

5 Villages Alive

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Normal or what?

As I write, the spring bulbs are beginning to show the cheerful colours of Spring; all these colours are a very important part of my life, they raise my spirits, but I understand that is not everyone's experience. I can spend hours mixing water colours and never fail to be amazed at the surprising results. No doubt some of you think this a boring way to spend an afternoon, but that is why we are all unique. I recall a senior buyer of rainwear in a large department store who was totally colour blind, only seeing greys. When on buying trips, my sister had to accompany him to whisper what colour the item was, as he never let on to others about his problem. He became the Managing Director!

My late husband was red/green colour blind and would have been rejected for the armed services, but it didn't impact on his daily life, apart maybe from his bizarre choice of ties which some may remember, but he never had the thrill of the sudden colour of a tree in Autumn. When I was at art college it emerged that just over half a class of thirty suffered from some degree of numerical or word dyslexia and used art as an outlet for their frustrations and I am sure it influenced their artistic language. So many people privately grapple with these problems and find ways of disguising them every day of their lives. How many others have hidden life problems we don't know about?

I have been watching the TV programmes about autism with Chris Packham, having often thought he was an 'odd bod', which I put down to his all-consuming interest in wildlife. I now feel quite ashamed of my instant antipathy, without any knowledge of how incredible he is to be able to communicate his enthusiasm in many interesting programmes while suffering from quite severe hidden autism. The very brave personal stories of the contributors to the series showed great courage sharing how their lives are impacted by various forms of autism. Ultimately, most frightening for them was how 'normal' people react and don't understand the different way their brains work, which leads to misreading their sometimes-strange habits. It was amazing how they all found ways to hide their problems and fears; they simply didn't trust the reactions of the world, and indeed sometimes even their own families, if they shared their problems.

It is easy to blame the parent when we see a child having a meltdown in a supermarket. But take a step back, that child may be suffering from autism and may be completely terrified by the noise, lights or people around them; the only way they can show their distress is to lie on the floor and scream. Yes, they may be trying it on because they cannot have sweets, but I will try hard not to judge and to have sympathy with that child who may be unable to cope with their surroundings and has some type of autism.

Watching the Packham programmes has been revealing, seeing someone's problems through their eyes is a salutary lesson. Everyone, as they mature, works out their individual ways to live their lives but throwing into the mix the extra uncontrollable thoughts autistic folk hear in their heads results in something else. They often simply withdraw and hide from strangers, particularly avoiding eye contact. The different way their minds work, which does not fit with our normal understanding, leads to our very often thoughtless and judgemental treatment of anyone a bit different and leads to their understandable fears.

Now one question: What is 'normal'?

I would suggest there is no such thing but I leave you to ponder.....

Hilary

A mild dyslexia sufferer



Tytherington Local History Group

Meetings are currently suspended until the Autumn.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CROMHALL 100 CLUB

Many thanks to all who have renewed their membership for 2023.

The February winners are as follows

- £30 PAUL WILLMOTT
- £20 JOANNA CARR
- £10 SUE BRYANT

Congratulations to them and good luck for the next draw which is the Easter one of £50 on Friday 7th April at 11am in Cromhall Community Shop.



The Churpel Society
Annual General Meeting
will be held at 7.30pm on
Thursday 20th April 2023
in Tytherington V H Kitchen
New members will be welcome.



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.

FREE Every Saturday 9.30am
no booking required

Collectors' Book Fair Saturday 15th April, Easter Compton VH 10am - 12 noon

An annual Book Fair, held at Easter Compton Village Hall since 2006 takes place again on Saturday 15th April.

This regional event, run by the Observer's Books Collectors' Society, features thousands of vintage collectable books for sale. As well as Observer's books, others include; Ladybirds, Beatrix Potter, Wayside & Woodland and many different book series on subjects like natural history, transport and military.

All book enthusiasts are welcomed and admission is free. Advice and valuation on books can be gained from the expert stallholders who come from all over the country to attend. Refreshments available. Telephone 01454 632170 for further details.

View 5 Alive online

Remember that 5 Alive is available online at www.falfield.org.uk, <https://cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrews-church> and www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk



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SPRING LUNCH OUTING

Highfield Garden Centre
Wednesday April 19th
Leave Cromhall 11.30am



If you would like to join us, add your name to the list in Cromhall Shop or contact Ann on 01454 294200

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

Severn Vale Art Trail

We are pleased to announce that this year's art trail will be taking place from Thursday 27th April until Monday 1st May.

As usual, artists will be exhibiting in their homes, studios, community halls and churches.

This year we will be hosting 68 artists, with the usual diverse range of work: paintings, photography, ceramics, textiles, jewellery, pyrography and glass art.

Spend an afternoon, a day, or the weekend exploring the trail. Enjoy the opportunity to talk to local artists and view and purchase original art work.

For details about the artists and venues, (including accessibility and directions) and to download our very comprehensive trail map, please visit our website www.severnvalleartrail.org

Tuesday April 25th 7pm

St Leonard's Church, Tortworth
The Annual General Meeting (APCM)
(Formerly the "Easter Vestry" meeting.)

A chance to come along and hear what's been happening and plans for the future of St. Leonard's Church.

All parishioners welcome.



Learn, Laugh, Live

Are you retired? Have you reduced your working hours? Have you moved away from friends/family? Do you want to make new friends and have fun? Do you need a new interest, or encouragement to restart an old one?

Thornbury U3A has a total of about 1600 members, with many different interest groups. It operates from varied premises in the Thornbury and Alveston area, with both daytime and evening meetings. Subjects covered range from 'A to Y' - Archaeology, to YOYO (You On Your Own) a social group aimed (but not exclusively) for people on their own. On the way, there are language groups, wine groups, astronomy, music, concerts and opera groups, bridge and many more. To find out more, visit our website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/thornbury/home> and click on the 'Groups' tab.

On 17th April at 3:30 pm, in St. Mary's Church Hall, Eastland Road, we will be holding a 'New Members' Welcome Meeting'. Why not come along and see what we have to offer?


Tytherington Village Hall AGM

will be held at 7.30 pm on

Wednesday 10th May 2023

in the Village Hall

Villagers interested in joining the committee will be welcome.

Keep Warm  **Keep Well** at Thornbury Library

Come and relax with a warm drink in the library - throughout the day on Mon, Weds, Thurs and Fri. 9.30-am - 4.00pm

Use the computers or use your own iPad, phone etc. (wifi available).

Read a book, a newspaper, browse the shelves, enjoy a communal puzzle or just relax



An Armstrong Arts Group event in May

"The Buffalo Gals"

The band revel in the traditional old songs and tunes of Appalachia, early bluegrass, early country music, blues and rags, ballads, spirituals, Cajun and gospel, all brought to life with a talent for fresh arrangement.

Through the driving energy of banjo and fiddle, soaring harmonies and syncopated, percussive step-dance, the visual and musical delights of this band, as well as their humour, repartee and rapport with audiences, produce irresistible shows for most music venues.

Champion USA fiddler and funny-lady, Kate Lissauer, leads the band and ensures all is delivered with high energy and great humour.

Saturday May 13th at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall, High Street Thornbury. Tea/coffee served during the interval.

Tickets £15 from AAGThornbury@gmail.com

AAG would welcome up-to date certificated first aiders who would appreciate complimentary tickets to steward at events. Contact janeparfit-trail@gmail.com if interested.



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5Alive – The Future of the Newsletter

As the Benefice Newsletter Treasurer, I have been keeping a wary eye on the income (donations and advertising) versus outgoings (printing costs) and for 2022 we are running at a deficit of just under £600. This is a situation that cannot continue as inflation and increases in housing in the Benefice will only exacerbate the problem. I have discussed this matter with my colleagues who run the production and distribution of the magazine.

We have reluctantly decided to increase our charges for advertising by 5% from April to help offset any potential increase in our outgoings. I hope our advertisers understand the reason for the increase.*

A number of our readers have advised that they would be happy to only receive the online version of the newsletter. This would help us to better control the production costs but in order to do so the distribution team will need data on those households which do not wish to receive a paper copy.

Are you happy to only receive the online copy and be willing to provide your name and address for storage on an excel file? If so, could you please email the information to me using email cros-thwaitega@outlook.com.

A copy of 5 Alive (in colour) can be viewed or downloaded from:

- www.falfield.org.uk
- cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrews-church
- www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk

Geoff Crosthwaite, Benefice Newsletter Treasurer

* The new rates may be seen on the back page of the magazine.



Easter Crafts at Thornbury Library

Wednesday 5th April

10.30am - 12noon

*Lots of exciting things to create -
suitable for 4-9 years*

TALK TO US

The dates and times for the rest of this year's Police Neighbourhood Surgeries in Falfield village hall are as follows:-

30th May – 9am -10am
22nd August – 9am – 10am
14th November – 9am – 10am



Changing Leadership for Thornbury in Bloom!

Local trader, florist **Jean Owen**, and her workmate **Fran Sparrow** have stepped into the breach with a shared Thornbury in Bloom Chairmanship leader team to replace Sue Aitken who has stepped down from the position she has held for many years. However, along with her partner Tony Sansum, she will still play a part in TiB's activities.

David Goldring has become the group's Secretary, whilst the Schools' Liaison officers, Hannah Powell and Vicki Williams continue their role.

Any members of the Public needing to make contact with the Thornbury in Bloom team can leave a message in Calling Box in Jean Owen's flower shop on the Plain. We would especially welcome those who have made generous donations in the past via Sue's shop.

"MyThornbury.co.uk" website owner, Claire Jaggard is pleased to offer a notice board for the 2023 campaign, which will be focussed on the South West in Bloom Competition.



Easter at St Leonard's, Tortworth

This year we once again invite all who join us for worship on Easter Day to bring a single bloom in memory of a loved one to be added to the floral cross which has become an important feature of our Easter worship at St Leonard's.

If anyone is unable to join us in this special celebration but would like to make a floral contribution, please contact Ruth Dixon on 01454 228288

Alveston Gardens Association

The Wonder of Trees

with Mary Fenton

Monday April 3rd

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

All welcome - Visitors (£3)



Thornbury Library

**BFG's (Book Focus Group)
for Year 7 and upwards**

Thursday 13th April 4pm - 5pm

Come and spend an hour discussing books with others. A great way of finding brilliant new authors for you

St. Andrew's, Cromhall



St. Leonard's, Tortworth



St. Oswald's, Rockhampton



St. James', Tytherington



St. George's, Falfield



Church services and important information

A reminder that the five parishes of the former benefice are now separate entities. There is no longer a benefice office or a central point of contact. This means that the churchwardens of each church need to be contacted directly.

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 David .Russell, the Area Dean on davidrussell@gmx.com or phone. (01454) 294267.

Services for April

Cromhall

Sun 9th 9.30am Easter Day Holy Communion Rev.David Powe
 Sun 16th 9.30am Morning Prayer

PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM MAY, SERVICES WILL START AT 10.00AM

Falfield

Sun 2nd 3.30pm Café church (coffee etc available from 2pm to support VHMC treasure hunt)
 Sun 9th 10.30am Easter Day Holy Communion
 Sun 16th 10.30am Morning Prayer

No fourth Sunday service this month.

Sun 30th **10.30am Joint Holy Communion at Tortworth**

Rockhampton

Sun 9th 10.30am Easter Sunday Communion Rev. Rob Axford

No fourth Sunday service this month.

Tortworth

Sun 2nd 10.30am Palm Sunday Service
 Sun 9th 10.30am Easter Day Communion with Rev. Hilary Dawson, Archdeacon of Gloucester

No third Sunday event this month.

Sun 30th **10.30 a.m. Joint Holy Communion Service**

Tytherington

Sun 2nd 10.30am Palm Sunday Joint service with Baptists at St James'
 Thurs 6th 9.30am Maundy Thursday Said Holy Communion
 Fri 7th 6.00pm Good Friday service at St James' followed by procession to Tytherington Hill
 Sun 9th **6.30am** Easter Day Dawn Holy Communion on Tytherington Hill followed by breakfast in the Baptist School Room

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 9.30am Said Holy Communion at **St James', Tytherington**

GOOD FRIDAY: 6.00pm service at **St James', Tytherington**, followed by procession to Tytherington Hill

EASTER DAY:



6.30am Easter Day Dawn Holy Communion **on Tytherington Hill** followed by breakfast in the Baptist School Room

9.30am Easter Day Holy Communion Rev.David Powe at **Cromhall**

10.30am Easter Day Holy Communion at **Falfield**

10.30am Easter Day Holy Communion Rev. Rob Axford at **Rockhampton**

10.30am Easter Day Communion with Rev. Hilary Dawson, Archdeacon of Gloucester at **Tortworth**



25% OFF during Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPA) Month

No one wants to be a burden to their family but having **NO Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs)** can cause huge problems for those you most care about.

The law often doesn't work in the way you'd expect. Even married couples need LPAs to appoint each other to have the legal right to support each other.

Simpsons have extended their **25% OFF** offer for one final month; due to the unprecedented demand meaning that until now not everyone who wanted a FREE review meeting has been able to book. Unusually, their price even includes their aftercare service to support your Attorneys.

To qualify call them on **01454 412 278** or pop into their Thornbury Office by 30 April to book your FREE review meeting (which can be at your home if getting to the office is difficult) **and** mention you saw it in Five Villages Magazine.



WHY: If you lost the mental capacity to make decisions on your own, then bank accounts / savings can be frozen. And family can be left powerless to help you. So you need **Lasting Powers of Attorney to be already in place** that legally appoint those you trust to act for you.

WHEN: If you had a serious accident or perhaps a routine operation went wrong or you had a stroke or developed dementia.

WHAT: Most people need 2 LPAs, 1 for Money issues and 1 for Health issues – so they are fully covered.

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Michael Llewellyn at Simpson Solicitors adds "But most of all we give you peace of mind as we include our after care service of future support and guidance to those you trust, in activating and using your LPAs – so they don't feel burdened"

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INTRODUCTION OF VOTER ID IN MAY 2023

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. **This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.**

Methods of ID you can use: You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable. You can use any of the following:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional licence)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

If you do not have an accepted form of photo ID

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. You can apply for this at voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk.

Alternatively, you can complete a paper application form and send this to the electoral services team at your local council.

If you need any help with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request an application form, contact your local council. To find their contact details visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

Find out more. If you have any questions or would like to find out more, go to electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID, or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

You now need
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polling station

Are you up for a challenge?



Learn to ring the bells at St Andrew's Church, Cromhall

Age 12 -18 is ideal but anyone over the age of 11 can learn.

It is something that families can do together.

We practise on Monday evenings

7.30 – 9pm

If you are interested contact Peggy Collett
01454 294545



POPPY APPEAL, TYTHERINGTON

Sadly Mike and I feel it is time to hand over the organisation of the annual Poppy Appeal in Tytherington to someone younger as we are finding it increasingly difficult to manage alongside other responsibilities.

We shall be happy to continue as part of the team of House to House Collectors and we should like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has supported the appeal during our time as organisers.

If you think you might be able to help, please don't hesitate to contact us and we can explain a little more of what is involved, phone 01454 413487 or email mbrown.dsuch@care4free.net

Thank you again for your support over the last 12 years.

Mike and Daphne Brown

Would you like to help with Tytherington's nature conservation?

Volunteer Countryside Warden needed to look after Tytherington Parish Council's Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI) on the Hardwicke Field.

Duties include following the Hardwicke Field Maintenance Plan; liaising with the other volunteer wardens to book various outside help to keep the SNCI under control; attending two meetings a year to discuss Tytherington's Open Spaces and reporting on the wonderful wild life and flora and fauna found in the area. More information can be found on the Parish Web Site <https://tytherington-pc.gov.uk/the-parish/hardwicke-field/>.

Interested? Then please contact the clerk on clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk

Thank you for donations towards our printing costs from Anon, Mrs C King, Tortworth Parish Meeting, Tortworth Plants and R Steer



As you will see from the article elsewhere in this magazine, donations are always welcome, particularly from those organisations which use this magazine to publicise their events.

We prefer payments by BACS (Account Name: Benefice Newsletter Bank Sort Code:55-61-38 Account No: 72008733 Reference: Your name to allow us to identify the payment.)

Regular donations may also be made by standing order.

For further details please contact our Treasurer, Mr Geoff Crosthwaite telephone 01454 294140

Email: geoffrey.crosthwaite@outlook.com 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 or the editor.

SAXOPHONE CONCERT WITH 'THE STANDING STONES'



at



**ST JAMES' CHURCH,
TYTHERINGTON**

**SATURDAY
22 APRIL 2023
7.30pm**

Tickets £12.50 each,
(to include a glass of wine & nibbles) available from Tytherington Village Shop or Rita Ponting (01454 417848)



Falfield Village Hall Management Committee

Falfield Treasure Hunt

Sunday 2nd April 2pm from the Village Hall



Enjoy a walk around the village whilst gathering clues and treasure! (Approx. 2 miles)

£1 per entry sheet.

Tea and cake will be served in the hall.

Route will be dog friendly.

For more details contact Louise 07800776998 or Liz 07765377539



ARMSTRONG
ARTS
GROUP

Presents a Michael Lunts musical drama

The Enigma of Edward Elgar

**The United Reformed Church,
Chapel Street, Thornbury at
7.30pm on Saturday 22nd April 2023**



Tickets: £12 from AAGThornbury@gmail.com or 01454 850933

Actor and pianist Michael Lunts has written and performed a number of acclaimed one-man shows about key moments in the lives of composers in which he has integrated the music that emerged from these critical events into the action. "This is the latest of these dramas and the first in which Michael has portrayed a British composer, one whose music, and the enigmatic character reflected in it, have long fascinated him."



Cromhall Village Shop & Post Office



Now that the better weather is coming, I would like remind you that your village shop is **open every Thursday and Friday until 8 pm.**

We sell a good range of red, white and rosé wine, which you won't find in the supermarket, and if you don't feel like cooking, we also have a selection of Frocester Fayre ready meals.

Why waste your petrol driving to Thornbury or Yate when you can support us!

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**Falfield Village Hall
Saturday 29th April
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Tytherington Village Shop

Calling all volunteers, especially early risers!

Do you enjoy the early mornings now that Spring has (nearly) arrived!

If so, why not come and help out one morning or so in the shop, getting the paper orders ready for collection?

Our paper team now relies on only six regular helpers, most of whom do several shifts. So please help out if you can offer one morning a week from 7.15 – 8.30. We should love to hear from you!

We have other shifts too that you could help with – we have been really pleased to hear from some new residents recently and we should welcome more if you think you could help.

Easter weekend April 7th - 10th

We shall have a good selection of Easter cards, small gifts and some Easter Eggs on display in the next couple of weeks

You will also be able to order Hot Cross Buns and other speciality items from Hobbs House bakers and Easter Biscuits from Patsy's Cakes.

Come in and pay us a visit soon!

Dates for your diary

- **Annual Members Meeting - Tues. June 6, 7.30pm, Village Hall**
- **25th Anniversary Tea Party - Sat. June 24, 3.00-5.00pm, Village Hall**

Yes – our lovely shop really has been going for 25 years. Save the date and come along to help us celebrate, newcomers to the village especially welcome – you are our shop's future!!



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2 nd	Joint (Palm Sunday) Service at St James'	Val & Brian
7 th	Good Friday Service at St James' {6:00 p.m.}*	Val & Brian
9 th	Sunrise Communion at Tytherington Hill {6:30 a.m.}**	Val & Brian
	Easter Day {He Is Risen!} at Baptist Chapel {10:30 a.m.}	Brian
16 th	'Emmaus Road' [Luke 24:13 - 25]	Brian
23 rd	'Fishing' [John 21:1 - 14]	Brian
30 th	'Forgiveness' [John 21:15 - 25]	Brian

*Concluding on Tytherington Hill

**Followed by Breakfast, served in the Baptist Schoolroom

All services commence at 10:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise stated)



Falfield Coronation Celebration

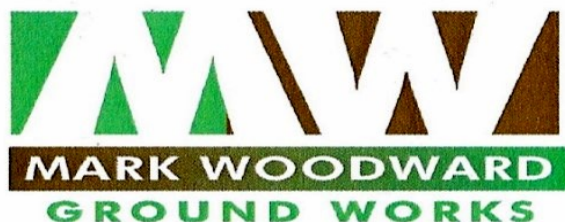
BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 8th May 2023

Falfield Village Green 2-5pm

The Village Hall Management Committee are in the process of organising an afternoon event to Celebrate King Charles III's Coronation. There will be fun for all the family and many local community groups are involved. There will be the wonderful refreshments from WI, activities and games run by Falfield Scout Group, Outdoor skittles run by Falfield Fielders, live music by local musicians and a professional face painter. Community plant stall and local crafts and gifts. There may even be the crowing of the King of Falfield!

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CORONATION DAY

MAY 12th, 1937

Programme of Festivities for the Day

PARISH OF FALFIELD

You and your family are invited to be present and take part in the following events

United Service at St. George's Church		9.30 a.m.
Fancy Dress Parade meet at School	-	1.30 p.m.
Opening Service at Hut	-	2.0 p.m.
Children's Sports	-	2.15 p.m.
Children's Tea	-	3.30 p.m.
Adult Tea	-	5.0 p.m.
Adult Sports	-	6.0 p.m.
Social and Dance	-	8.0 p.m.—2.0 a.m.

This extract from 'We Grew Up in Falfield' details the programme for the celebration of King George VIth's coronation in 1937. There were evidently two sittings for the adult tea, as there has been added in pencil '& 6pm'. Clearly it was a marathon celebration lasting from 9.30am until 2.00am and no doubt there were some sore heads the next day.

(My father was a footman at Tortworth Court at the time and must have taken the opportunity of some time off to join in the celebrations in Falfield. He fell off his bicycle on his return to the Court via the back drive and got gravel rash on his face, which meant he couldn't serve in the dining room until it healed. My mother was still reminding him of this many years later!)

Original programme courtesy of Phyllis Cook

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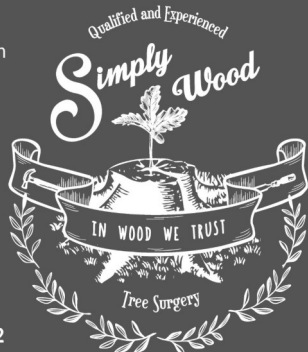
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Thornbury Carnival

This year's Thornbury
Carnival is scheduled to
take place over the weekend of Friday 30th June
and Saturday 1st July following the same format as
that of 2022.

Asked whether or not there would be a procession,
Liam Williams, Chair of Thornbury Carnival Com-
mittee, replied, "No, our intention is to continue with
our new format going forward."

The Carnival will again encompass two separate
events:

- Thornbury Carnival Presents 'Swing in the
Park' on the evening of Friday 30th June
- Thornbury Carnival 'The Main Event' on Sat-
urday 1st July from 11am until 11pm

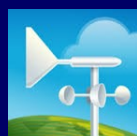
Both events will feature a main stage with a wide
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and local food concessions.

The Saturday event will include local talent, a fun-
fair and children's activities included as part of the
ticket price.

Building on its successful introduction last year, the
Show 'n' Shine is set to return as part of the Satur-
day event and will feature a range of vehicles in-
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plus other unique and interesting vehicles.

Anyone interested in taking part in the Show 'n'
Shine is advised to check the website for further
details: www.thornburycarnival.co.uk

FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS FEBRUARY 2023



	High	Low	Average
Temperature	15.0 °C	-5.3 °C	6.8 °C
Dew Point	11.9 °C	-11.6 °C	4.3 °C
Humidity	99 %	30 %	86 %
Precipitation	11.93 mm	Year to Date	118.37
Wettest Day	Wednesday 22nd 4.57 mm		
Wind direction	South		
Pressure	1,050.80 hPa	1,012.87 hPa	
PREVIOUS YEARS			
RAINFALL	2020	2021	2022
FEBRUARY	179.10 mm	66.30 mm	79.49 mm

St. Andrew's Church, Cromhall



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yard.



Please email me if you'd like to help.

Sue Wray, Church Secretary.

wraysue@googlemail.com



From Councillor John O'Neill

Update on local transport situations

Planning consent has been approved for a re-opened railway station at Charfield; the project now moves to the detailed design stage that will contribute to the full business case that will then be presented to the West of England Combined Authority for funding before moving to the construction stage.

Responsibility for supported bus services was transferred to the West of England Combined Authority in 2020 with the constituent authorities contributing to the funding, bus services have been in trouble since the pandemic that resulted in lower usage and a shortage of bus drivers, this and other factors such as fuel cost and inflation pushed up the cost of subsidies by 110% that subsequently resulted in supported services being cut, for the Five Alive area this will see the loss of the 84/85 that has not been contracted, SGC has supplied additional funding to extend the service till the 3rd June, inevitably this service will now move to the Direct Response Transport model a form of dial a ride minibus service. We have campaigned to retain the service particularly as DRT will not operate outside the South Gloucestershire area, we have managed to gain a concession for the service to operate to KLB school and continue to press for further concessions to enable the service to operate to Wotton.

National Highways once again requested SGC to defer any decision on the speculative major developments at Charfield until a mitigation strategy for junction 14 is reached on capacity issues; despite this, a planning appeal at Thornbury for 595 homes was allowed by the Planning Inspectorate. It was decided that the major issue for Thornbury traffic at junction 14 was exiting the motorway; to mitigate this issue an agreement was reached with National Highways, the developer and the planning inspector. That scheme will see the northbound slip road extended by 250 metres on the motorway to prevent traffic queuing on the motorway, there will also be improvements to the A38 to help with the flow of traffic.

The underfunding of road maintenance has seen roads deteriorate in the rural area we are doing everything we can to get some priority on the rural network.

John O'Neill, john.oneill@southglos.gov.uk

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Join us as we worship the Lord each Sunday, followed by refreshments

Sunday Worship Services for April

Join us as we worship the Lord each Sunday, followed by refreshments.

2 nd	(10.30am) Tom Brown	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
9 th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) David Frampton
16 th	(10.30am) Ed Stuart	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
23 th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Damon Ujvarosy
30 th	(10.30am) Trevor Ranger	(6.30pm) Simon Carey

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 5th and 19th we meet in various homes in the area. 12th and 26th we have Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall.

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom): 4th and 18th at 7.00pm; 11th and 25th at 9.30 am

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 11th at 7.00pm. Join a friendly group of ladies to work on your own craft while we chat and enjoy a cup of tea.

Townwell Tots: Thursday 20th and 4th May and alternate weeks during term time from 10.15am -12.00. This is a free stay and play for parents/carers and their babies and pre-school children. It's a great place to meet others in the community. Enjoy coffee and cake while the children play with a wide range of toys. We finish with a time of singing and a Bible story aimed at the very young.

Ladies' Breakfast: Saturday 1st April at 9.15am. Enjoy a delicious breakfast followed by a talk by Sue Frampton, "Women Behind Bars".

Games Night: Friday 28th at 7.00pm. All welcome!

Verse of the year for 2023:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:16 and 17

TYTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Thursday 13th April 2023
7.30pm VILLAGE HALL**

Have your say in how Tytherington is run

**Also a Talk by Matthew Lipton, Biodiversity
Office at South Gloucestershire Council on
Hedgehog Heroes**

Copies of the 2022 minutes will be available on the night or are obtainable from the Council's web-site www.tytheringtonpc-pc.org.uk

Copies of all statutory documents are also available on the website or from the clerk at clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk

White Wine Tasting at

Rockhampton Village Hall

Single grape variety: Chardonnay to include an English Sparkling Wine

Saturday April 22nd 2023

7:00pm start

£20 per ticket.

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Price includes Wine Tasting and Supper

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Tytherington and Itchington Parish Council



Tytherington Parish Council are pleased to announce the launch of their Local Nature Action Plan and are supporting South Glos in making **South Gloucestershire a hedgehog friendly zone**. To highlight this the Parish Council are holding a competition for youngsters in the village to show their art skills by painting or drawing a hedgehog or two or three or even more. Posters in the village and entry forms can be obtained from the Village Shop or the Council's website. www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk.

The shop have also agreed to receive completed entries and they are using their shop window to support the competition. Results will be announced at the May Day Fair on 1st May at the Biodiversity Stand.

The Annual Parish Clean-up will take place on Saturday 1st April meet at the Jubilee Field at 10.30am.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 2023. THIS IS YOUR TIME TO SAY WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE HAPPEN IN TYTHERINGTON AND ITCHINGTON OVER THE NEXT YEAR. THERE WILL ALSO BE A TALK BY MATTHEW LIP-TON BIODIVERSITY OFFICER AT SOUTH GLOS COUNCIL ON THE PLIGHT OF THE HEDGEHOGS.

Thank you to all those residents who completed the Consultation on the Youth and Play/Sports equipment you can find the results here.

https://docs.google.com/forms/u/2/d/1kvcSuD5xyZfl_c3X_rbYmUIBf-K7fM1dkr_DRUnRxw8/edit#responses

The Community Benefit is now open for this year. If you wish to apply please complete the form on the Council's web site www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk under Community Benefit Page.

TYTHERINGTON MAY DAY FAIR

Monday 1st May 2023

It's going to be so much fun so
come on down!



From 1.30pm
Jubilee Field
Tytherington

Attractions include:

- Brass band,
- Maypole dancing
- Fun Dog Show
- Coronation Hat Parade

and much more....

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FUN DOG SHOW

at

Tytherington
May Day Fair
Jubilee Field

Monday 1st May 2023 from 1.30
pm



- Classes are £2 each to enter.
- Enter 3 for £5, or all 4 for £6!
- For dogs of any shape, size or age
- Rosettes will be awarded to the winners.
- Just turn up on the day.



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- ♦ Child handler (primary age children)
- ♦ Young handler (secondary age youngsters)
- ♦ Cutest dog in the eye of the judge
- ♦ Dog that looks most like its owner



*Dogs will be permitted on the
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permission of Tytherington
Parish Council*



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**MAY DAY FAIR, TYTHERINGTON
MONDAY 1st MAY 2023**

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Or leave items at the village shop or in the box at the top of the driveway to Lakeside Lodge up West Street

AND, as the fair is only a few days before the Coronation of Charles III we are having a Coronation Hat Parade, which will be open to all ages. Please come along with your coronation hat/crown at 2pm.

Many thanks



Falfield WI March 2023

The brave souls who ventured out on a very cold March evening for WI were welcomed by Gill Spiller. We were pleased to hear that Ruth Jeffries was home from hospital and doing well and Gill gave us an update on the village hall which is awaiting for improvements. There is no news yet as to when the work will be done.

We had won the skittles match against Chipping Sodbury. The regular friendly practice games at the Wheatsheaf in Thornbury seem to be helping.

Jenny Jones demonstrated how to make primroses from sugar paste icing. We were then allowed to have a go ourselves. A fondant icing base in the shape of a small basket was provided and we made sugar paste leaves and flowers for decoration. The finished items were really good and there was much chat and laughter during the process.

The April is Members' Night so the committee has the evening off and we'll hear a talk from Frances Houghton.

Visitors are always welcome.

Rockhampton Parish Council Report

The Parish Council held its quarterly meeting on 27th February 2023 when all Cllrs were present along with Ward Cllr Matthew Riddle and Neighbourhood Constable Will Price.

Cllr Riddle informed the meeting that new 30 mph repeater signs were to be installed along the Lower Stone Road to re-enforce the speed limit and that 30mph road markings would be installed on all roads entering the Village. He went on to say that, at the Parish Councils' request, a written request has been submitted to StreetCare for a traffic calming scheme through the Village. However, he indicated that this process could take up to two years to complete.

Neighbourhood Constable Will Price of the Severn Vale and Pilning Beat Team informed the meeting that he was aware of the issues of speeding through the Village and asked that members of the public report any speeding and to pass on this information to him. His contact details and information required can be found on the Parish Council website.

It was noted that no planning applications had been received since the November meeting and that there was only one planning decision to note.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on **Monday 15th May in the Village Hall** which follows the Annual Parish Meeting which commences at 7pm.

James Carpenter, Clerk & RFO
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**GRAB A
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ITS
QUIZ
NIGHT**

Cromhall Village Hall Quiz Night

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**Village Hall Quiz Night
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Doors open at 7pm and the quiz will start at 7.30.

Entry: £3 per person and teams can be up to 6 members.

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The Thornbury Heritage Trail was created by Thornbury & District Heritage Trust (which runs the museum) to celebrate the Millennium in 2000. It covers a total distance of 3.7 Km (or 2¼ miles) and is an enjoyable way of discovering the previous importance of the town and its history. A **recently updated guidebook** to the Trail can be bought from the Museum or from Horders on the High Street for just £2.

If you prefer a digital version, you can download the Guide (a 28-page booklet) and print an enlarged map for free from <https://www.thornburymuseum.org.uk/our-area/thornbury/town-trail/> Enjoy an afternoon stroll in the sun and discover some local history as you go!

Starting at the Town Hall, you can follow the Trail's bronze way-markers, set into the pavements, and, by consulting the Trail Guide, you can bring the history of local buildings and places to life. Along the Trail, there are also seven illustrated information boards which tell you more about that particular location.

Once you reach St Mary's Church, you can enjoy the countryside section of the Trail - rural footpaths with Trail marker posts highlighting points of interest along the way - before you return to the town's footpaths.

Be aware that the rural section has some stiles and it may be muddy at times but it is well worth the effort. If you are unable to go along the rural path, it is easy to retrace your steps back to the town and then follow the remaining way-markers to complete the Trail.

Please also take the time, now or on another occasion, to visit Thornbury & District Museum in Chapel Street. Check out our website <https://www.thornburymuseum.org.uk/> for opening times, current exhibitions and much more. We look forward to welcoming you.



Falfield Parish Council Report

The February meeting had its full complement of Councillors in attendance along with our Ward Councillor, John O'Neill and ten Parishioners. The main item on the agenda for discussion was the planning application submitted by the Ministry of Justice for the expansion of HMP Eastwood Park which included a proposal to build three Open Blocks with a capacity for a total of 75 prisoners. Following concerns raised by Parishioners at the meeting Councillors unanimously agreed to object to the planning application on a number of grounds. These included that the design of the proposed block was not in keeping with its rural environment, the loss of wildlife habitat, loss of green buffer space between existing prison and residential properties and the increased traffic along Church Avenue to the prison which would result from this expansion.

Councillors noted that StreetCare Maintenance Team were planning to undertake some work in the Village during March in clearing pavements and cutting back hedges.

The next Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 18th April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**. This will be the last meeting before Town, Parish and District elections take place on Thursday 4th May 2023.

James Carpenter, Clerk & RFO parish.clerk@falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk
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