer the opportunity to reflect on the caring role and support that they may require for their own health and wellbeing, once the assessment is complete the Council will be in touch with the outcome and any additional support that that may be available.

Support services that are available from the Carers Support Centre are, information, advice and guidance through the carers support line, respite breaks for carers, courses and workshops, counselling and carers emergency card that ensures if you have an accident or are taken ill the person that you care for will be taken care of.

It is important that carers do not try to do everything on their own there is a multitude of services out there that can be accessed by having an assessment that will open the advice and support to help. Information can also be found via Citizens Advice <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/family/looking-after-people/carers-help-and-support/>

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection spread by Tick bites that can be dangerous.

Ticks are small bugs that can be tiny as a pin head. They burrow into the skin. May is when most people contract it, as they are getting outdoors again.

Those **most at risk are children and over 50s** as they spend the most time in nature.

Here are easy things you can do to protect yourself:

- Wear lighter coloured clothes to more easily spot Ticks.
- Tuck trouser legs into socks when around long grass.
- Wear an insect repellent, found in outdoors shops or online.
- Check yourself when you get home for any rogues.
- If you have a tick engorged; remove it safely, gently pulling upwards with a tick removal tool or tweezers. Try not to squish the tick.
- If bitten, see your GP immediately. Not all ticks transmit Lyme Disease but a short course of preventative antibiotics could save you complications.
- If you weren't bitten to your knowledge, keep an eye on yourself. The bacteria is shaped like a corkscrew. These drill down into different parts of the body, so many different symptoms can present themselves.
- Sore joints, fatigue, headaches and flu-like symptoms are common but not exclusive. **A bullseye rash is diagnostic, but there are other variations, also not everyone gets a rash.**

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Lyme Disease is brutal, but don't abandon the outdoors. Be aware and up your tick bite prevention game!



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Thornbury Musical Theatre Group is coming home. TMTG is back performing in Thornbury for the first time since Covid struck. Join mad scientist Professor How and his friend Arti as they 'Journey Back to the Future' on a time travelling quest to save Musical Theatre.

This musical adventure takes you back in time as you experience songs from TMTG's musicals past from the 60s through to the 10s. Our musical adventure features the voice of Colin Baker, the sixth Dr Who, giving some time travelling advice. From Calamity Jane to Cats; Fiddler on the Roof to Fisherman's Friends; Half a Sixpence to Hamilton; and Oklahoma to Only Fools and Horses, there's a song for everyone to enjoy. Can our duo save Musical Theatre? We look forward to sharing our trip with you.

**Fri 31st May
and Sat 1st June,
2.30pm and 7.30pm at
Thornbury Methodist
Church upstairs hall.**



Tickets £10 plus booking fee from www.tmtg.org.uk/tickets or at Box Office from 1st May at Lisa Costa Estate Agent, 53 High Street, Thornbury.



May Day Celebration on the Green Monday 6th May 2 - 4pm



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WESTlink changes

New individual down-loadable zone maps for WESTlink have been published on the travelWEST

website: Bus service changes April 2024 - travelWEST.

Information about which key destinations can be reached for each zone is also on the website.

Leaflets outlining the changes and the overall (not individual) zone map are also available on WESTlink buses for customers.

We have a small additional quantity if you require paper copies directly. Please contact westlink@westofengland-ca.gov.uk.

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**THORBURY
CHORAL SOCIETY**
Saturday, May 11th 7.30pm

St Mary's Church Thornbury (BS35 1HQ)

**A concert of English music
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Programme:

- Benjamin Britten "Rejoice in the Lamb"
- Vaughan Williams "Five Mystical Songs" and "Benedicite"
- Gustav Holst Settings of Psalm 86 and 148

Soloists:

Emily Wenman (Soprano), Sacha Fullerton (Alto), Samir Savant (Tenor), Robert Pritchard (Bass).
Organist: James Drinkwater.

Tickets: £18 (pre-booked) £20 (on the door) £5 (students) available from members and from Horder's Stationers (after April 27th)
or email: tickets@thornburychoralsociety.co.uk

Make 2024 count!

Run 10K for us at the Great Bristol Run on 19th May 2024 and help give local people the advice they need



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Visit: www.southgloscab.org.uk

A vital advice charity in South Gloucestershire aims to double its fundraising total from last year's Bristol 10K challenge. Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire needs to recruit a further five runners to join its existing team of five.

This will mean it will double the number of people who took on the AJ Bell Great Bristol Run last year in order to raise a target of £4,000. This will go towards the charity's core costs in helping more than 6,000 people in South Gloucestershire per year.

In 2023 it helped more than 6,590 people - its largest number of clients on record, and a 20 per cent increase on the previous year; it now helps roughly ten times as many clients in need of food bank or charitable support each month as it did prior to the pandemic. Only a portion of its work is covered by local authority funding so every individual donation helps

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12 th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) David Frampton
29 th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Stewart Heap
26 th	(10.30am) Tom Brown	(6.30pm) Simon Carey

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 1st and 15th we meet in various homes in the area: 8th and 22nd Bible Study and Prayer on zoom, 29th Communion and Prayer in the hall

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom): 7th and 21st at 7.00pm, 14th and 28th at 9.30am

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 14th May at 7.00pm. Join a friendly group of ladies to work on your own craft while we chat over a cup of tea.

Coffee Mornings: Join us for coffee and cake every Thursday morning 10.00am - 12 noon.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 15th May at 9.00am. Join us for a delicious cooked breakfast followed by a talk by Rev Dr M Tom Brown entitled "Roaming with Rebels".

Verses of the year for 2024: *"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God."* *Philippians 1: 9-11*



Ukrainian Storytime at Thornbury Library

Mondays at 4pm

Please tell your Ukrainian family, friends, and colleagues, about Zoya, a Ukrainian teacher, who will be in the library every Monday at 4pm to share stories, reading, etc, from the Ukraine

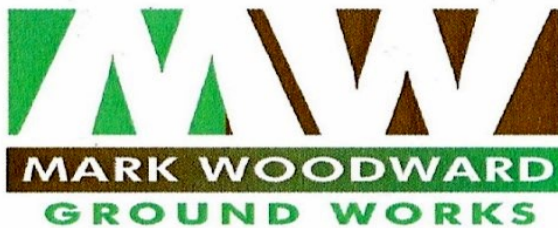
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Thornbury Carnival has announced its line-up for the 2024 event, taking place over the weekend of Friday 5th and Saturday 6th July on the Mundy Playing Fields.

- 'Swing in the Park', hosted by Thornbury Radio's DJ, Chris Criddle. 'Maximum Robbie', tribute act Scott Borley will perform Robbie Williams' array of swing hits, supported by Thornbury Swing Band performing swing jazz instrumental and vocal numbers from the 1930s to modern times.
- Weather permitting, there will be a hot air balloon ascent on Friday evening. (Thanks to the Western Region Air Balloon & Airship Club for their continued support.).
- Gates open for 'The Main Event' at 11am on Sat 6th, running until 11pm, starting with a Variety Show co-hosted by Thornbury Radio DJ, Nigel Lane, and featuring a range of amateur talent from Thornbury and the surrounding area.
- Long-standing local band, Tattsyrup, will perform a range of ska classics, followed by professional Ed Sheeran tribute, Christy Bullen. Foo Fighters tribute, the Fore Fighters, will perform some of the rock legends' classic tracks.
- A high energy DJ will help the crowd get set for the headline act, Disco Inferno.

New for 2024, is an evening-only ticket for entry after 6pm. Ticket prices have been held at 2023 levels and the online booking fee has been absorbed. Activities for children will run between 11am and 5pm and much of the entertainment is included in the ticket price e.g. Circus Sensible will be running two shows in our Big Top, as well as offering a variety of circus skills workshops. There will also be two face painters and a children's craft tent. Further information is available on the Thornbury Carnival website: www.thornburycarnival.co.uk. Early Bird tickets are available to buy via the website now.



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Items in bold are in short supply

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Instant Meals

Pulses

Sponge puddings

Toilet rolls

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Male and female deodorant

Laundry tablets

Donations can be placed in the basket in Tesco, the Co-op at Thornbury Fields or left on the Baptist church steps on Wednesdays between 9.30am and 11am

Can you please make sure all items are in date and unopened?

Enjoy a free hot drink in Thornbury Library Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.30am-4.00pm

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- **Charities wishing to publicise events should quote their charity number.**

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