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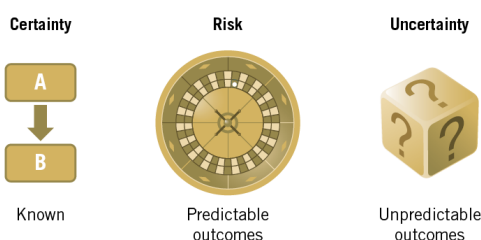
April 2020

## Living with certainty .....

When I was first asked to write the April front page – I thought “Great! Palm Sunday and ‘Hosanna to the Son of David’ through to ‘Jesus Christ is risen today’ at Easter – lovely time to be encouraging and humorous ...” but things have changed and are changing day by day.

So far this year in our world we have had hurricanes and floods – juxtaposed with famines and drought and poverty and horrendous fires and more people being displaced from their homes, oh - and add a few bombings .....the list goes on. The world in which we live is truly suffering – people are suffering – and creation itself is suffering. Suffering at the hands of people who discard rubbish with no thought for the consequences of their actions regarding pollution and potential devastation of wildlife on land or in the rivers and oceans.

As I write these words, across the world we are all facing the uncertainty of Coronavirus Covid 19. People are concerned, frightened, perhaps isolating themselves as a precaution or have had to



'self-isolate' or even been hospitalised because of this virus. The 'over-70's may even be asked to stay at home for some weeks if not months for their well-being. Here at the moment is an unknown 'enemy', causing other unseen situations in the form of loneliness and real - perhaps desperate - feelings of isolation. We have the greatest faith in our scientists and medics to find a vaccine at some stage – and we are so very fortunate to have many dedicated and able people working on our behalf. Until they have

some success though, for us all there is uncertainty – will this touch me? Will it touch people I love? What can I do to help them – to help my neighbour?

How are we reacting to this? Undoubtedly we are all taking extra care to do as we are advised – wash hands frequently (how many times can one sing Happy Birthday in a day?), avoid physical contact – all the sensible things we can do to protect ourselves and those we meet. Are we though just tempted to look out for ourselves – the empty shelves in supermarkets, the result of frightened 'buying' suggest that may be the reaction of some people who are, in their concern, only able to see their own perceived immediate needs.

We are just about to celebrate Easter with the inevitable chocolate egg-fest, and this year it may be even more necessary to celebrate – however or whenever we are allowed to do that safely - and remind ourselves that God is in control. He absolutely understands the needs of His people and of His world. He hears our prayers and loves us all. We see during these festivities the most self-less act as Jesus Christ faced the loneliness of the cross and His separation from His Father before He rose again - but that's just it! He did rise again and we will sing 'Hallelujah Jesus Christ is risen again'!

Rev Sue



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



**'To see Christ in all and to show Christ to the World.'**

## SUNDAYS

So long as she avoids the virus herself, Rev Sue will celebrate Holy Communion at 10:30am at the following churches:

April 5<sup>th</sup> Cromhall

April 12<sup>th</sup> Tortworth

April 19<sup>th</sup> Tytherington

April 26<sup>th</sup> Rockhampton

You might like to take some time at home at these times to pray/read your Bibles.



There will be a short form of service available for you to use at home if you would like to share in this way. Please phone or email the office for a copy of this. The weekly pewsheets will also be available online (see <https://sites.google.com/site/croftbenefice/home>) but if you need a hard copy, please let the office know.

## CHURCHES WILL REMAIN OPEN

St. Andrew's, Cromhall



St. Leonard's, Tortworth



St. Oswald's, Rockhampton



St. James', Tytherington

St. George's, Falfield



All our churches are remaining open during the day for people to use for private prayer. Please do use the hand sanitisers which should be by the door for you.

All our groups and meetings are suspended until further notice, but prayer for our benefice and the people of the benefice will continue! If you would like us to pray for anything or anyone would like prayer, please do email Rev Sue: [revsue@crofft.org.uk](mailto:revsue@crofft.org.uk)

While we hope this will not continue for too long, please don't be lonely! We will all have to abide by the restrictions placed on us for the good of all, but use the phone...text, email keep in touch with people.

**ALL enquiries regarding Baptisms and Weddings must be made to the Benefice Office in the first instance.**



### Bellringing in the Benefice

#### Monday:

Cromhall (from 7.30pm)

#### Thursday:

Tytherington (7.45 - 9.00pm)



**BENEFICE PHONE: 01454 260096**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS: [office@crofft.org.uk](mailto:office@crofft.org.uk)**

#### CHAPLAINS:

Rev Sue: 01454 600674 or [revsue@crofft.org.uk](mailto:revsue@crofft.org.uk)

Rev. Frances: 01453 519099

[revfrances@crofft.org.uk](mailto:revfrances@crofft.org.uk)

#### 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

Dear Parishioners,

This is an uncertain time for us all as we face the Coronavirus situation.

As a church we are given guidance with regard to services, which of course we will continue to follow so that all our worshippers will be as safe as possible.

However, in our villages over these next weeks there may be people who have to "self-isolate" for precautionary measures or because they have contracted the virus themselves.



There may also be people who have family who are not able to travel to visit and care for them. It is hard to be on your own in these situations.



Rev'd Frances and I are very concerned that as a church family do our very best to support those in need within our communities, whatever that need may be - it may just be a phone conversation that would help, so please do let us know if you – or someone you know is in need.

As we all try and keep safe, the family of the church will be praying for all within our village communities.

*Rev Sue and Revd Frances.*

Rev Sue: 01454 600674 [revsue@crofft.org.uk](mailto:revsue@crofft.org.uk)  
Revd Frances: 01453 519099 [revfrances@crofft.org.uk](mailto:revfrances@crofft.org.uk)



**Thank you to Rockhampton Parish Council for their kind donation to our costs.**

Each 20-page edition costs £360 to print, so we are always grateful for donations as our funding depends on advertising and the generosity of our readers.

Regular donations may be made by standing order; we also accept payments by BACS. For further details please contact our Treasurer, Mr Geoff Crosthwaite

- by telephone on 01454 294140
- by email at: [geoffrey.crosthwaite@outlook.com](mailto: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, Geoff Crosthwaite, The Barn, Townwell, Cromhall, W-U-E, GL12 8AQ or the editor.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

**In view of the changing advice being given during the present crisis, please check with organisers of meetings, services and/or other events before assuming that they will take place.**



## THORNBURY AND DISTRICT

**U3A** has nearly 1,800 members and around 90 different interest groups meeting at various venues

throughout the area but there is always room for more! The groups mainly meet during the day and interest range from Archaeology to Walking with all subjects in-between. Some meet weekly, other less often and they include physical activities, crafts, board and card games, organised visits to gardens and churches, concerts and theatre as well as purely "educational" topics.

Details of all our groups, including Group Leader contact details, venue and times of meeting, can be found on our website

[www.thornburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.thornburyu3a.org.uk).

The Welcome Meeting planned for **Monday 20 April at 3:30pm in St Mary's Church Hall**, Eastbury Road, Thornbury, BS35 1DR **has been cancelled**.

You can still find out further information about our activities by visiting our website or phoning our Membership Secretary, Jackie Gitsham on 858438 or our Chairman, Norman Taylor on 418396.

### TYTHERINGTON FACEBOOK PAGE

There is a Facebook group aimed at residents of Tytherington called Tytherington (Gloucs) Life. The link is [bit.ly/2JKDvwx](http://bit.ly/2JKDvwx) or can be found by searching for **Tytherington Life** on Facebook.

There is also a Bristol to Thornbury taxi share group open to residents of Tytherington; also at [bit.ly/2JKL7Ak](http://bit.ly/2JKL7Ak).

### Rogue Traders and Licensing Contact Details

If you think you have been the victim of a scam or rogue trader, please contact Trading Standards, Citizens Advice Consumer Service: Mon to Fri 9.00 – 17.00 Ring 03454 04 05 06



Tytherington WI

## Trip to RHS Wisley Garden

Cost: £30.50 (inclusive of coach fare and entry to the gardens)

**It is hoped to re-schedule this visit for September. If you have any queries, or would like more details, please ring**

Mrs Valerie Niblett on 01454 417982



### How to contact the Foodbank

The Thornbury outlet of the North Bristol Foodbank is based at Thornbury Baptist Church, Gillingstool, Thornbury BS35 2EG, and is open every Friday afternoon 2 - 4pm.

**For more information, please call  
0117 9791399,  
email [info@northbristol.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@northbristol.foodbank.org.uk)  
or visit [northbristol.foodbank.org.uk](http://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk)**

## Cromhall Senior Citizens Tat3

**There will be no  
T@3 until further  
notice**



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### Alveston Gardens Association

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

**Monday 6th April 2020**

**Out and About with the AGA**  
Roland Hartley

All welcome – Visitors (£3)  
Full programme on [www.alveston.org](http://www.alveston.org)



### WI News - Falfield WI

The business part of our March meeting followed the usual format, though we now have a page in our events and outings folder where members can comment on suggested 'Trips and Outings'.

We also have a suggestions box on the presidents table for outings, speakers or anything else of note.

As the winner of this year's bursary is unable to go the reserve envelope was opened and Carole Ball was delighted to accept.

Our speaker for the evening did not arrive so we improvised with volunteers from the membership recounting stories and experiences. This proved very entertaining and at times hilarious.

Unfortunately, events have overtaken our plans for future meetings and Falfield Village Hall has been closed so we shall not meet for the foreseeable future. In the meantime we wish everyone well.



### Keep us posted!

Despite the fact that the world seems to be slowly closing down around us, it is to be hoped that we can still keep contact

between our 5 villages and share information about what is going on.

If you would like to send any observations about how you and those around you are dealing with the situation, please feel free to do so. (The deadline is always midnight on 19th of the month preceding publication.)

Eventually things will return to some sort of normality and we'd like to be ready for it!!

Kay

### Thornbury Citizens Advice Bureau



now meets at  
**Turnberries Community Centre,**  
Bath Road, Thornbury

**Every Tuesday from 10.00 am to 12 noon**

**Telephone Advice Service:**  
03444 111 444  
Mon to Fri 10.00 - 14.00

### AFTERNOON TEA SUSPENDED



Following the latest Governmental advice, regrettably, it has been decided to **suspend our monthly 'Afternoon Tea' sessions, until further notice.**

We will print updates regarding the ongoing effect on our gatherings in FIVE-ALIVE, each month.

**Meanwhile, keep safe!**

### ST ANDREW'S, CROMHALL, 100 CLUB

February draw winners were:

£30 MRS MURIEL EALEY (NO.61)  
£20 MRS CATE BRYANT (NO.25)  
£10 MRS JUDITH DREW (NO.48)

Congratulations to the winners and thank you for supporting St Andrew's church and churchyard.

The next draw will be at 11am in Cromhall Village Shop on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April and there will be one winner of a £50 cheque.

Good luck!

Mandy Bird (01454 294186)





## 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)

### REGRETTABLY, DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PROBLEM, THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HAS STRONGLY ADVISED THAT, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ALL SUNDAY SERVICES SHOULD BE SUSPENDED

- However, I will be posting an 'E-Service' to each member of our congregation and any others who wish to receive it. This will include a Bible reading and short commentary for individual reflections and prayers.
- The 'E-Services' will be e-mailed to those wishing to receive them on Saturdays, with the suggestion that, at 11 a.m. on Sunday, all recipients will read and reflect upon the messages.
- **Should you wish to receive these, please send me your e-mail address and I will add you to my Sunday Service Contact list.**

Meanwhile, keep safe, and every blessing to you all.

**Brian**

### Falfield Village Hall

Join any time - come when you can - pay as you go

#### Monday Music Classes - £5

Jigs, Reels, Polkas, Hornpipes

5.00pm - 5.30pm

For beginners on fiddle, mandolin, whistle etc

5.30pm - 7.00pm

All welcome - Play from music score or by ear

#### Monday Dance Class - £8

Irish Square Set Dancing - for fun and fitness

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Join any time no partner necessary

Just pop in any Monday to see  
what we do !  
or contact Jill

Jill Elliot - 07515 904 707

jillyelliot@gmail.com

[www.jillelliotmusicanddance.com](http://www.jillelliotmusicanddance.com)

Help clean up your neighbourhood by joining  
the

### CROMHALL 2020 SPRING CLEAN

SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020.

MEET AT 10am AT  
THE VILLAGE HALL.



Given the UK Chief Medical Officers have  
now raised the coronavirus  
(COVID-19) risk to the UK  
from moderate to  
high, its only sensi-  
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any other, preventable illness.

**Do not attend a clean-up if you feel  
unwell or are showing cold or flu like  
symptoms, stay home to protect yourself  
and others.**

Event may be subject to cancellation on Gov-  
ernment advice.

For further details contact  
Cllr Steve Aston on 07972 550881

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**Rockhampton Village Hall 100 club**

**March draw winners were:**

£15 Ann & Geoff Jones  
 £10 Jane Sprackman  
 £5 Stan Hedges  
 £5 Charles Eardley-Wilmot



[www.rockhamptonvillagehall.com](http://www.rockhamptonvillagehall.com)

Many thanks to everyone who joined the club last year. If you would like to join the 100 club for this new year starting 1st April please contact Roger Watkins 01454 260530. About half the proceeds goes back out in prizes with the remainder going to support the Village Hall.

**Tytherington Village Shop**

In the current health situation, it is likely that the shop will face some challenges in maintaining a full staffing rota and in keeping the shelves fully stocked. Many of our volunteers are over 70 and may have to self-isolate. We are therefore asking if



any younger people in the village would be prepared to help out over this period. This could mean serving in the shop or going to the suppliers to purchase goods. Please come forward, even if you can only help on a single occasion. We are also hoping to work with other organisations in the village to ensure that older folk, who cannot get out, are still able to get the supplies they need. At this challenging time, it is essential that we all pull together to keep the shop and post office open as much as possible.

As part of our desire to reduce single use plastic we are considering selling milk in glass bottles that can be purchased and refilled each time you buy milk. We would be offering this service for full and semi-skimmed milk. All other types of milk will still be available in the normal manner. In order to launch this initiative, we need to know if there would be sufficient interest from our customers and the local community. This will be discussed at our annual meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. As not all people will be able to attend this meeting we will be placing a list to register your interest in the shop from April 1<sup>st</sup>. If this type of enterprise would interest you please either come to the meeting or sign the list in the shop.

Any local organisations/charities that would like to use the shop window to advertise their activities are welcome to do so at a small charge of £10 a month. The display could advertise a particular event or explain what your organisation is about and trying to achieve, thereby encouraging new members or contributions. If you would be interested in taking over part of the window area please let someone in the shop know.



**Sam Hutchinson**  
**FITNESS**

**Back-Care Pilates**

Back-Care Pilates is a 12-week Pilates-based course designed to help people with back pain. The next course starts on the 7th of April, 2020.

Only 10 places are available on the course, so please book early.

For more information, or to book your place, please contact:  
[sam@samhutchinsonfitness.com](mailto:sam@samhutchinsonfitness.com)  
 07977 632003  
[www.samhutchinsonfitness.com](http://www.samhutchinsonfitness.com)

| Day & Time               | Location                      |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Tuesdays,<br>7:00-8:00pm | St Helens Church,<br>Alveston |





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### Severn Vale Art Trail

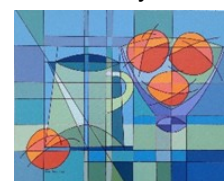
The Severn Vale Art Trail (**part of the Thornbury Arts Festival**) will be showcasing almost 70 artists this year. This popular free event runs from **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**. The Trail comprises a number of group exhibitions, together with many individual artists, displaying their work in Thornbury,



neighbouring towns and villages in Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire. Take a break from the Trail joy artwork, coffee or lunch at The Anchor Morton! Most venues are open from 5pm.

This Art Trail is a wonderful opportunity for the published and works

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derful opportunity to access and view the work of established new artists across the Severn Vale area. Art range from watercolour and oil paintings to photographic prints, enamel and glass work, jewellery, basket weaving, pottery and wood carving. Visitors have the opportunity to talk with the artists about their work and buy high quality art,

tunity to talk with the artists about their work and buy high quality art, at affordable prices.

A Showcase Exhibition, offering a taste of art that can be viewed on the Trail, will be on display at **Papilio at Heritage** on Thornbury High Street, from **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**.

A free colour brochure, with maps and venue locations, will be available from mid-March at Thornbury Town Hall, numerous other outlets and online.

For enquiries contact Eryl Daniels (Thornbury Arts Festival) 01454 419688 or email: [eryl.daniels@gmail.com](mailto:eryl.daniels@gmail.com).







Our next **Sparkle Day** is **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Last year, we had teachers, social workers, fire fighters, hospital staff, playgroups, friends, families and even pets joining in. Whether you wear your tiara to work, glitter up your beard, organise a sparkly drinks party or

hold a glittery cake sale, have fun and raise vital funds.

We guarantee you will have fun, and the feel-good factor of knowing you have supported those affected by a brain tumour diagnosis will be there long after the glitter disappears!

In order to meet the growing demand for our services, we need to raise £600,000 per year. We hope our Sparkle Day will raise £12,000 – enough to fund two of our Support Groups for twelve months.



**Volunteers are needed to join Tytherington Speedwatch. If you can help to try and reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through the village contact the clerk at**

**[clerk@tytheringtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@tytheringtonpc.org.uk)**



## TORTWORTH PARISH MATTERS

The Annual General Meeting was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The Chair Neil Hampson presented his Annual Report highlighting strategic planning and transport, Leyhill Prison and policing matters as the key issues for the parish. Neil was elected Chairman with Vice- Chairman, Sally Moreton and Clerk, Robert Killen. A Planning Sub- Committee was also appointed.

The main meeting discussed the following:

The next meeting is due on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at The Tortworth Estate Office at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome and are able to participate in the meeting.

- Open Farm Sunday to be held at Tortworth on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.
- There were updates from Tortworth School, Tiddlepeeps Forest School and Tortworth Court Hotel.
- Lee Baimbridge gave a helpful update on policing matters.
- Parishioners were due to meet with the Governor at Leyhill Prison the day after the meeting.
- There was discussion on the makeshift lay-by at the top of Tortworth Hill – to be taken up with Tortworth Estate.
- Planning
  - The planning application for Cove Cottage discussed in December has been consented.
  - Councillor O'Neill gave the usual update on planning matters locally covering the decision by South Gloucestershire Council to withdraw from the Joint Spatial Plan to rely on the local plan. This means that there will be a delay of 2-4 years. This could open the door to speculative developments.
  - There were updates on the Falfield Heneage Farm development, the park and share and the likely closure of the lay by at Junction 14 except for short term parking and plans for Junction 14 which remain fluid.
- There was comment that the West Of England Plan for Cycling does not include anything on rural routes.
- There were comments and discussion on poor Broadband in Avening Green. The Clerk was asked to contact SGC.

*Robert Killen, Parish Clerk,*  
[robert.killen@btconnect.com](mailto:robert.killen@btconnect.com) or 01454 260268)



### **No flowers in church? What on earth is that all about....?**

Flowers are always lovely in church – whether it be for a wedding or a regular service it is lovely to have God's creation beautifully arranged for us to enjoy. However, there are two seasons in the year when we do not have any flowers in church – and yes, there is a reason!

Advent and Lent are the two 'penitential' seasons – perhaps a better word might be 'reflective' - when we have no flowers. They both come just before the two most amazing celebrations - Christmas and Easter. During Advent and Lent the church is stripped of anything that could take our thoughts and minds away from reflecting on our spiritual lives. It is not so that we can be thoroughly miserable!! It gives us a chance to strip away the 'dross' and concentrate on what truly matters. I have always been very fortunate in having dedicated and committed flower arrangers in churches. In my last parish I was always kept out of the church on two days in the year – Christmas Eve and Holy Saturday.

Why? So that the church could be transformed from the plain to the amazing and they knew that I just loved that 'wow' factor during the Midnight service when all the lights went on and I saw what these artistic people had created for us as a celebration of Christ's birth and on Easter Day when we celebrated His resurrection.

The celebrations were heightened because of the 'plain-ness' we had gone through before – it's important for us all to have times when we remove the outer layer and look closely at ourselves without distractions!

*If something is puzzling you about what takes place in church, please feel free to send a note of it to the office: [office@croftt.org.uk](mailto:office@croftt.org.uk)*

### **TYTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020 7.30 PM VILLAGE HALL**

**Copies of the 2019 minutes will be available on the night or are obtainable from the Council's website**

[www.tytheringtonpc.org.uk](http://www.tytheringtonpc.org.uk)

*Copies of all statutory documents are also available on the website or from the clerk at [clerk@tytheringtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@tytheringtonpc.org.uk)*



### **Keep Knitting!**

You can help seafarers all over the world by joining our amazing group of knitters!

These knitted items help seafarers arriving in the UK and around the world during the long, cold days and nights spent on the open seas. Each item of knitted clothing finds a home, and the seafarers they're matched to are extremely grateful for the extra warmth!

Patterns for knitted hats, Balaclavas, fingerless mittens and mufflers can be found online at [www.missiontoseafarers.org/at-church/knitting](http://www.missiontoseafarers.org/at-church/knitting)

Knitting received is very much appreciated and are being sent out to the port centres on a regular basis. Our port chaplains are always taking supplies on board when ship-visiting and the seafarers are so grateful.

If you like a letter of acknowledgement, please provide your full postal address/email address. However, as a charity, we are always looking at ways to save money so if you are happy not to receive a letter of acknowledgement (or if you have an email address where I can send it to), do please let us know.

If you would like to become a Mission to Seafarers Knitter, please send your handiwork, plus a note to let us know your name and address, to:

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The Mission to Seafarers  
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South Shields, Tyne and Wear  
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**ALMONDSBURY GYMKHANA FASHION SHOW  
EVENING**

# The Almondsbury Gymkhana & Pony Show



In February, The Almondsbury Gymkhana Horse and Pony Show held a successful charity fund-raising event at M&Co fashion store in Thornbury. Local volunteer models ranged in age from 2 years old upwards. Spectators were further entertained when Great Western Air Ambulance paramedic, Josh, modelled menswear, accompanied by Charlie the GWAA bear mascot. Local professional photographer, Sarah Button, kindly donated her photography skills for the evening and donated a photo shoot raffle prize.  
([www.sarahbuttonphoto.com](http://www.sarahbuttonphoto.com))

The range of choice at M&Co meant that all ages, heights and sizes could be easily catered for and we had a wonderful selection of clothes paraded before us. Tills were buzzing at the interval as people mingled and shopped. Many thanks to Sue Kettle and her staff for hosting and running this event.

Generous donations from local shops boosted the raffle, enabling us, with the ticket sales, to raise just over £600. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Every July, the Almondsbury show committee run a wonderful local horse show and gymkhana for all abilities and ages to compete in a friendly atmosphere. This show raises thousands of pounds for local charities including GWAA, ST Peter's Hospice. BUST cancer, Cinnamon dog trust, Metabolic support and Forever Hounds Trust. Please come and join us this year.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:**

**Almondsbury Show 2020 Sunday July 5th**



## 5th Tytherington Village Fun Day, Dog Show and Beer Festival

**Provisional date:**

**Saturday 15th August 2020**

We need you to help us to make the Tytherington Fun Day, Dog Show and Beer Festival a great village event. Come and get involved and be part of the village community. Have fun and make new friendships whilst raising money for local good causes.

Planning has already started and we are looking for new, enthusiastic volunteers to help us with ideas for events and to help and run the day. If you are interested in being involved in any way or just want to make a suggestion please contact Sian by email: [sian\\_mann@hotmail.com](mailto:sian_mann@hotmail.com)

### **MAKE SOME CHANGES: BECOME A TYTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCILLOR**

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The first round of grants takes place again this year and applications should be received by the Council by 31<sup>st</sup> May to be considered at the June meeting. Tytherington Parish Council's Grant Making Policy is on the web site [www.tytheringtonpc.org.uk](http://www.tytheringtonpc.org.uk).

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## **Jeffrey Watkins – Memories of my Tytherington Childhood.**

*(In December 2016 Jeffrey kindly wrote down his memories of his early life in Tytherington. His amazing exploits during World War Two can be found on the local history website [www.tytheringtonroots.co.uk](http://www.tytheringtonroots.co.uk))*

I was born in 1921 in the back room of a cottage on Stowell Hill Road opposite New Road. I lived in the room with my grandmother Mary Ann Smith (nee Livall) and my mother, her daughter Annie Smith. After my birth we moved to one of the cottages on Tytherington Hill (The Poor Law cottages). Ours was the second cottage in from the right facing the eight acres of Squire Hardwick and looking across the wonderful view to Wickwar and Hawkesbury.

The cottage consisted of one room down with a kitchen and two beds upstairs, very primitive but liveable. My gran and mother were very religious and went to services at Saint James' Church every week. My first real memories came at five years of age when my Mother and I trundled down the steps to go to the village school. Mr Hemmingway was the Headmaster and I remember the one large room with all the grades being taught with very little disruption.

A strong memory was the dentist coming and having much painful work. The four cottages were occupied by Fred Davis and wife in the first, us in the second, Skuses (sons Les and Lionel) in the third and the Caineys in the fourth. Les and Lionel Skuse were both grown up and played football and cricket for the local teams. Sonny Fry was the landlord of the Swan Inn where a bowling alley operated at the rear of the Pub.

My grandmother cleaned the Church Room building on Duck Street and the Quarry Offices on West Street. I understand that the Church Room building has since been removed. My mother and I would accompany gran on her cleaning expeditions. I was fascinated by the instruments of the Tytherington Band, stored in the rooms. I tried to blow those that had mouthpieces. Not much sound! As an aside, my gran had three children by a previous association. Ted Livall who lived in a house off Stowell Hill. Bill Livall, who had a successful small farm at Rangeworthy, and Emmy Wilson who lived on Tytherington Hill with her family and husband Tom Wilson, an ardent Welshman. Bill had played the trombone with the Tytherington Band, and it may be interesting to know that the instrument is still being played by his grandson who lives in the Kingswood near Wotton under Edge. I am in fairly regular touch with my Uncle Bill's granddaughter, Joan, who also lives in the Kingswood area and she told me of this; I offered to buy the instrument - but no luck.

I was friendly with Arthur Cassell who lived on the Hill with father, Bert Cassell, brother Reg and mother. Bert ran a small engine at the Quarry at the foot of the steps. The engine drove a generator supplying power to the Quarries of Squire Hardwick. Bert constructed a swing for Art and me on the old lime tree near his house. Art and I spent many happy times on it swinging to our hearts delight. At age eight I moved with my mother to live with my father at the Hackett, near Thornbury. I was fortunate to win a scholarship to Thornbury Grammar School.

Mr Kitson was the Vicar of St. James' Church and I was baptized by him. He had two sons, older than I was but I had met both: Harold was in the Army and Hugh in the Air Force. Hugh was a pilot and was unfortunately killed on a training mission in New Zealand at the beginning of World War 2. I have been in touch with his wife (who has since died), Miss Jenner Fust of Hill, and his daughter who was born before his death.

*To be continued.*



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|                            |                  |          |              |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------|--------------|
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| 12 <sup>th</sup> (10.30am) | tba              | (6.30pm) | Bes Gorrea   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> (10.30am) | Steve Cracknell  | (6.30pm) | David Newman |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> (10.30am) | Trevor Ranger    | (6.30pm) | Trevor Brain |

### Wednesdays at 7.30pm:

1<sup>st</sup> We meet in House Groups in various homes in the area  
8<sup>th</sup> Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall  
15<sup>th</sup> Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall  
22<sup>nd</sup> Area Bible Study with Philip Greenow  
29<sup>th</sup> Members' Meeting

**Cromhall Crafters** will not be meeting for the foreseeable future due to the corona virus outbreak.

**Townwell Tots** will not be on for the foreseeable future due to the corona virus outbreak.

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am. Enjoy a delicious breakfast followed by a talk by Jeff Davies on "Gospel Magic!"



## FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March during which Councillors discussed again the condition of Moorslade Lane. Since the February meeting discussions have taken place with StreetCare who have now advised that the earliest any major resurfacing of the lane would take place will not be until financial year 2021/22.

Councillors also discussed the condition of the Green in Orchard View which had suffered damaged recently from vehicles driving on the green. This has been raised with South Gloucestershire Council StreetCare StreetCare to look at what measures could be put in place to prevent vehicles from driving on the grassed area.

Councillors were also advised by the Clerk that Bristol Water and Western Power Distribution had been contacted pointing out the damage that had taken place on the Green and the verges in Sundayshill Lane during their work and requested that once work has been completed they be returned to their original condition.

Councillors also decided that because of the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic the Annual Spring Clean, due to take place in May, would be cancelled and that all future council meetings would also be cancelled until further notice.

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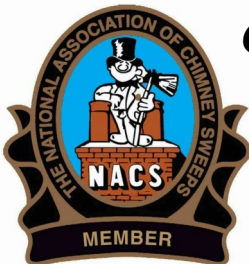
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The CATS (Climate Action Thornbury and Surroundings) meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb at the Chantry was a joyous and good humoured occasion as it was held on the evening of the day that we heard that Vilner Lane Wood was saved from destruction and it just so happened that the theme of the monthly meeting was biodiversity

However first we had guest speakers to explain to us the Local Neighbourhood plan and how it can benefit our community. We as residents were entreated by the organisers to engage with the draft plan ie read it and give feedback by means of a survey. It will be available to view at the Cossham Hall the library and town hall and on line at [www.thornburyplan.co.uk](http://www.thornburyplan.co.uk)

Then we had a talk from the Thornbury Tree Warden Judith Hurford about her role and many tribulations regarding the costs, raising the money for, and the difficulties encountered in planting trees in Thornbury. This would be an education for the likes of those in power who say it's OK to chop down a wood because you can always plant more trees! Her husband Chris gave a demonstration of the Thornbury Tree Database that he has created that details every tree that has been planted over the last 10 years in addition to notable trees already existing in Thornbury.

We then had a presentation by Melinda Evans on the Olveston Making Space for Wildlife Project where the Parish Council has led on efforts to promote wild flower meadows tree planting and encouraging wildlife friendly gardening amongst the villagers

Finally John Mills talked about the Community Meadow opposite the Anchor pub and the insects that he has observed there including the *Thornbury wasp* the only sighting of a leucospid wasp in the UK as validated by the Natural History Museum. He also talked about the Oldbury Nuclear Power Station site which counterintuitively is a great place for biodiversity because being built in 1959 it has never seen pesticide or fertiliser applications. This makes it a rare site when you consider that according to Defra statistics, there were, on average, 17.4 applications of pesticide to each hectare of arable land in the UK in 2015, using a total of 16.9 thousand tons of "active ingredients" i.e. toxins.

CATS is a subgroup of Sustainable Thornbury and are currently putting on a monthly educational meeting open to the public (up to £1.00 donation for room hire) on climate and sustainability issues. For further information contact [cats@sustainablethornbury.org](mailto:cats@sustainablethornbury.org) or go to [www.sustainablethornbury.org](http://www.sustainablethornbury.org)

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Since the launch of the Royal British Legion's monthly drop-in coffee mornings in Thornbury last year, a significant number of local veterans (who were previously unknown to us) have joined us in Hawkes House for coffee, a chat, and the chance to get some specific advice and support from the team of professionals on a variety of issues. We are very grateful to the management and staff at Hawkes House for their support and for the warm welcome which we always receive.

So far 3 of our drop-in visitors have also now joined the Thornbury branch of the Royal British Legion and it looks likely that more will follow, which is a bonus. Some have only recently left the Forces, whilst others have been in "civvy street" for a number of years. Their challenges have included loneliness, isolation, depression, bereavement and post-traumatic stress, as well as some physical disabilities.

The opportunity for us to meet these veterans, to hear their stories and then to be able to offer some practical support and comradeship is a truly heart-warming and rewarding experience for all those involved and has made the monthly coffee mornings extremely worthwhile.

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The evening was organized by Jennie Watson and the local Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee who would like to thank all who gave so generously to the retiring collection, which raised £1,100 for Cancer Research UK.

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