

# 5 Villages Alive



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## Let`s hear it for the cracked pots!

I have to admit to feeling a little bit down. Yes, even though we are now in April with its promise of longer days and hopefully warmer and brighter weather, I`m feeling a tad depressed. Why? Imperfection.

I know - it`s a fact of life, and if we`re honest we all have our own unique imperfections or flaws, but the cracks are showing, and it`s quite depressing. The pressure is all around us to make our lives perfect, because apparently "we`re worth it", so we rush around in ever decreasing circles to try and be the perfect weight, have the perfect hair colour, have impossibly white teeth, be the perfect parent, have the perfect children ... the list is endless and the front page of 5 Alive too small! And it`s just not achievable.

So, like it or not, imperfection is here to stay. May as well get used to it.

I think that`s why I have so enjoyed this last series of The Great Pottery Throw Down - Cracks!

.. This year`s finalists were exceptional, but even these talented creators suffered cracks and handles dropping off their amazing final makes. All the way through the weeks of challenges, the judges would say "we`re looking for perfection", but in the end, the overall winner was the one who suffered the disappointment of a handle dropping off his final make in the kiln. That`s it then, I thought. You were my favourite, but sadly, you won`t now win.



How wrong I was!

To be fair, the potter with the uncracked pot was a very close contender, but the pot with the imperfect, repaired handle, all cracks showing, won the day.

How can this be?

Well, as the judges said - "it comes down to what hits you in the heart. Cracks go out of the window when you see form like that with such a wonderful heart-felt expressive message coming through."

So let`s hear it for the cracked pots and raise a glass to embracing our imperfections - they can bring a lot to the party of life after all.

And good news – I`m feeling much brighter now!

*Cracked Pot.*

"Without  
imperfection,  
neither you nor I  
would exist"

~ Stephen Hawking

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

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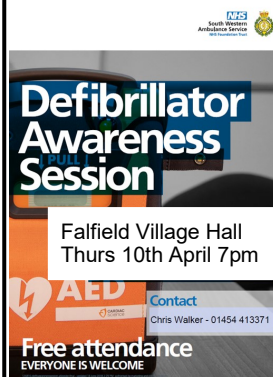
**United Benefice  
Mothering Sunday  
Holy Communion  
at  
St James', Tytherington  
on 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am  
Everyone welcome**

Alveston Gardens Association  
Jubilee Hall, Alveston 7.30pm

Monday 7th April   
**For the Love of Blue Poppies**  
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session – there is even  
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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

### **PLEASE NOTE**

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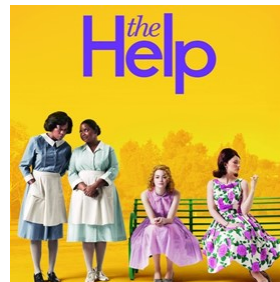
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## Olveston YFC

In February, Olveston Young Farmers held a dinner dance to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the club. Current and past members, along with friends from the rural community joined us for our night of celebration, with a total of 150 people attending the event held at Thornbury Golf Club. We enjoyed a 3-course meal followed by a raffle which consisted of many excellent prizes kindly donated by local businesses. Once the DJ started, the party really began!

There was an excellent opportunity to have a look at some of the old club cups and yearbooks, with our oldest one dating back to 1985 featuring some of our current members' families! The club tablecloth was also on display; this is signed by all past chairmen, including my own Grampy who was chairman in 1958.

For the club to have kept going for 90 years is a great achievement, especially as we see generations of young farmers putting their all into the club over the years. This was one of the biggest events our club has held in many years, and despite lots of organising, it was certainly worth it on the night.

Looking towards the Spring, we are coming up to Pre-Rally and Rally, which are competition days against other clubs within the county. Competitions include stock judging, farm businesses management, dancing, auctioneering, and much more. We also continue to fundraise for our club as we introduce Lambing Bingo.

The beginning of March saw a gathering of South West Area clubs in Weston-Super-Mare. This was a weekend jam-packed full of competitions and partying! Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire, Dorset, Devon, and Cornwall all gather to participate in competitions which include sandcastle building, public speaking, and pantomime. Our club secretary, Jessica, competed in the public speaking competition "Brainstrust" with members from other clubs and was placed an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> out of all counties. Well done, Jessica!

Most of our meetings lately have been preparation for our rally competitions, but we have also had some interesting meetings such as a tour of Godsell's Cheese in Frocester, and a highland cow painting class! Young Farmers is not just about farming but about trying new things and having a go! This month we will also be having a meeting to learn basic first aid and how to use a defibrillator which is such an important thing to know.

This year, both Pre-Rally and Rally are being held in South Gloucestershire. Family, friends, and everyone in the community is welcome to attend these days to see what we young farmers get up to and enjoy the entertainment.

Pre-rally is on 12<sup>th</sup> April at Ostbridge Manor Farm, Piling, BS35 4HN.

Rally is on 17<sup>th</sup> May at Two Pools Farm, Iron Action, BS37 9XD.

If you would like to participate in any of our activities, please contact the club by emailing [olvestonyfc@gloucestershireyfc.co.uk](mailto:olvestonyfc@gloucestershireyfc.co.uk).

**The Annual General Meeting  
Of The Churpel Society  
will be held at 7.30pm on  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
In Tytherington Village Hall Kitchen  
New Members will be welcome**

**Thornbury Library  
Craft Activity  
Marvellous Mini Beasts  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**



**10:30am – 12noon  
Drop in session**





## Thornbury Choral Society's Spring Concert

Saturday, May 10th at 7.30pm

**St. Mary's Church, Thornbury (BS35 1HQ)**

Programme includes Durufle: Requiem and several unaccompanied Motets.

Also the first performance of a piece composed especially for the Society by our conductor Steven Kings entitled "Thine Enchantment"

**Soloists:** Martha MacLorinan (Mezzo) Dan Robson, (Baritone) James Drinkwater (Organ) and Rosie Wennick (cello)

**Tickets: £18 (pre-booked) or £20 (on the door) Students £5.**

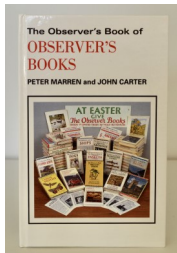
Available from members, or [tickets@thornburychoralsociety.org.uk](mailto:tickets@thornburychoralsociety.org.uk) or (from April 28<sup>th</sup>) from Horder's Stationers.

*We look forward to seeing you there.*

## Collectors' Book Fair Sat 5th April, Easter Compton 10am - 12 noon

An annual Book Fair, held at Easter Compton Village Hall since 2006 takes place again on Saturday 5th 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 militaria. All book enthusiasts are welcomed and admission is free. Advice and valuation on books can be gained from the expert stallholders who come countrywide to attend. Refreshments available. Telephone 01454 632170 for further details.



## Tytherington Village Hall AGM

will be held at 7.30 pm on

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

in the Village Hall

Villagers interested in joining the committee will be welcome

**Thank you to Anon, Cromhall Chapel,  
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and Tytherington PCC for  
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## Thornbury u3a Coffee Morning

**Alveston Methodist Church Hall,  
Alveston, BS35 3RA**

**10:30 – 11:30am on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Members and Non-members are welcome. Some u3a groups will be represented and will be happy to answer questions. There will also be refreshments.

Please do come along to meet other people and have a coffee and chat.

For further information visit our website [Thornbury u3a](http://Thornbury u3a) or for membership enquiries [membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk)



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## Tytherington BIG VILLAGE CLEAN-UP



**SATURDAY 5TH  
APRIL 2025**

**MEET AT  
JUBILEE FIELD  
2.00pm**

*All equipment supplied*

## THORNBURY Art Club

**Club Night is  
Tuesday  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### Creative Mixed Media Tech- niques with Alison Board

Prepare to embark on an inspiring artistic voyage as Ali shares her invaluable knowledge, igniting your passion for art. Ali will demonstrate her mixed media techniques, based on watercolour.



We'll have a short break during the evening where you can enjoy **free tea, coffee, and biscuits**. It's a great time to relax, network, and connect with other art lovers, whether you're a member or just visiting for the evening.



Don't miss this fantastic chance to learn, socialize, and enjoy an evening of art, whether you're just starting out or looking to refine your skills. **Immerse yourself in the world of Mixed Media.**

**Members free, non-members welcome - £6 on the door, cash or card. 7.15 for 7.30pm until 9.30pm. Free parking on-site at St Mary's Hall**  
For more details visit [www.thornburyartclub.co.uk](http://www.thornburyartclub.co.uk),  
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baby & toddler group



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for each additional adult who comes  
with you.

## St. Andrew's Church, Cromhall Easter Flower Festival



Everyone is invited to join in our Easter celebration of flowers in bringing flowers to church and/or coming to see the result.

If you can, **please do bring flowers to church on Saturday 19th April, arranged or simply in a vase (bring your own vase), or even a little posy from your garden, any flowers and any colour.**

You can choose where to place them in church and you may like to dedicate them - perhaps in memory of a loved one (and a framed photograph of the person would be lovely next to your flowers), or it could celebrate a joyous family event. The choice is yours. Dedication cards will be available in church to complete.



Church will be open all day, for you to take your flowers whenever you have time to do so. (Please be prepared to leave them there till the next weekend.)

**On Easter Sunday, 20th April (there is no service in church that day), please do come along to church to see the result - hopefully a church full of flowers, come and celebrate the beauty of flowers.**

**Take time to reflect on the dedications and while you are doing all that, enjoy a hot drink and refreshments:**

- Available in the morning,
- 10.00 - 12.00 with bacon rolls!
- in the afternoon,
- 2.00 - 4.00 with cakes.

We look forward to seeing you on Easter Sunday.



Can't make Easter Sunday? Do pop in and take a look at your floral church any time from Easter Day to the next weekend - church is always open during the day.

## TYTHERINGTON MAY DAY FAIR

**MONDAY 5th MAY 2025  
FROM 1.30pm**

**CASH ONLY PLEASE**



**ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:**

**MAYPOLE DANCING  
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BRASS BAND      TOMBOLA  
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COCONUT SHY .....  
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St. Andrew's, Cromhall



St. Leonard's, Tortworth



St. Oswald's, Rockhampton



St. James', Tytherington

St. George's, Falfield



## Church services and 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 or Stephen Youngs 01454 300260, 07735 396775  
churchwarden@saintandrewscromhall.org.uk  
**Falfield:** Headley Pain 01454 269017  
**Rockhampton:** Liz Cullimore 01454 412208  
**Tortworth:** Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or Fen Marshall 07875 560988  
**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. Whilst they may not be available instantly, leave a message and they will deal with it as soon as they can. Failing that, contact **Rev. Graham Stacey, the Area Dean** on [areadean@wottondeanery.org.uk](mailto:areadean@wottondeanery.org.uk) or Tel. **01453 709859**

**Cromhall** NB Services at Cromhall are now on 2nd & 4th Sundays

<b>Fri 4th</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>APCM in church</b>
Sun 13th	9.30am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion (Rev Bob Callaghan)
<b>Sun 20th</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>No service but do call in to church to see the flowers</b>
Sun 27th	9.30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Richard Morgan)

<b>Falfield</b>		
<b>Sun 13th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sun 20th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Easter Day Holy Communion</b>

<b>Rockhampton</b>		
Sun 27th	10.30am	Holy Communion

<b>Tortworth</b>		
Sun 6th	10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sun 20th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Easter Day Holy Communion with Rev'd Rob Axford</b>
Sun 4th May	10.30am	Holy Communion

<b>Tytherington</b>		
Thurs 3rd	9.30am	Said Communion
Sun 6th	10.30am	Joint service at St James'
<b>Fri 18th</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Good Friday service at St James'</b>
		<b>followed by procession to Tytherington Hill</b>
<b>Sun 20th</b>	<b>6.30am</b>	<b>Easter Dawn Communion on Tytherington Hill followed by breakfast in the Baptist Schoolroom</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Easter Day Communion at St James'</b>



*Everyone is welcome to join us at any of our Holy Week and Easter services.*



### Tytherington Baptist Church

**\*PLEASE NOTE THE ALTERED DATE AND TIME (for April only)**

Our next 'Afternoon Tea' will be held on

**Wednesday 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL\***

commencing at  
**2:00 p.m.\***

when we shall be 'serenaded' by a 4-piece Welsh Folk Group called '**Y PEDWAR**' (which means '**THE FOUR**')

before taking our seats in the Schoolroom to eat & enjoy each other's company at around 3:15pm

All are welcome.

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### Computer Support 1-1 at Thornbury Library

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### Knights of Magic: A Spectacular Evening of the Magical Arts.



**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 7.30pm**

**Methodist Church Hall,  
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**Tickets: £15; £5 for under 15s. Interval tea and coffee.**

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### Alveston History Association

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025**

**Dr. Kate Brooks on 'Muller Orphan Homes'**

Alveston Methodist Church at 7.30pm

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## Falfield Parish Council Report

At their March meeting Councillors discussed the Local Plan Consultation and agreed to submit comments on behalf of the Council. Details of these comments can be found on the Parish Council website. Anyone wishing to comment on this consultation has until 11<sup>th</sup> April when it closes.

It was noted that the abandoned vehicle in Orchard View, which the Council had reported back in January, had a notice posted on its windscreen requiring the owner to remove the vehicle within 7 days. If after 7 days there was no response from the owner South Gloucestershire Council will make arrangements for the vehicle to be disposed of.

The Council is still trying to obtain accurate information from South Gloucestershire on the proposals for the northbound bus stop and shelter adj. to the War Memorial to be relocated closer to the Village Hall. This is to allow improvements to the northbound carriageway of the A38 which was a requirement of the Planning Inspector's approval following the appeal for the large housing development at West Park Farm Thornbury.

The issue of recent accidents at the junction of the A38 and the Old Gloucester Road were again discussed. Following their February meeting the Council had written to South Gloucestershire Council regarding the safety concerns at this junction and to request an update on the proposed reduction in the speed limit on the Old Gloucester Road to 40 mph. The Clerk reported that no response from South Gloucestershire Council had been received prior to this meeting.

The Parish Council currently have two Councillor vacancies of its total allowance of seven. For anyone who may be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor more information can be found on the Council's website home page.

Meetings are normally held on the third Monday in the month but as the third Monday in April is Easter Monday the meeting will be re-scheduled. At the time of producing this report no fixed date has been arranged but again this date will be published on the Council's website.

J. Carpenter, Clerk & RFO  
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[www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 13th July 2025 2.30pm**

**BOYTS FARM TYTHERINGTON**

**PANACHE STEEL BAND**

**- cakes and hot drinks**

**More information next month.**



## Last Dance Saloon

**Tango delivers an unlikely romance**

This captivating new show explores love, legacy and the future we envisage for the coming generations. Filled with music, dance, drama and laughter, it promises a deeply moving experience.

Two people, no longer in the first flush of youth, meet at a dance retreat in Buenos Aires. A spark is ignited. With family ties in Chile and Devon, they navigate the challenges of a long-distance relationship sustained by tango sessions in Argentina.

Multi Story has spent twenty-four years crafting powerful narratives for intimate spaces, thriving on

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ARMSTRONG  
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**St. Mary's Hall. Eastbury Rd., Thornbury**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Wine and juice served  
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## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CROMHALL FEBRUARY 100 CLUB RESULTS

NO 43 £30 JUDITH PARKER  
NO 73 £20 FIONA GRAY  
NO 29 £10 KATE COGGINS

Just a reminder that there are still 18 numbers free on the 100 Club and at £10 for the year, it's a brilliant way of helping maintain and support for our lovely church which has for centuries been supporting the villagers of Cromhall.

Owing to the closure of our Community Shop, the 100 club draws will now take place in St Andrew's Church after the 9.30am service on the following dates:

SUNDAY 20th APRIL  
SUNDAY 25th MAY  
SUNDAY 24th AUGUST  
SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER  
SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER



Sincere thanks to everyone who has already contributed to the 100 Club.

Further details from any PCC member or MANDY BIRD (01454 294186)



### Exciting changes

We've just launched our new volunteering platform. Volunteers, voluntary organisations and charities are now much better connected with improved services.

#### Looking to volunteer?

You can now keep track of roles you are interested in, get matched to opportunities specifically tailored to you and contact organisations directly.

#### Looking for volunteers?

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Visit [www.volunteer-thornbury.co.uk](http://www.volunteer-thornbury.co.uk) to sign up and start along your pathway to volunteering.

Our team of advisors will be available, as always, to answer your questions, give advice and help with volunteering in general.

Our office is open weekdays 10.30am - 12 noon in Thornbury Town Hall, telephone 01454 413392. Find us on Facebook: [thornburyvolunteers](#) and X: [@thornburyvc](#).



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Information on social groups and activities.

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Information regarding transport to medical appointments.

Information regarding financial concerns and money matters.

Help with completing forms, such as Attendance Allowance.

Information on keeping fit and active.

Advice on accident and falls prevention.

Advice on unwanted callers and scams.

Support with health and wellbeing.

If you would like further information, you can contact me on  
07958 158 591 or email [june@wern.org.uk](mailto:june@wern.org.uk)



## Cromhall Village

### Tea @ 3

on the third Wednesday  
of each month  
at 3pm

in Cromhall Village  
Hall



Anyone who is free is invited to 'drop in' for tea, cake and a chat with friends.

Without our village shop, there is even less opportunity to help our community thrive.

We look forward to seeing you on  
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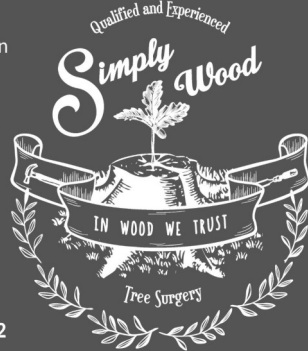
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## Thornbury Foodbank Shopping list

**We have a good stock of the following items  
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 biscuits and chocolates

**Stock is running low on the following items:**

Cooking/Pasta sauces

Pulses  
 Fruit Juice  
 Tinned fruit  
 Tinned vegetables  
 Dog food

Washing capsules  
 Toilet Rolls  
 Shampoo  
 Shower gel for men  
 Female deodorant

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

Donations can be placed in the basket at

- Tesco
- Coop at Thornbury Fields
- Morrisons Oakleaze Road
- **Turnberrie's every Wednesday between 9.30 and 11.00am** (Please do not leave donations at Turnberrie's outside these times)

**Donations may also be left at Thornbury  
 Baptist Church in the 4-drawer cabinet when  
 the church is open**

NB Due to the unavailability of Turnberries on a  
 Friday, our day of opening Foodbank to clients  
 has changed to a Thursday. This will continue  
 until we move back to Thornbury Baptist church



THANK YOU!

**Thank you for your on-going  
 support**

## Avoid the danger of Out- of-Date Wills

No one wants to be remembered for leaving behind a legal mess for their family to sort out. However, having an out-of-date Will can sometimes be even worse than having no Will at all.

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- Have you separated from your partner, but still have a Will that leaves everything to them?
- Are you still close to the Guardians you appointed to raise your children or the Executors you appointed to sort everything out? Are they still up to the job?
- Have money gifts kept up with inflation or with a change to the amount you own?
- Has your Will kept pace with changes to Inheritance Tax or the rules on Care Home Fees? Or will your family now face an avoidable bill?
- Also do you have court-registered Lasting Powers of Attorney in place, with the right people appointed to help you if there was an emergency and you became seriously ill?

**Book your Free Will Review Meeting:** They will take as long as you need. There is even a free home visit option. It is a no obligation meeting to give you peace of mind. If you then go ahead, they offer clear fixed prices. Pop in or call 01454 412 278.

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

6 <sup>th</sup>	(10.30am) Tom Brown	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
13 <sup>th</sup>	(10.30am) Peter Cresswell	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
20 <sup>th</sup>	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) David Frampton
27 <sup>th</sup>	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Robert Simpkins

**Tuesday half hour of prayer on zoom:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9.30am.

**Wednesdays at 7.30pm:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> – we meet for Bible Study and Prayer in various homes in the area. 9<sup>th</sup> we meet in the hall and on zoom for Bible Study and Prayer. 23<sup>rd</sup> Members' Meeting  
30<sup>th</sup> Communion

**Thursday Coffee Mornings:** Come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee with homemade cake each Thursday from 10.00am-12noon.

**Cromhall Crafters:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. Come along and join a friendly group of ladies as we work on our own crafts and chat over a cup of tea.

**Ladies' Breakfast:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15 for 9.30am. Enjoy a delicious breakfast followed by a talk by Rachel Stevens who works for Tearfund relief and development agency, "From flood water to drinking water".

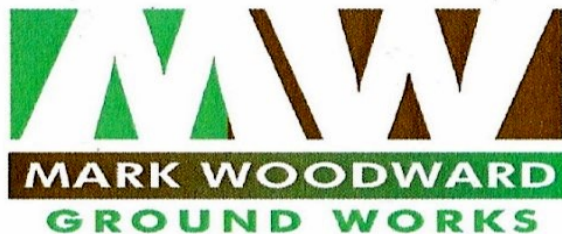
All our sermons are available on the website: [WWW.CROMHALLCHAPEL.ORG](http://WWW.CROMHALLCHAPEL.ORG)



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6th	10.30am	JOINT SERVICE AT ST JAMES'	Val & Brian
13th	10.30am	PALM SUNDAY SERVICE	Brian
18th	6.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT ST JAMES' followed by procession to Tytherington Hill	Val & Brian
20th	6.30am	EASTER DAY SUNRISE COMMUNION on Tytherington Hill, followed by breakfast in Baptist Schoolroom	
	10.30am	EASTER WORSHIP {at Baptist Chapel}	Brian
27th	10.30am	EMMAUS ROAD [LUKE 24:13 - 33]	Louisa

**\*Service will include Holy Communion**  
**Everyone welcome**

### CHURCHES IN TYTHERINGTON

We warmly welcome all newcomers, church returnees and unsure spiritual seekers to join us at the Tytherington churches through this season of Lent and especially for the walk on Good Friday and the celebrations on Easter Sunday. (See service times and locations in this issue.)



We work as two churches together for key services and a monthly joint service, then with Anglican and Baptist flavoured services in between.

You are warmly invited to try both churches, both are part of the history and culture of Tytherington, and both engage with contemporary issues through prayer and pastoral support.

Life can be hard, and we know that as much as anyone.

As well as sermons based on Biblical truths that examine justice, love, forgiveness and restoration; we celebrate a God who makes a difference in our daily lives and makes life manageable, and sometimes even joyous.

Do contact us if you'd like to know more, we are:-

- Val Johnson, Worship Leader at St James, [valj475@gmail.com](mailto:valj475@gmail.com)
- Brian Allen, Pastor at Tytherington Baptist Church, [allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk)  
[www.tytheringtonchapel.com/contact](http://www.tytheringtonchapel.com/contact)
- Louisa Lockwood, Minister-in-Training at Tytherington Baptist Church, contact via website [www.tytheringtonchapel.com/contact](http://www.tytheringtonchapel.com/contact)



**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**7.30pm**

### **FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**are holding the  
Annual General Meeting in the  
village hall**

All welcome

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

Please come along and hear about the work of the management committee. We are seeking new ideas and new members to make the hall an asset for Falfield.



### **LEGO CLUB at Thornbury Library**

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

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## EASTER COFFEE MORNING



**Sat April 5<sup>th</sup> 10am - 1pm**

**in Cromhall Village Hall**  
*in aid of the work of CLinC*

**Crafts Easter gifts**

**Tombola & Raffle**

**Children's activities**

**Jams & marmalade**



FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE INVITE YOU TO

## MAY DAY ON THE GREEN

FALFIELD VILLAGE GREEN – MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY AT 1.00PM

FREE ENTRY AND PRIZES TO BE WON!



**MAYPOLE DANCING – BOYS & GIRLS - GROWN UPS TOO!!**  
**TUG OF WAR COMPETITION AND OTHER FUN & GAMES**  
**BOUNCY CASTLE AND STOCKS & WET SPONGES**  
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**GAMES FOR YOUNG  
& "NOT SO YOUNG"!**

**PLANT SALE PLUS  
OTHER STALLS**





## **Tortworth Forest Centre and Arboretum**

### **10th Anniversary Celebration Saturday 26th April**

Tortworth Forest Centre and Arboretum is excited to remind everyone of its forthcoming 10th anniversary on April 25, 2025, and celebration on Saturday April 26th. This milestone event marks a decade of dedication, community support, and the thriving connection between people and nature.

Founded in 2015, the Centre has transformed an overgrown and inaccessible woodland into a rejuvenated arboretum, where both native and exotic tree species flourish. Our efforts have not only revitalized the natural environment but also created an inclusive space where individuals can connect with nature and each other.

The celebration takes place on April 26, 2025 between 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Tortworth Forest Centre and Arboretum, Tortworth, UK

Activities include:

- Guided tours of the arboretum, highlighting the restoration work and unique tree collection
- Demonstrations of woodland management techniques
- Interactive workshops on native flora and fauna
- Special sessions of the Hawthorn Project for self-identifying women, showcasing their achievements and progress
- Woodland Wellbeing Project activities open to all ages and genders

Celebrations will also feature guest speakers who will share insights into the journey and future vision of the Tortworth Forest Centre. There will be opportunities to meet our dedicated volunteers and learn about ways to get involved in our ongoing projects.

Join Us in Celebrating a Decade of Growth and Community:

We invite everyone to join us on April 26th to celebrate this significant milestone. Whether you're a long-time supporter or new to our community, this event is a perfect opportunity to experience the beauty of our woodland sanctuary.

For more information about the event, to RSVP, or to learn how you can support Tortworth Forest Centre and Arboretum, please visit our website or contact us directly.

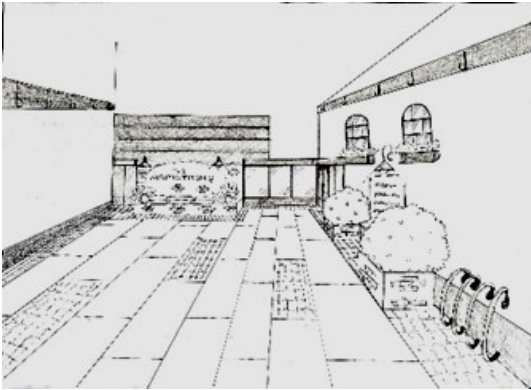
Contact: Katy Radel, Event and Venue Manager [katy@tortwortharboretum.org](mailto:katy@tortwortharboretum.org)

### **Wood Management Days**

Our weekly woodland management days are for individuals who seek regular volunteering opportunities, and may benefit from time spent in nature.





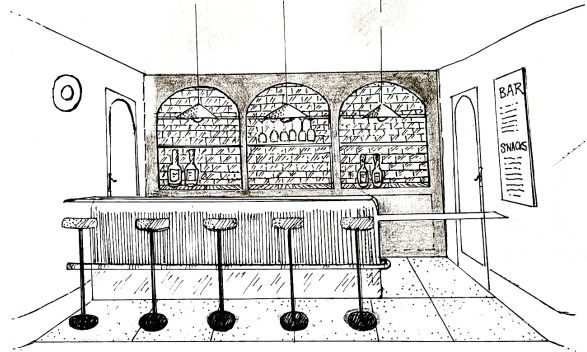


## The Armstrong

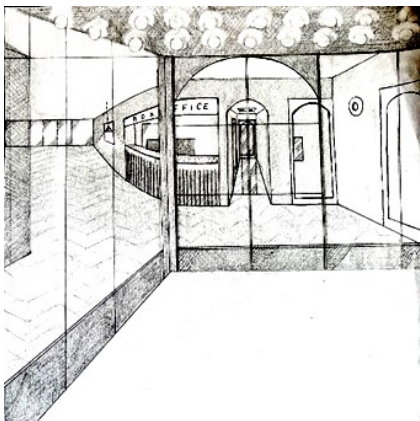
Thanks to the collaboration between the Armstrong Hall Trust and Thornbury Community and Arts, the former Armstrong Hall Complex, now renamed The Armstrong, is set to become a revitalised and dynamic venue for the community. The expertise of local volunteers and businesses will ensure that the venue will feature a fresh, contemporary aesthetic while preserving its historic charm.

Renovations starting in Spring, will bring the venue up to modern standards while providing a welcoming space for events, performances, and community gatherings. The revitalised venue will feature a fully upgraded foyer with improved accessibility, modernised facilities, and a welcoming bar and function space. The Armstrong is on track to open its Cossham Hall and Foyer in Winter 2025/26, followed by the main 300 seat theatre from mid-2026.

The cost of renovations is estimated to be just over £2m. TCA have secured funding to enable the Cossham Hall and the Foyer to open which is a tremendous achievement. A significant milestone in the project was securing major funding from generous donors, including Maggie Lansdown, whose contributions have laid the foundation for this ambitious endeavour. A fundraising campaign will now launch to secure the funds for the main 300 seat theatre.



“The Armstrong is more than just a venue. Our mission is to become again the heart of Thornbury’s cultural and social life,” said Jill Dimond, representative of Thornbury Community and Arts. “With a fresh new look and a professional events team in place, we’re committed to creating an exciting, inclusive, and financially sustainable space that will serve the community for generations to come.”



Community members and local businesses are encouraged to get involved. Whether through fundraising, volunteering, or contributing expertise, there are many ways to help bring this landmark venue back to life.

Those interested can reach out at [hello@thearmstrong.co.uk](mailto:hello@thearmstrong.co.uk).

Stay up to date with the latest developments and fundraising opportunities by visiting [www.thearmstrong.co.uk](http://www.thearmstrong.co.uk), signing up to the monthly newsletter and following The Armstrong on social media.

## OCTOPUS DRAMA GROUP BOX OFFICE OPENING

The box office for Octopus Drama Group's forthcoming comedy play 'The Village Hall' written by Ashley Burgoyne will open at Rosie & Rex gift shop at the top of Thornbury High Street on Saturday 3rd May.

Full details of this amusing play will appear in the May edition. Performances will be Wednesday 11th to Saturday 14th June starting 7.30pm at Christ the King Church Hall in Castle Street, Thornbury. Tickets will cost £8.





## Crafts Coffee & Cake

raising funds for

**Cancer Research UK**

**10am - 2pm**

**Saturday 5th April**

**Falfield Village Hall**

Come with your children/grandchildren and  
have fun together.



Make Easter nests/  
decorate biscuits  
paint eggs;  
create a spring garden  
plus several other Spring/  
Easter themed  
creative activities!



**A bit of background:** On 19th July I'll be  
setting off from Penrice Castle on The  
Gower to "Walk, Jog, Run" 100km (an organised Ultra-  
Challenge).

I definitely won't be running but I am aiming to 'walk, jog,  
refuel' straight through!!

I've decided, that to give me extra focus through this  
madness, to fundraise for Cancer Research UK because  
it is "the world's leading independent cancer charity ded-  
icated to saving lives through research, influence and  
information" and quite simply because I know too many  
friends who are or have been affected by this disease.

**Phone Louise Wright on 07800 776998 for  
further details.**

## Tytherington History Group

**FRIDAY 11th April 2025**

**7.30pm in Baptist School Room**

(at rear of chapel)

**SPEAKER: PATRICK HOWELL**



## CROSSING THE INDIAN OCEAN

**All welcome**

£2 members and £3 for visitors

## Tytherington Film Club 2025

- Friday April 18 - Conclave
- Friday May 16 - The Holdovers
- Friday June 27 - Crossing
- Friday July 18 - Small things like these
- Friday Aug 15 - Arthur the King
- No Sept. date but Sian is arranging a showing of  
the Last Night of the Proms. Date is booked.  
More information to follow.
- Friday Oct 24 - TBA
- Friday Nov 21 - TBA
- Friday Dec 19 - TBA



Two more dates will be arranged for Jan  
- Feb 26, which will complete the first membership cycle

These films have been chosen in response to feedback  
so far. Keep your thoughts coming.

Information about titles above is available in the shop  
and can be sent on request.

Evenings will start at 7.00pm for refreshments and the  
film will follow at about 7.30pm. There will not be an  
intermission unless the film is particularly long.

Hope to see you there!



## Falfield WI News

At our March meeting, we were pleased to hear that Doris is doing well and we wel-  
comed Janice back after her operation.

Our speaker was the founder of Cirencester Signpost, which was started 12 years ago. It helps  
the homeless and people living on the streets and has been awarded the the King's Award for  
Voluntary Service. (We had brought along Pot Noodles for our original speaker, who had been  
called away, and these will be passed on to the Street Angels in Bristol.)

Members Night next month is being organised by Micky Flight, and a list was available for volun-  
teers to help with the evening.

Dates for our diaries are 15th May, The Group Meeting at St Mary's Hall, Thornbury, 10th May, a  
Felting workshop at the village hall and 14th May is the Avon Quiz.

Our attention was drawn to Cold Water workshops at Cromhall Quarry. Their website has details.



## Car parking charges in South Glos

Soon there will be charges in certain South Glos car parks. Several smaller car parks and Park and Ride facilities will remain free. In addition, all short stay car parks will have a number of spaces providing free parking for up to 30 minutes. These will be clearly designated with signs and markings on the ground.

The car parks affected by this in Thornbury are:

Castle Court short and long stay car park, BS35 2BQ

Rock Street short and long stay car park, BS35 2FH

St Mary Street short stay car park, BS35 2AT

### Short stay tariffs

- The maximum time for parking in any short stay car park will be up to 4 hours.
- The following charges will apply Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (excluding bank holidays):
  - Up to 30 minutes – free (only in specific spaces); Up to 1 hour – 70p; Up to 2 hours – £1.30; Up to 3 hours – £3; Up to 4 hours – £5
- No return within 4 hours.
- You can only use one of the 30 minute free parking spaces in any 12 hour period.

### Long stay tariffs

The following charges will apply Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (excluding bank holidays):

Up to 4 hours – £3; Up to 6 hours – £4; Over 6 hours – £5; 1 Week – £20

You will be able to buy a season ticket for long stay car parks via the MiPermit website or app, subject to availability. 1 Month – £75; 6 months – £435; 1 Year – £840

**Blue Badge holders:** Short and long stay car parks will be free for up to 4 hours for valid Blue Badge holders.

For stays over 4 hours in a long stay the following reduced charges will apply: Up to 6 hours – £1.00; Over 6 hours – £2.00; 1 Week – £8.00

You can park in any space but you must correctly display your valid Blue Badge and time clock.

**Electric vehicles:** If you use an electric vehicle charging bay in any of the car parks where parking charges are being introduced you will need to pay for parking as well.

**Motorcycles:** Motorcycle parking will continue to be free in designated motorcycle parking bays only. Motorcycles parked in standard bays will need to pay the standard parking charge.

**You will be able to pay for your parking by:**

- **card or contactless at the machine in the car park**
- **the MiPermit app or website**
- **automated call**

Further details are available at [Council car parks | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council](#)

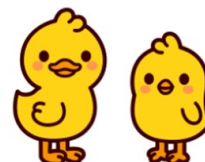


Tytherington Village Hall Presents  
**Easter Ducks-travaganza!**  
**Easter Party with Duck Racing**  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**Tytherington Village Hall 2.00pm-4.30pm**

**Easter Duck Trail in Tytherington Woods**

**from Monday 14th April - Monday 21st April**



- Fancy dress, Easter jumpers or just as you are.
- Come and enjoy the duck racing, games, side stalls and craft.
- After buying your ticket you will be emailed the Trail sheet.
- Each young person will receive a duck to race with more available to sponsor on the day.
- There will be a café with free tea, coffee & squash and some scrummy cakes and treats on sale for you to enjoy
- Mail: [TVHevents@outlook.com](mailto:TVHevents@outlook.com) for more information

**Ticket Sales:** Village Shop - £5.00 per child (cash only)  
BACs - £5.00 per child email [TVHevents@outlook.com](mailto:TVHevents@outlook.com)

### Easter Biscuits

Traditionally in this area, these are flavoured with oil of cassia, which may not be to everyone's taste but make these a special treat for those who do like it.

#### Ingredients

4ozs butter	4ozs caster sugar
8ozs plain flour	1 egg
4-5 drops cassia oil	2ozs currants

#### Method

- Cream butter and sugar.
- Beat in egg and cassia oil.
- Fold in flour and currants.
- Roll out on floured board to ¼ inch thickness.
- Cut out biscuit shapes.
- Bake at 350°F/180°C/Reg 4 for 15 minutes



### Make Eastertide Tansies

'To make a Tansy. Take three pints of Cream, fourteen New-laid eggs (the whites of seven put away) one pint of juice of Spinach, six or seven spoonfuls of juice of Tansy, a Nutmeg (or two) grated small, half a pound of sugar, and a little salt.

Beat all these well together, then fry it in a pan with no more Butter than is necessary.

When it is enough, serve it up with juice of Orange or slices of Lemon upon it.'

*From: The Closet of Sir Kenelm Digby  
Opened 1669*

(I think I'll stick with the biscuits!)

*You can find a more modern  
recipe at  
Recipe archive: Tansy Pudding - The Yorkshire Dalesman*



TANSY

## TYTHERINGTON & ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thank you to all those people who took the trouble to complete the Consultation on the future of the Tytherington Recreation Ground/Hardwicke Field. Results will be published soon.

Tytherington & Itchington Parish Council are holding their Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. The SPV director for Tower Hill solar farm, Sulwen Vaughan will be attending the meeting to speak about Tower Hill Solar Farm.

This Parish Meeting is an opportunity for parishioners on the Electoral Roll for Tytherington & Itchington to raise any matters of concern to them that relates to their local community. It would be helpful to have written notice of any matters to be raised but it is not essential. Matters can be raised at the meeting without prior notice.

For any queries or anything you would like to see on the agenda, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council (Gill Brooks) [clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk).

Last year's Annual Parish Meeting minutes will be available on the Parish Council website or from the Clerk at [clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk)

**NEW COUNCILLORS:** Tytherington & Itchington Parish Council still need to co-opt 3 Councillors. The role of the local **council** as the first tier of local government is that of the local authority, which is the nearest elected body to the electors, and today there is a trend for more and more decisions to be taken at a local level. As a Councillor representing [Tytherington & Itchington Parish Council](#) you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team and have about 2 to 3 hours available weekly to keep abreast with local government consultations etc. You can also ask the Clerk any questions you may have on 01454 416637.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS:** Grants are available to local groups/societies etc through the Tytherington Solar Farm Community Grant. The Grant Making Policy is on the web site and the next round of grants will be discussed at the June meeting, applications need to be received by the PC by the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. Please read the policy to make sure you have submitted the relevant documentation etc

### Trees around Tortworth

As the Tortworth Forest Centre celebrates its tenth anniversary, it might be an appropriate time to remember the person who was responsible for planting the first of the many interesting trees which may be found around this small community. These are the legacy of the third Earl of Ducie, who was a great dendrologist in his day and developed a fine arboretum at Tortworth Court, though he is perhaps most famous for having discovered the Corkscrew Hazel, *Corylus avellana* 'Contorta' in a hedge on the estate.



He was responsible for the bulk of the ornamental planting, developed in amicable competition with Robert Holford of Westonbirt. By 1921, when the third Earl died, the arboretum was widely admired for its collection. Many of these trees may still be seen in the grounds of De Vere Tortworth Court Hotel, the Forest Centre and the church.

Two images of Henry John Reynolds-Moreton (1827–1921), 3rd Earl of Ducie, Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (1857–1911)



## TYTHERINGTON & ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Thursday 17th April 2025**

**7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Copies of the 2024 minutes will be available on the night or are obtainable from the council's website: [www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk)

Copies of all statutory documents are also available on the website or from the clerk at [clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk)

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