

# Villages 5V Alive

# NOVEMBER

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At the end of October in the benefice we held a service similar to All Souls, where people could come to remember and to light candle in memory of a loved one. Now we enter the month of November which throughout says to us "Remember, remember..."! Not only do we have Bonfire Night, that is followed by Remembrance Day and the subsequent Sunday services when we welcome mem-

bers of the Royal British Legion and youth organisations to our services. Services in which we rightly recall the work and sacrifice of the armed force personnel, both in our world today as well as in the past years, with the horrors of world wars and recent bloody conflicts that took – and still take - so many young lives. Conflicts that leave men, women and children damaged physically and mentally. We will remember them.

Most of us recall throughout the year those people who have shared our lives and moved on. We have no need of a special month or special occasion to remind us – we still feel the love, we still long for the hug, the touch, the reassuring smile or even the questioning raised eyebrow. We will remember them.

As I get older I find I have a much longer list of people to recall. Some of these are people from parishes in which I have served and whose 'dates' are too numerous to recall individually – they never actually leave you – the memories still remain. In the benefice this year our villages have said farewells to many long-standing neighbours and friends. We will remember them.

As we remember people, it's not a death that we recall, it is the life of the person – the times we have laughed or discussed or argued or rejoiced or cried with them. Our diocesan vision from Bishop Rachel is about life – LIFE! ...and life in all its fullness. Our lives are to be lived and enjoyed – NOT endured. Life is such a gift – and one we take for granted unless something stops us and makes us reflect on the enormity of the awesome and yet fragile gift you and I have been given. The acute pain of loss reminds us of the vitality of the life we are privileged to live. +Rachel's vision encourages us to look at our own lives and at the way in which we, as individuals and as a local church, are engaged in the life and lives of people around us. It is easy for churches to become inward looking and so in the benefice this year at this time of Remembrance, I will be encouraging us all to not only rightly remember the sacrifices of wars and conflicts; the loss of our own loved ones and those from our benefice, but also to give thanks for our present neighbours and colleagues – whom let's face it, we sometimes take for granted too! We will remember them.



...and don't let's forget that, as Christians, our lives are built on the sacrifice of a young man who willingly gave up His life in order that we can truly live. Will you remember Him?

Rev'd Sue

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



The CRoFTT Benefice  
To see Christ in all and show Christ to the world'  
www.croftt.org.uk



You are invited to join us at any of the services taking place in the benefice.

#### Midweek Eucharists in the Benefice

There will normally be a said Eucharist at Tytherington on the first Thursday at 9.30am and on the fourth Tuesday at 10.30am, alternating between Falfield and Tortworth, followed by coffee either at The Huntsman or The Farmers' Table. Please double check in the weekly pewsheet.

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

9.30am Holy Communion at Tytherington



#### SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> BEFORE ADVENT ALL SAINTS

9.30am	Cromhall	Holy Communion
11.15am	Falfield	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Tortworth	Holy Communion
11.00am	Tytherington	Joint service with Baptists at St James'

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

7.00pm Falfield 'Embrace'



**'Embrace'**  
Second Wednesday each month at St George's Church, Falfield, at 7.00pm

*An invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*

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

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

**Learn & Explore** 10.30am at Falfield Village Hall followed by soup & roll lunch.

Everyone welcome.



#### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> BEFORE ADVENT

3.00pm	Cromhall	Remembrance Service
9.30am	Rockhampton	Remembrance Service
10.55am	Falfield	Remembrance Service
10.55am	Tortworth	Remembrance Service
10.55am	Tytherington	Remembrance Service

**NB Please note changes to service times**

#### SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

9.30am	Cromhall
11.15am	Falfield
11.15am	Tortworth
9.30am	Tytherington

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> BEFORE ADVENT

Morning Prayer
Morning Prayer
Holy Communion
Holy Communion



#### SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

9.30am	Cromhall
9.30am	Rockhampton
11.15am	Falfield
11.15am	Tortworth

#### CHRIST THE KING

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

**10.30am** Said Eucharist at Falfield followed by coffee at The Huntsman.



#### SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER

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

#### ADVENT SUNDAY

Holy Communion
Morning Prayer
Holy Communion
Joint Service with Baptists at Baptist Church

**BENEFICE PHONE: 01454 260096**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS: office@croftt.org.uk**  
or email Jan Leach on jan@leach13.plus.com

#### Churchwardens:

Cromhall:	Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200
Rockhampton:	Liz Cullimore 01454 412208
Falfield:	Headley Pain 01454 269017
Tortworth:	Hilary Legg 01454 413234
Tytherington:	John Williams 01454 412515 or Phil Coward 01454 281444

## Who are the chaplains?

We seem to have been a part of the CRoFTT benefice now for quite some time helping out with various services alongside other clergy, but it is only in the past weeks that Rev Canon Frances Wookey and I have officially become chaplains to the benefice. SO.... who are we??

Well Frances first... I spent the first half of my working life in the business world and am an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute. However I always felt that I was rather a square peg in a round hole, and redundancy from a demanding job at Lloyd's Bank in 1992 gave me respite to listen to what God wanted me to do next. After a period of exploration and discernment, I did three years' training on the West of England Ministerial Training Course and was ordained in Gloucester Cathedral in 1997. After a curacy in Gloucester, I became vicar of a rural benefice in Worcester Diocese which had three churches when I started - and nine by the time I retired in 2015! I was Rural Dean for six years during that time; also privileged to be made an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral where I still do a monthly stint as day chaplain. Since retiring, I have become involved in supporting and representing retired clergy at both local and national levels. I have been delighted always to be made so welcome in CRoFTT Benefice, and look forward to my continuing role assisting Sue, especially taking Sunday services since - contrary to popular belief! - ordination does not confer the gift of being everywhere at once. I am married to Roger and our lives are ruled by Thea, a bouncy black Labrador. I like to cook - and to eat!! I take a keen interest in politics and current affairs, and enjoy being entertained through the media of reading, theatre, music and television; I also make things ranging from cards to jumpers. I even write occasionally, so maybe I am Ernie Wise to Sue's Eric Morecambe - read on to understand the last comment wot I wrote.....



Well, now me .... here I go..! I'm Rev Sue ... born at a very early age, thought life was a game to be played so headed off to take on the world by going to Chelsea College of PE, Eastbourne a specialist college, where everyone else seemed to be an international in one sport or another.... but I wasn't!! I just liked playing games.....and I still do!! I taught in a number of schools before allowing God to catch me and to cut a long story short, I went to Trinity College Bristol to do a theology course leading to ordination. I was ordained deacon in 1989 in Wells Cathedral and have been in full-time stipendiary ministry until I retired in 2011. I served two curacies and a short time as a Senior Assistant Priest, then had the living in two sets of parishes. First of all in Coventry diocese and the second here in Gloucester diocese. My particular interests lie in Music and Liturgy (so I did a further degree in that at Leeds Uni) and Church Schools - and yes, I did a further degree in that at Gloucester Uni. At present, just for fun I am researching clergy training for their work in CE primary schools at Bath Uni!! So, that's me...oh and by the way, I swim to keep fit and play the piano after the style of Eric Morecambe where most of the notes are there, but not necessarily in the right order! I think that's me in a nutshell.

So what is our vision for this next role within these parishes?? As chaplains Frances and I will be looking to give you guidance and advice as each parish wrestles with a variety of different challenges spiritually, liturgically and pastorally. This will be a very different style of ministry to that of a full time stipendiary priest, but we hope it will give the leadership that congregations and parishes need at this time, preparing the churches to move forward, developing strengths and the ability to embrace new goals.

### Rogue Traders and Licensing Contact Details

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### 5 Alive 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.



Please contact the Churchwardens (details on page 2) for matters concerning funerals and email the Benefice Office for enquiries about weddings and baptisms.

**For all Benefice Business**  
Please ring **01454 260096**  
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 someone to bring Holy Communion to your home please ring 01454 260096 and leave a message. We are more than happy to do this.

- **On the first Thursday of the month Tytherington are holding a Eucharist at 9.30am but please check by ringing 01454 417445**
- **On the fourth Tuesday at 10.30am there will be a Eucharist alternating between Falfield and Tortworth, followed by coffee either at The Huntsman or The Farmers' Table.**

Visit the benefice website at **www.crofft.org.uk** to see the pewsheet or make a prayer request.

**Please let the Churchwardens know if you wish us to keep someone in our prayers or use the prayer tree at St Leonard's.**

## Visiting



Visiting is part of the Church's Ministry. If you would like a visit 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 Local History Group for their kind donation to our running costs.

Each 20-page edition costs £334 to print, so we are always grateful for donations as our funding depends on advertising and the generosity of our readers.

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](mailto:geoffrey.crosthwaite@tesco.net)
- or write to him at The Barn, Townwell, Cromhall, Wotton-Under-Edge, GL12 8AQ.

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



## LEARN & EXPLORE THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

This session will be held in the small hall at Falfield Village Hall, starting at 10.30am with coffee. We will have homemade soup and a roll afterwards (with a donation to charity). We aim to be finished by 12.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us; it would make it easier for catering if you would let us know beforehand if you would like to join us for lunch. Please ring 01454 260364.

## Thornbury Jazz Festival 2018

The inaugural Thornbury Jazz Festival will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and promises a range of exciting, exhilarating and varied jazz appealing to a wide variety of tastes. Bands booked include: The Thornbury Swing Band, The Mark Randall Six, singer Jessica Radcliffe with the Park Row Five and The Class Act Trio, all happening in a jazz café setting in the Armstrong Hall.

Ticket prices from £6 for a single concert to £18 for the whole event. For further information phone 01454 412272.

## FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

To book the village hall, please email [falfieldvh@gmail.com](mailto:falfieldvh@gmail.com) or visit the Falfield village website [www.falfield.org.uk](http://www.falfield.org.uk) to complete a booking form online.



## Thornbury Citizens Advice Bureau

Contact Details: The Old Police Station, 35 High Street, Thornbury, BS35 2AR



### Telephone Advice Service:

03444 111 444

Mon to Fri 10.00 - 14.00

### Drop In and Appointments:

Tue & Thurs 10.00 – 13.00

## POPPY APPEAL 2017



We need helpers to collect at Wyevale Garden Centre, Milbury Heath on

**Sat 4th and Sun 5th November also Tues November 7th**

All offers of help welcomed, especially from young people

Please contact Mike and Daphne Brown, Poppy Appeal Organisers Tytherington

Tel. 01454 413487

Email [mbrown.dsuch@care4free.net](mailto:mbrown.dsuch@care4free.net)

## Townwell Tots

### Need a break?

Why not join us at Cromhall Chapel Hall - a free 'stay and play' where parents/carers can relax and chat whilst the children play.



Toys and refreshments available. Short singing time and bible story to conclude.

10.15am to 12 noon

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - PARTY!  
[www.cromhallchapel.org](http://www.cromhallchapel.org)

**NB** Parent/carers responsible for their children at all times.



## TYTHERINGTON WI SEPTEMBER

This was our first meeting after the summer break and it was good to see so many members in attendance. President Valerie Vizard welcomed everyone and then all stood and sang Jerusalem.

All members were reminded of the forthcoming Group Meeting on October 5 at the Armstrong Hall and twelve tickets were subsequently sold.

A vote was also taken on the NFWI Resolution and the results forwarded. Secretary Pam Shipp shared and discussed information in the group the AFWI Newsletters for both August and September.

Valerie Niblett confirmed the recent trip to St Fagan's National History Museum had been very successful. Our thanks to Valerie for organising yet another great outing.

With business sorted, we then welcomed Dr Francis Burroughes who gave a very entertaining talk: 'A Victorian Head Gardener'. He told us the story of his father who started his career in Horticulture as gardener's boy on a large estate prior to WW1. He fed our imagination with fascinating tales on mowing lawns with horse-drawn mowers, growing grapes and pineapples in glass houses and many other eccentricities demanded by aristocracy of the time. He was both informative and extremely entertaining.

Our monthly competition winners were 1st Bette Norman 2nd Janice Cornock.

## Thornbury Young Musicians' Afternoon Concert

Cossham Hall, Thornbury  
Saturday 11th November at 3.00 – 4.30pm  
with interval for tea & cakes

A chance to celebrate the talent of a dedicated group of instrumentalists from age 11 to 18 and to enjoy a varied selection of styles, instruments and ensembles including strings, piano, woodwind and brass, organised and introduced by well-known local professional musician Michael Lunts.



Tickets £7.50 (£5 for children under 16), includes interval refreshments, available from the Town Hall or phone 01454 412272.

*All proceeds from the event will go to the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1).*



## TYTHERINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF ANY OF OUR SERVICES/ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT  
*Mr Brian Allen (Pastor)*

Contact Number: - 01179 793104

Email:- [allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk)

SEE ALSO THE CHURCH WEBSITE: [www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org](http://www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org)

5th	Joint Service at St James'	Val & Brian
12th	Remembrance Service at St James' {N.B. 10:45}	
19th	Guest Preachers – David Hulse/David Finney (Thornbury BC) *	
26th	“Peter (1)” [Acts 10:9 – 23(a)]*	Brian

\* SERVICE WILL INCLUDE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR OUR YOUNGER PEOPLE

¶ SERVICE WILL INCLUDE HOLY COMMUNION

N.B. ALL SERVICES COMMENCE AT 11:00 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

*Everyone is welcome to join us.*

### Severn Vale Smallholders' Association

in the Stuart Room at the Chantry,  
Castle Street, Thornbury

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm



#### 'Old Garden Tools'

Severn Vale Smallholders' Association is a small group whose interests include the countryside, animals and plants. We range from members with 10 acres to members with small back gardens who raise their own produce and look after the environment in their area.

Contact number for more information:  
07934 560207

### BENEFICE RAMBLERS



Saturday Nov 25<sup>th</sup>

A walk around Corsham and  
Corsham Park

- Meet outside Post Office Cottage at 10.00 am to arrange car-sharing
- Bring a packed lunch.
- Alternatively, food / drinks available from pub at Biddlestone.
- Contact Diane on 01454 294433 for more information



### THORNBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Late Night Shopping evening in Thornbury. Many shops will be staying open until 8pm. There will be music and special offers on the evening.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Small Business Saturday. This is a national event, Thornbury will be taking part in the event.

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Thornbury Christmas Food & Gift Fair between 10.00am – 2.00pm. There will be approx. 50 stalls in Castle Street and the Plain, this is returning by popular demand.



From September 2014 until March 2019 each month with the exception of January, February, April and August Falfield will remember those individuals from the 1<sup>st</sup> World War who are recorded on the Village

War Memorial by flying the Union flag on the anniversary of their death.

**During November  
we will remember  
Victor George Nichols**



Died in November 1916 following being discharged from the Royal Engineers on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1916. (The flag will be flown on 25<sup>th</sup> November being the date he was buried in 1916)

For information on all those remembered on the War Memorial go to: [http://www.falfield.org.uk/1914\\_18\\_centenary.html](http://www.falfield.org.uk/1914_18_centenary.html)

### Rockhampton Village Hall 100 Club

#### September draw winners:



£15 Sheila Fisher    £10 Sharon Lynas  
£5 Patsy Hurley    £5 Alyson Parnell

#### October draw winners:

£15 Sue Allen    £10 Lyn Issac  
£5 David Clarke    £5 Patsy Hurley

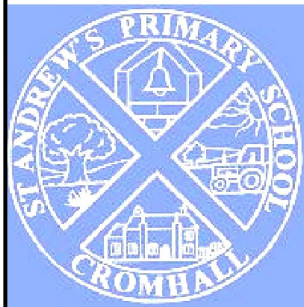
St Andrews CE VC Primary School PTFA's

# Auction Evening

Friday, 24th November

@ The Royal Oak,  
Cromhall

8.00pm start



Exciting auction items,  
including family days  
out, vouchers, cakes and more  
Please come along and  
support our fundraising drive for  
play equipment for St Andrews



Events at The Chantry,  
Thornbury

**FIREWORKS NIGHT** Friday

3 November, doors open at 6pm advance tickets  
Adult 4, child £2.50. On the Gate: Adult 4.50, Child  
£3.00

**QUIZ NIGHT THURSDAY** November 23<sup>rd</sup> at  
7.30PM Come and test your knowledge at our  
monthly Quiz. £1 per person, up to 4 to a team,  
bar open.

*Penelope, Andrew and Felicity Boosey*



*thank everyone in the  
benefice who has helped  
them in any way through  
Nigel's illness and  
death.*

*The memorial service on Friday 25th Au-  
gust was so musical and so well attended  
that the church was full. He would have  
loved it!*



Tortworth VC Primary School takes reception to  
Year 6 children from Tortworth, Falfield and the  
surrounding area and is very fortunate to have  
extensive grounds which now include a fantastic  
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Ofsted rated us 'Good' in April 2015 and we are  
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learning throughout the school to give the best  
possible start in life to our children with excep-  
tionally experienced teachers and support staff.

Come and see for yourself and let us show you  
around!

We also have a school hall available for lettings,  
please contact the school for more details.

Contact the school on 01454 260510 or  
[office@tortworthprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:office@tortworthprimaryschool.org.uk)

**CRAFT & CHAT DROP-IN FOR ADULTS AT  
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Calling all knitters, crocheters, and all people who  
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**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
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100 CLUB**

**RENEWAL REMINDER 2017/18**

Autumnal greetings to all supporters of our beautiful and historic church. Time certainly flies past and I have to remind everyone that you need to renew your 100 Club membership before our first draw on Christmas Eve at 11 am in Cromhall Community Shop. It's still a bargain at £10 for 14 chances to win £50, £30, £20 or £10 prizes. But best of all, it is a really easy way of helping us maintain and care for our wonderful church building and churchyard.

You can invest your £10 by paying it into Cromhall Community Shop from 1st November or by popping it through my letterbox at ASHLEIGH, COWSHIP LANE. Please call me on 294186 if you have any queries.

The 100 Club is now one of our main fundraising events and an extremely important contribution to the continued upkeep of the church building and grounds so please do consider subscribing if you haven't done so before. To our loyal 100 clubbers, a very sincere "thank you" from all of us at St Andrew's. Good luck and best wishes, *MANDY BIRD*

**Alveston Local History Society**

Alveston Methodist Church

**Weds 22nd November at 7.30pm**

**TUDOR CHRISTMAS EATABLES  
Cherry Hubbard**

Visitors welcome £2.50



Thornbury Choral Society  
Haydn  
*Nelson Mass*  
CPE Bach  
*Magnificat in D*  
Corinne Hart (Soprano)  
Martha McLorinan (Alto)  
Peter Davoren (Tenor)  
Dan Robson (Bass)  
on Saturday 25th November 2017  
at 7.30 p.m.  
The Castle School, Thornbury, BS35 1HT  
Conductor - Steven Kings  
With Thornbury Camerata  
Tickets - £12 prebooked, £13 on the door  
(Under 18 prebooked £2, on the door £3)  
from any choir member, or from Tessa Sullivan 01454 417865  
(email tess@keithwilliams.co.uk) or from Thornbury Town Hall  
All details from the Thornbury Choral Society website  
[www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk)

**THORNBURY AND DISTRICT CANCER RESEARCH UK  
SIP'n'SING is back!**

Come and join in the fun of Christmas singing accompanied by the young group Betar Brass. Enjoy handbell ringing and lots more.

**Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
7.30pm at St. Helen's Church, Alveston**

Everyone is welcome to join us as we hope to set the festive mood!

Teas/coffees/mince pies are included in the cost of the £7.50 ticket, but you are invited to BYO drinks and glasses. We'd love to see you there. Tickets available from Mary. Ring 01454 414466 or email [maryjhurford@gmail.com](mailto:maryjhurford@gmail.com)

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## The Clock at St James', Tytherington



This rare, one-handed clock, on the south wall of the tower is sixteenth century, originally with a wooden face and probably made in Bristol or Chew Magna.

In 1947, when the bells were being re-hung, some scrap metal, which turned out to be the remains of this ancient clock, were noticed in the tower. Most of the necessary parts were there, so they were reassembled and reinstated.

The work was paid for by public subscription and in 1948 the clock was dedicated to all those from the village who gave their lives in the Second World War 1939 – 45. (A plaque at the back of the church commemorates this event.) The clock mechanism runs for fifty hours so needs rewinding on a regular basis.

The clock has recently been repainted by Ian Street of Cromhall, in memory of Bill Cornock, who had painted it on two previous occasions - once from the top of a ladder, with the Rev'd W Neighbour standing at the base!

The Cornock family would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection after Bill's funeral, which enabled the repainting to take place and to the members of the Parochial Church Council for organising it.

*Janice Cornock*

## Alveston Gardens Association



Monday 6th November  
7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

AGM followed by  
"Irresistible Garden Plants for Butterflies"  
with Roy Cheek

Visitors welcome (£3)



So what is RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA (RP)?

It is the name given to a group of hereditary disorders that affect the Retina situated at the back of the eye. RP leads to a gradual loss of vision, as with all sight loss conditions effects any age group from Children to Adults. RP Fighting Blindness and the Macular Society have announced a new collaboration to fund talented young PhD students to carry out research in the field of genetic macular diseases. Can you help us?

**PLEASE send us YOUR USED POSTAGE stamps & take on the fight.** (Stamps cut outside the perforations will earn the charity more). We are also grateful for any unwanted stamp collections, old & foreign coins, £16,000 has been raised to date.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Money used by RP Fighting Blindness goes to the help line service & research into a cure for the disease which affects any age from Children to Adults. For anyone wishing to know more, we do a 35-minute talk to Groups and Clubs which is light hearted & informative, to promote awareness of the condition. There are now patients in clinical trials help us give them a hope of vision.

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who has helped us to date. Further information from Ron & Gina Pritchard 22, Huckford Road, Bristol, BS36 1EA Tel 01454772927 Email [bristolsglosfightingblindness@gmail.com](mailto:bristolsglosfightingblindness@gmail.com)



**Inspiring a love of learning**

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**FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**




	High	Low	Average
<b>Temp</b>	21.9 °C	4.3 °C	14.5 °C
<b>Dew Point</b>	18.7 °C	4.2 °C	11.8 °C
<b>Humidity</b>	99.0 %	37.0 %	85.3 %
<b>Precipitation</b>	50.4 mm	Year to Date	536.8 mm
<b>Wettest Day</b>	8.6 mm on Friday 29th September		
<b>Wind Speed</b>	28.0 km/h	--	1.3 km/h
<b>Wind Gust</b>	39.9 km/h		
<b>Wind direction</b>	SSW		
<b>Pressure</b>	1026.6 hPa	989.1 hPa	

Go to [www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=IENGLAND1163](http://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=IENGLAND1163) for live weather information from the Falfield weather station

For the highs and lows during 2016 go to:  
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#### THE SMALL HOURS

a thriller by **FRANCIS DURBRIDGE**  
Thornbury Methodist Church Hall

**WEDS 15<sup>TH</sup> – SAT 18<sup>TH</sup> November at 7.45PM**

The play opens on a flight from Australia to London, when an incident results in hotel owner Carl Houston, saving the life of a fellow passenger. Instead of being treated as a hero Houston finds himself under suspicion and receiving death threats. To say more would spoil the plot so do come and find out what happens.

**Tickets: £7** available by telephoning **01454 414749** or **01454 600503**, or on the door.

*Wednesday's performance is in aid of the GREAT WESTERN AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY*  
([www.greatwesternairambulance.com](http://www.greatwesternairambulance.com))

## Rockhampton

### PHOTO COMPETITION & EXHIBITION

We are going to hold a photo competition and exhibition in Rockhampton Church from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

The theme is 'FLORA & FAUNA'!

It can be anything that comes into the category of Flora and Fauna (or both!)

You can enter a maximum of 3 photos

- No bigger than 7" x 5" (can be portrait or landscape)
- Black & white, sepia or colour
- No separate classes or ages
- They will be judged and the best voted for by the general public
- Entries must be in by Thursday 16th November (to Penny at Upper Harris, Rockhampton GL13 9DS. Please do not put your name on your photos, place them in a sealed envelope with your details on the front and you will be assigned a number)

The exhibition will be open from 7pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and an entry fee of £3 will buy you a glass of wine and a voting slip! Exhibition will stay open all day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> for viewing/voting (£1 to vote) and then the 12 favourite photos will be displayed on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> with cream teas for sale from 2.30pm. The winning 12 photos will be made into a village calendar and packs of 6 x cards that will be able to be pre-ordered for Christmas.

Hope you will join in and search out some great photos!

Contact Penny on 01454 261098 if you need more details.

## FUNdraising CHRISTMAS



in aid of

**Alzheimer's Society and Alzheimer's Research UK**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm**  
**Falfield Village Hall**

**£5 per person**

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Tables of 4

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### CHRIST THE KING OPEN DAY

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Our school has a 'family community' feel to it and has a distinctive Roman Catholic identity. We believe that our ethos is largely responsible for making our school an exceptionally caring and strong learning environment. Our pupils come from a variety of backgrounds and faiths and they all share the values of the school.

Our next open day will be on **Tuesday 21st November 2017 from 9.30 to 11.30 and from 2pm - 3pm**. All visitors are warmly invited to come and look around our school, meet the staff and see the pupils at work.



**The Village Players**  
present

**Ali Baba & the 40 Thieves**  
at Pilning Village Hall

Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th December  
7.30pm

Saturday 9th December at 1.30 & 6.00pm

Adults £6 - Concessions £4

Booking Office: 01454 633786 or 01454 632813

## 1st Falfield (St George's) Scout Group SCOUT NEWS... Scouts Clean Up in Falfield...



On Sunday 15th October, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from 1st Falfield Scout Group did an organised litter pick in and around Falfield Village.

The litter pick was organised in conjunction with Falfield Parish Council and South Gloucestershire Council, who kindly provided all the necessary safety equipment.

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts did this activity because they had told their Leaders that they wanted to do something to benefit the local community and residents in the area as part of their Community Impact Award.

Several local residents commented on how good it was to see young people out and about doing something positive for their local community.

Arnold Tucker, Group Scout Leader said, "The youngsters were very enthusiastic litter pickers and really got stuck into this activity; they collected a surprising amount of litter".

After the litter pick all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts went back to the Scout Hall to enjoy a hotdog and a warm drink.

Local Parish Councillor Megan O'Connor who came along to thank the youngsters on behalf of Falfield Parish council said, "The Parish Council is very impressed by the amazing turnout from 1st Falfield Scout Group for the litter pick. This event does the Group proud as they work towards the Scout Association's Community Impact Project. This event mimics the success of the Big Spring Clean carried out by the Parish Council in April of this year. Falfield Parish Council is looking forward to working with the Scouts in the future. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a successful Scout Group within Falfield Parish."



This activity was possible thanks to our adult volunteers, who support Falfield Scout Group in a wide range of roles from working directly with young people, to helping manage the Group, or being a charity Trustee. We help volunteers to get the most out of their experiences at Scouts by providing opportunities for adventure, training, fun and friendship.

1st Falfield Scout Group are always looking for new adult volunteers and if you fancy a go at helping, why not join the adventure? For further information please contact Arnold Tucker at: [groupscoutleader@1stfalfieldscouts.org.uk](mailto:groupscoutleader@1stfalfieldscouts.org.uk)

### Thornbury Volunteer Centre



A Christian-based local organisation aiming to build positive relationships with vulnerable teenagers through street-based contact, seeks Street-based youth work volunteers to be part of a small team providing sign-posting and support as appropriate. Workers operate in the evening in pairs, approximately twice a month. Opportunities to be involved in other group work and events are possible. Some training will be given in youth work and safeguarding; a worker's safety is paramount. DBS check required.

The Thornbury/Bristol 'Friends of Brain Tumour Support' group seeks volunteers to work with other members of the group to source and create fundraising opportunities for Brain Tumour Support, liaising with the Fundraising Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator. You will also work to raise awareness of the charity through all that you do.

Volunteer French teacher needed to support a group of "rusty" French learners at (roughly) GCSE/A level standard in local U3A group - a fun group for anyone who has rusty French and a love of the language. They read and translate informative articles, poems and songs and subscribe to the Rendez-vous magazine for use at home and in group sessions. They meet at The Chantry on Tuesday mornings.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thornbury Scout Group is looking for a volunteer Committee Secretary to take minutes at 6 meetings per year and provide administration support for the Scout group. DBS check required.

This is by no means an exhaustive list but if you feel you can help please contact Thornbury Volunteer Centre on 01454 413392 or email [mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk](mailto:mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk) for further information.

## THORNBURY LIBRARY

LOOKING FOR OPENING TIMES, SERVICE INFORMATION OR CONTACT DETAILS? SEE OUR WEBSITE [www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries)

Please check our website for latest opening times and information about the changes for all libraries across South Gloucestershire.

From October many of our libraries will be open longer thanks to new Open Access technology. This will enable registered users to access the library outside of staffed hours\*.

### NEW OPENING HOURS AT THORNBURY LIBRARY

DAY	STAFFED HOURS – LIBRARY OPEN TO ALL	OPEN ACCESS MEMBERS HOURS*
Mon	9.30am - 5.30pm	8.30am – 7.30pm
Tues	Closed	8.30am – 7.30pm
Weds	9.30am - 5.30pm	8.30am – 7.30pm
Thurs	9.30am - 5.30pm	8.30am – 7.30pm
Fri	9.30am - 5.30pm	8.30am – 7.30pm
Sat	9.30am -12.30pm	8.30am – 7.30pm
Sun	Closed	8.30am – 7.30pm

### WHAT IS OPEN ACCESS MEMBERSHIP?

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To register please first book an induction session, either online at: [www.southglosevents.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.southglosevents.eventbrite.co.uk) or enquire in person at the library.

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- collect reserved items
- read books and newspapers

For more information see [www.southglos.gov.uk/openaccess](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/openaccess) \*Free registration, terms and conditions apply, please see our website for details.

## Alveston Singers

### Christmas concerts 2017

Sat December 9th at the United Reformed Church, Thornbury 7.30pm

Tues December 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Helen's Church, Alveston 7.30pm

Magnificat by John Rutter with soloist Lowri Bufton



followed by carols for the choir and audience including the first performance of a new carol specially written for the choir.

Conductor: James Davies

Accompanist: Sue Phillipson-Masters

Admission free with retiring collections for The Julian Trust, a charity for the homeless and Off the Record, a mental health charity for young people.

### Tytherington Telephone Kiosk



Slowly but surely the Tytherington Telephone Kiosk is being restored to its former glory. She is over 80 years old and has been saved from BT's clutches and will remain in the village. Sadly, she will no longer have a telephone but will have a new life. There have been several suggestions, including

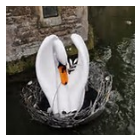
a collection point for a food bank, art gallery for local artists, exhibition area for village groups to advertise their activities. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact [tytherington-roots@outlook.com](mailto:tytherington-roots@outlook.com)

The photos show Alice Humphries, postmistress and daughter of the postmaster who ran the village shop and Post Office from Liberty House, which is shown in the other photograph.



### Alveston Gardens Association

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

*"The Bishop's Palace – Wells It's Past, Present and Future"*

A presentation by James Cross  
Visitors welcome £3

### Cromhall Crafters



A group of people interested in doing everything crafty or homemade.

Come join us for a chat, cuppa and bring your own crafting to do.

2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY of the month 7 - 9pm  
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**Thornbury Orchestra Concert**  
**Supporting Multiple Sclerosis People's Help**  
<http://www.mspeopleshelp.co.uk/>

Marlwood School, Alveston  
**Music from the Shows**  
 Saturday December 2nd 7.30pm

Conductor Chris Hill Leader Janet Lewis  
 Tickets are available at two MSPH charity shops in Thornbury.  
 Adults £8 School age children £5 Under 5s Free

Join Thornbury Orchestra for an evening of favourite music from the big screen and some classical greats from Mahler (Adagietto) and Gillis (Symphony 10). Full details of the programme are available at [thornburyorchestra.org.uk](http://thornburyorchestra.org.uk)...."

The charity is called MSPH and is based in Thornbury. It was set up by two people with Multiple Sclerosis "who saw the need for helping others with MS, to have a more secure, accessible, safer and brighter home and garden". The charity's volunteers do most of the practical work, such as gardening and decorating, but they need to raise money to pay professionals for electrical and plumbing work. MSPH has two shops in Thornbury, situated in the pedestrianized shopping precinct (either side of "Ronnies" restaurant), selling clothing, furniture and bric-a-brac. Tickets for the concert can be purchased at these shops



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**Pastor: Rev. Chris. W. Crocker**



**SUNDAY 10.30am Morning Worship & Young People's Sunday Club**  
**6.30pm Evening Worship**

**TUES Cromhall Crafters Evening.** Join us on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel hall at 7pm for an evening of craft making. Bring your own craft or art activity and enjoy tea and conversation.  
**Next Crafters evening: 14<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm in the chapel hall. Come and Meet Each Other**

**WEDS 1<sup>st</sup> Nov at 7.30pm – House group Bible Study & Prayer.**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm – Visit of missionary from London City Mission**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm – Area Bible Study with Guest Speaker Jonathan Hunt**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 7.30pm – Bible Study & Prayer.**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7,30pm – Communion & Prayer**

**THURS Townwell Tots will meet on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Nov from 10.15am till 12noon** in the Chapel hall. This is a free drop-in where parents/carers can relax and chat while the children play. Please see more details on the "Townwell Tots" flier.

Sunday service speakers during November are:-

5<sup>th</sup> (am) Gideons; (pm) David Frampton.  
 19<sup>th</sup> (am) Steve Loader; (pm) Pastor Chris.

12<sup>th</sup> (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) Philip Greenow.  
 26<sup>th</sup> (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) Ed Stuart.

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*

**'There's no business like it'**  
*with Three Men's Company*

**Friday 24th November**  
**Cossham Hall, Thornburyat 7.30pm**

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Narrator John de Barham, pianist John Marsh and baritone Jeremy Watkins will present another of their unique Words and Music entertainments featuring the world of Music Theatre in all its forms.

Favourite numbers from musicals, opera, operetta and revue, together with piano pieces and writings about the theatre feature in this light-hearted, seamless sequence, which will be in two parts.

The Artists will be donating their services and proceeds of the evening will benefit the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Fund ( Phase 1). **Tickets £10 (to include interval finger food) from Thornbury Town Hall or call 01454 412272.**

### **Cromhall Senior Citizens**



## **Tat3**

will meet in  
Cromhall Village hall  
on

**Thursday Nov 16th**  
at 3pm  
for tea and a chat  
All welcome.

For more details see poster in  
Cromhall Shop or contact Ann 294200  
or Eva 299251



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**100+ Club Harvest Draw**



1st No 157 T Grey      2nd No 95 J Brock  
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Many thanks to all who supported our 2016/17 100+ club. It is now time to start the 2017/18 club and hope that as many of you as possible will support this fundraiser for our church.

Each ticket costs £10, and there will be four draws throughout the year - Christmas, Easter, Summer and Harvest.

If you are not already a member and would like to join, please contact John Williams (412515) or Val Johnson (417445), or collect a form from the church porch.

Many thanks. *St James' PCC*



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Refreshments available

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### **Falfield WI News**

Our October meeting took a slightly different path in that after the welcome from Gill Spiller we listened to our speaker. Joining us this month was Reg King, who has been to speak to us before; this time gave us a talk on Keeping Warm at Night.

Although this was mainly through the addition of hot water bottles to the bed, other humorous avenues of thinking came to mind. The talk was accompanied by a power point presentation and a collection of devices for warming the sheets, some of which looked positively dangerous.

We were reminded of the Carol singing in the village on the 8th December, Group Carols on 14th December and Federation Carols at St Mary Redcliffe.

Anyone wishing to provide a Shoe Box gift for Samaritans Purse should bring it along to the next meeting. Please remember: no liquids, no chocolate, nothing military or religious, and to be labelled for a boy or girl.

Our next meeting will be the AGM and may include Room 101???

Thanks to all you kind folk who gave us indoor plants and vases for use in decorating the rooms at The Chantry, please keep them coming!





## COTSWOLD HOMES - NEW PLANNING APPLICATION DON'T FORGET TO COMMENT!

Cotswold Homes have submitted a **new** planning application to SGC for:

- Up to 85 dwellings
- New 'Community Hub'
- Park & Share for Up to 100 cars

**Any comments made previously in respect of either the original application or the appeal DO NOT transfer across to the new application. So it is vital that you register your comments against the new proposal.**

Application Ref: PT17/4800/O

**Deadline for Comments: WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Comments can be made via SGC Online Planning Portal <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/planning>  
By email to the Planning Case Officer: [david.stockdale@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:david.stockdale@southglos.gov.uk)

In writing to: David Stockdale, South Gloucestershire Council, Department for Environmental & Community Services, PO Box 1954, Bristol, BS37 0DD

Please also send your comments to the councillors who sit on the Development Control Committee (West) – details of their email addresses can be found on our website:  
[www.falfieldactiongroup.org.uk](http://www.falfieldactiongroup.org.uk)

The developers are trying to influence the Development Control Committee (West) and residents by offering a Community Hub (unclear as this is written if it is the building or just the land that is being offered) and reducing the development to 85 dwellings.

- The development is still too big - nearly 100% increase in the size of the village.
- The Park and Share offers no value to the village or the residential development and is on the wrong side of the motorway.

The reduction in dwellings does **not** remove the sustainability issues with the proposed development, which include:

- Potential flooding in Falfield and downstream communities
- Traffic Congestion on Moorslade Lane, A38, B4509 and M5 junction
- Lack of confirmed solution for foul waste (sewage)
- Lack of Public Transport
- Lack of Local Services
- Lack of Local Employment Opportunities

For more details of the issues with each of these, please visit our website [www.falfieldactiongroup.org.uk](http://www.falfieldactiongroup.org.uk) where you will find our previous submissions to the original application and the appeal and the results of the Falfield Parish survey which proves that the village and surrounding parish are unsustainable.

If you have any questions, please email:  
[falfieldactiongroup@gmail.com](mailto:falfieldactiongroup@gmail.com)

**PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE  
YOUR INPUT AND HELP KEEP FALFIELD VILLAGE A  
RURAL VILLAGE**



## FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

On the 17<sup>th</sup> October the Council met with six Councillors in attendance, Ward Councillor John O'Neill, the Community Liaison Officer from HMP Eastwood and five members of the public.

One major issue in which the Parish Council have been involved in recently is in regard to the lack of street lighting in Church Avenue and Eastley Close, Eastwood Park. As these are unadopted roads they do not come under the responsibility of South Gloucestershire and are under the ownership of the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). The Parish Council, on behalf of the residents, have been in contact with the MoJ requesting that this work be completed, but to date without any real success. Because of this Councillors decided to write to Luke Hall MP to inform him of the residents' concerns and the lack of response to date from the MoJ.

Councillors were also made aware that the appeal by Cotswold Homes (PT17/0770/O) for up to 115 dwellings, together with development of a 'Park and Share' facility for up to 100 cars at Heneage Farm would take place on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at the Council Offices, Badminton Road, Yate and is expected to last six days.

The remainder of the meeting covered the usual items of finance, footpaths, highways and planning. The Council still has one vacancy, so if you are interested or would like further information about the Parish Council please contact the Clerk or look at the Falfield website for more information. <http://www.falfield.org.uk/council.html>

James Carpenter, Clerk to Falfield Parish Council  
[falfieldpc@googlemail.com](mailto:falfieldpc@googlemail.com)

### Information received following the meeting.

On 18<sup>th</sup> October the Parish Council received information from South Gloucestershire Planners in relation to the appeal by Cotswold Homes (PT17/0770/O) for 115 dwellings at Heneage Farm, that Cotswold Homes have now informed the Planning Inspectorate that they will reduce the number of dwellings from 115 to 85.

Cotswold Homes have **also** submitted a further outline planning application (PT17/4800/O) on the same land to provide up to 85 dwellings, together with development of a 'Park and Share' facility for up to 100 cars and new Community Hub. The closing date for comments on this application is 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017. This application is then expected to come before the Development Control (West) Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 for determination. If the application is approved then the Cotswold Homes appeal will fall away. In the event the application is rejected the appeal will proceed as planned on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018.



Falfield Village Hall Management Committee

*Come and join us for*  
**Christmas Carols around the Tree**

**Falfield Village Green**  
**Friday 8th December**  
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**THORNBURY AND SOUTH GLOS MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**

**RAILWAY CLUB WEEKEND**  
**AT THE CHANTRY, THORNBURY**  
**18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Saturday 10am-5pm & Sunday 10am-4pm.**  
**Admission Adults £5, Children £2, Family (2x2) £10**

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition. All rooms in the Chantry will have a variety of working model layouts featuring traditional steam, diesel and electric options. Traders will be selling new and pre-owned items. Experts will be on hand to talk about their work and answer questions.

Hot and cold refreshments will be available throughout the weekend and the Chantry bar will be open at lunchtimes.

## John Wilmot: The Dancing Rector of Tortworth 2

As you may have gathered from our initial encounter with Mr Wilmot, it appears that he wasn't one to hold back from having a good time.

Two witnesses are recorded as having seen the rector taking part in the Cushion Dance one Sunday evening in December 1601 at the church house (roughly the equivalent of a church hall) in Tortworth, following a wedding.



Giles Daunt, a gentleman of Ozleworth, stated that as he and Mr Wilmot were well acquainted, Mr Wilmot had

asked if he would dance. Daunt agreed on condition that Mr Wilmot would begin and lead it. Mr Wilmot then proceeded to lead the Cushion Dance with a cushion on his shoulder; he kneeled down and kissed Goodwyfe Hickes. (The Hicks family owned property in Tortworth; Thomas Hicks was churchwarden in 1598 and William Hicks in 1619.) This evidence was supported by one William Lawrence, a husbandman living in Tortworth, who also gave evidence that the rector proceeded to kiss and dance his way around the room.

According to Giles Daunt, when asked to lead the dance, Wilmot replied, "Faith, that I will, for now the Bishop hath suspended me from preaching, I will practise and study all knaveries." William Lawrence reported having heard him say something similar.

It seems that Mr Wilmot had 'issues' with his superiors, both spiritual and temporal. Daunt went on to say that Mr Wilmot and Sir Thomas Throckmorton had been at variance for some time and another witness, Guy Poole, a Yeoman of Tortworth, stated that Sir Thomas Throckmorton and Mr Wilmot were not friends.

Perhaps this case was an attempt at character assassination as it seems to focus on calling Mr Wilmot's morality into question. Witnesses, most of whom depended on Sir Thomas Throckmorton for their income, homes, or both were brought to attest to Mr Wilmot's claim to be able to concoct recipes for making it easy to catch rabbits or deer as well as ways to win at gaming, charms to ensure women could obtain a husband and ways of ensuring prosperity in general.

Evidence of this was given by William Throckmorton, son of Sir Thomas, who claimed that

Mr Wilmot had told him that he could make a recipe which, with corn or grain etc and given to deer to eat, would make them fall asleep so that they could be easily caught. Mr Wilmot had also told him that he could tell him a way to win at gaming. Moreover, he had shown him a book containing details of the course of the planets and how this could be used to ensure prosperity. This book also contained details enabling a man to make any woman lie with him and of curses and charms which could ensure success at dice and gaming tables.

More of that later .....



### TYTHERINGTON VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

#### News from the shop

Thank you very much to everyone who completed our survey in August. There was a good response rate and it will help to inform our thinking and future planning.

We gained one or two new volunteers and hopefully can continue to build our team.

The hamper was won by Chrissie Callum.

#### Help needed

We hope to be able to fit in one more garden tidy up before the winter if we can find a free date for it.

Please watch for a notice in the shop very soon.

We also need a regular volunteer for Monday afternoon 2.30 - 4.00pm. We have a temporary arrangement in place but would like to hear from anyone who can help regularly. Full training will be provided.

If you can help out please leave your details in the shop and a member of the committee will get in touch. *TVSA committee*

#### ANTIQUES, COLLECTORS AND CRAFT FAIR AT THE CHANTRY, THORNBURY

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10am-2pm This is a new venture for us but we have many objects found in our lofts that we want to sell to make money for essential repairs, and what better way to use our space than to have a Fair. There will be many stalls throughout the building so if you sell any of the above and want a stall then give us a call.

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