

5 Villages Alive



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Keep looking at the bright side and spot the butterflies!



It seems to be a very good year for butterflies. The last two years have been brilliant for grasshoppers so hopefully this year is following suit. As a kid I remember catching all sorts of insects as well as hearing them all summer long. Every summer seemed to be like this one. We had some rough grass outside (you couldn't call it a lawn but it got cut a few times a year) and the washing line across it always seemed to have clothes and sheets billowing in the breeze. The insects seemed everywhere. I must admit I didn't remember it raining at all but I'm sure it must have done sometimes.

As a student, I remember learning about "memory optimists and memory pessimists". I decided long ago that I must belong to the former group. I can only remember the sun shining when I was a kid and I don't remember not enjoying anything. If I really think hard about it I can remember difficult times, but they are a long way back in my brain somewhere. I guess I'm a pretty optimistic and positive person (I have been called "Pollyanna" quite a few times!).

What I never discovered in that college psychology work was if it is possible to become more positive. We hear an awful lot about "Mindfulness" at the moment and it all seems to be concentrating on making the most of the present time (something I totally agree with) but is it possible to look back and consider those experiences which shape us now? Pick out the great things that have happened; yes, there will be some somewhere even if it was many, many years ago. Don't forget them, they shape our very being. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

It was watching the men's test match highlights which brought this whole positivity thing to mind. Suddenly, it seems, no situation is hopeless. Even losing a load of wickets at the start of a game just means a bit more fun for the later batsman. The whole atmosphere seems to have changed with everyone, players, coaches, spectators, even the umpires, seeming to be having a good time. It certainly makes for great entertainment. It's almost the same team as the one which kept losing so, apart from a new captain, what is it that's changed? I think we could learn a lot from them.

As we are in the "holiday season" whether you're going away or not, I do hope you have a great time. Even if it rains all week I'm sure you'll remember it as part of "Life's rich tapestry"! Enjoy watching those butterflies; we've only got 59 different species in the UK to spot!

"Always look on the bright side of life" as a certain Eric Idle reminded us!

Fen Marshall



There's always
a reason to
smile find it

Zena invites you to an

OPEN GARDEN

at

Orchard House

Talbot's End,

Cromhall

on Saturday August 13th

2.00 - 4.30pm



Teas - Refreshments - Raffle

All Welcome

All proceeds to St Andrew's church funds
for repair of the tower roof

Cromhall Parish Council

In the July Parish Council meeting the council received a presentation from CRSP (Cromhall Road Safety Group). The first major project they are planning is for some speed cameras similar to those operating in Kingswood. It was good to see the progress however there appear to be a number of hurdles to overcome before this can become a reality.

Bibstone Village Green

The grass areas outside of the Royal Oak pub are part of Bibstone village green which is maintained by Cromhall Parish Council. You will have noticed that last year we re-tarmacked the access road crossing the green, making the approach safer and improving the look of the area.

Village greens are for recreation not parking, and as a council we have been taking some actions recently to prevent cars and vehicles from parking on the grass.

You will have noticed rocks appear 2 months ago on the right-hand side of the road, this appears to be successful in stopping parking on the right. However, the council asks that people refrain from parking on the left-hand side, otherwise more rocks may have to be installed there incurring further costs to the community.

If you have any feedback, or concerns about the village please, come along to the next Parish Council meeting on 10th August where members of the public are welcome to attend and raise issues during public participation. Alternatively, you can contact the Council's Clerk via email: clerk@cromhallpc.org.uk

Mark Daniel

Chair of Council

<http://www.cromhallpc.org.uk>

FALFIELD WI REPORT



Thank you to everyone who supplied cakes and help at the Berkeley Show WI marquee.

Three WIs (Falfield, Berkeley and Hill and Rockhampton) worked together and served tea and cakes all day. Karen Jones did an excellent job of organising us with rotas and lists. As it was our first WI joint venture, we hadn't realised how popular it would be – next time, more of everything!!

For our walk, Berkeley was once again our venue. We followed the Little Avon and headed towards Ham, ending up with an excellent meal at the Berkeley Arms.

Our speaker for July was a local solicitor from Barcan & Kirby, who stepped in at the last minute and gave us an interesting and informative talk on Lasting Power of Attorney. She spoke very well and there were lots of questions from the floor.

There is no meeting in August but we are organising a trip to Oakham Treasures in September.

Summer in Thornbury



Listen to a story and join in with a song before heading off on a treasure hunt.

Sessions are at 10:00 and 11:00am at the St Mary

Centre in the square outside The Computer Store on Monday 15th and 22nd August.

For full details go to www.southglos.gov.uk/thornbury



There is still time to join up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge

It will continue until 10th September for all primary age children

Read six books over the holidays and earn yourself a medal

Look out for wonderful craft activities to drop in to throughout the holiday:

Weds 10th August 10.30am - 12 noon
Space Explorer Crafts

Weds 17th August 10.30am - 12 noon
Summer Fair Side Show Craft

Weds 24th August 10.30am -12 noon
Junk Box Challenge Crafting

TYTHERINGTON CALENDAR 2023

If you have any photos or art work you would like to submit for inclusion in the calendar, please send them to Mike Brown.



Big file size is best so for preference, please put them on a memory stick which you can leave enveloped in the village shop. Your memory stick will be returned.

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Closing date will be SUNDAY AUGUST 21st

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Community Learning

Your community learning development worker Aimee Hilbourne will be at Thornbury Library on Wednesday 3rd August from 9.30 - 11.30am to share information on a wide range of courses for Wellbeing, Employability, English, Maths, ESOL and IT offered by South Gloucestershire Council.

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Would your child like to learn a musical instrument?

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Thornbury Area Youth Music (TAYM) is a charity run by parents for children who want to learn a musical instrument in a fun and supportive environment. TAYM runs term-time Saturday morning music classes at Manorbrook School, Thornbury BS35 1JU. There are instrumental groups, classes, choir, theory and orchestras for musicians of all abilities aged four and above.

TAYM is a charity (Reg. no: 1075032). Our classes are affordable. Instruments can be hired for a small fee.

Come along to our **Open Morning** to find out about our classes and orchestras. Your child can try a variety of instruments: cello, clarinet, trombone, saxophone, violin, cornet, trumpet and more!

If your child already plays an instrument, they are welcome to join TAYM classes. For more information contact:

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Local Heroes

It should not go unnoticed that we have some heroes in our midst. Parents at Tortworth VC School who have organised and run the PTA for years now as well as the successful Tea & Cake event at Tortworth Lake and Boat-house.

The most recent event in early July 2022 raised over £1000, but they have generated much, much more over the years. Money that was spent on all the children at Tortworth to enhance and improve their school years.

Apologies for missing out anyone, but the main protagonists were Emily Davis, Lauren Ryall, Sarah Shipp, Mandy Champion as well as all the teaching staff past and present who joined in. We all owe them a big thank you, perhaps a G&T at the bar too.

Fraser Mackie



3 of the fund-raisers for Tortworth School who have been instrumental in raising a total of £17,500 during their service on the PTA.

L to R : Lauren Ryall, Sarah Shipp and Emily Davies

RIDE + STRIDE for Churches

I'm assuming I'll be fit enough to cycle about 50 miles for this annual event on **Saturday 10th September** in aid of the Historic Churches Trust! If you'd like to sponsor me I've set up a donations page:

www.justgiving.com/Fen-Marshall3

Ride + Stride is the single largest source of income for many Historic Churches Trusts enabling them to make Grants to places of Christian worship.

Your local church or chapel gets 50% of what you raise, so others could join in and do their own thing or even join me if they wish.

Tortworth Church will be open with a toilet available.

Fen Marshall

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at Thornbury Library**

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9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am

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Tat3

**Thurs 18th August
3pm**

in Cromhall Village Hall

for tea and a chat

All senior citizens in
Cromhall welcome.



Contact Ann 294200 for more details



**Cromhall Flower Show
Bottle Stall**

The Flower Show committee
have kindly offered the profits of
a bottle stall to be retained for St
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We were pleased to see such a
good number attending, despite
the hot weather, and we made a
profit of £958.



St. Andrew's, Cromhall



St. Leonard's, Tortworth



St. Oswald's, Rockhampton



St. James', Tytherington



St. George's, Falfield



Church services and important information

Just 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.

Churchwardens

Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200
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

Until September, the parish of Falfield will still be looked after by Rev. Frances who may be contacted on 01453 519099

Churchwardens - Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017 or Sian Hogg sianhogg@gmx.com

If you cannot get hold of them, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. But 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.

Cromhall:

7th 9.30am Holy Communion - Rev. David Powe
 14th 9.30am Holy Communion - Rev. Richard Amys
 21st 9.30am Morning Prayer

Falfield:

7th 3.30pm informal songs of praise
 14th 10.30am Holy Communion
 21st 10.30am BCP Morning Prayer
 28th 10.30am Holy Communion with celebration of Rev Canon Frances Wookey's ministry and retirement.
 Followed by refreshments.

Rockhampton: 28th 10.30am Join with Falfield

Tortworth: 7th 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev. Richard Amys

Tytherington:

7th 10.30am joint service with the Baptist church at St James'
 21st 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev Chris Verey

You are welcome to join us at any of these services

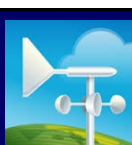
SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST
at St George's, Falfield

10.30am

Celebration of Holy Communion by
the Rev Canon Frances Wookey
marking her ministry and retirement.

Followed by refreshments.

EVERYONE WELCOME



FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS JUNE 2022

	High	Low	Average
Temperature	29.6 °C	6.0 °C	16.2 °C
Dew Point	17.5 °C	-9.7 °C	7.1 °C
Humidity	99 %	10 %	63 %
Precipitation	51.31 mm	Year to Date	294.4 mm
Wettest Day	Sunday 18th 21.59 mm		
Wind direction	South South West		
Pressure	1.029.46 hPa	1.003.39 hPa	

OH, DEER, DEER!

A new resident came to live in a semi-rural area. After a few weeks in their new home,, they contacted the local Highways Department to request the removal of the 'DEER CROSSING' sign from a nearby road.



When the official asked the reason, he was told, 'Too many deer are being hit by cars on this stretch of road. I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing, anymore.'



CRUK Committee Celebration

Thornbury and District Cancer Research Committee has recently celebrated raising a total of £1 million.

Fundraising began in 1977 when a small group of people in the area recognised that research was the best way to beat cancer but that 'research costs money'. This resulted in the formation of the Thornbury and District Cancer Research Committee, which, from the very beginning, was intent on bringing the disease into the spotlight.

Cancer Research UK [CRUK] depends entirely upon voluntary donations for its work, and the local committee leads the way in generating vital fundraising. This would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the committee members over the years, as well as the generous and loyal people in the community who have supported many of the group's events.

'Friends of the Committee', was formed in 1989 for



much needed extra help. Friends have changed over the years, but, it was appropriate on the day that some of those joined in the

celebratory tea, hosted by Cancer Research UK, who were well represented by Head of Fundraising, Trudy Stammer, Regional Fundraising Manager, Sam Williams, and Fundraising Team Member, Louise Gash. On behalf of CRUK, Trudy expressed their appreciation of the fundraising by the group over the past 45 years and thanked everyone who had shared this great achievement.

A short talk was given by mathematician Dr. Colin Campbell, one of Bristol's scientists, who explained how statistics and probability are used in research. He confirmed that drug discovery and development requires many resources: time, money and ideas. Mathematics is being used increasingly in the bio-pharma industry and provides extraordinarily good value, given their potential impact and comparative cost of running clinical trials.

Awards were given for 'Long Term Service' to Margaret Powell (30 years); Pam Forrest (35 years), and Mary Hurford Jones, founder member of the group (45 years). A cheque for £8,000 was presented towards the goal of a second £million, in the hope that one day all cancers will be cured.

Special thanks go to Taylor and his team at The Ship, for their generous support in making the occasion so special.

Just in case you thought Christmas was a long way off

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Ron Holpin 1942 - 2022

Ron was born in Sawmill Lane, Thornbury, but his paternal origins lay in Tytherington where his involvement with Tytherington Rocks Football Club was long-lasting, culminating in presidency of the club.



In 1974-5 Ron joined Tytherington Rocks as manager and played on occasion; his last game was played in 1983 but his skills were not confined to playing or managing; he also produced match day programmes - evidence of his considerable IT skills.

He worked with his brother Ted and others on improving the facilities of the football club and initiated numerous projects as the club successfully moved from the lower reaches of local football to the Bristol Suburban Premier League in the 1980s. One of the major improvements in the late 1970s was the installation of electricity, new showers and toilet block, thus consigning candlelight and The Rocks' famous tin bath to history.

Fund-raising was always needed to keep the club going and when their then goalkeeper, Steve Smith, did a sponsored walk from Land's End back to Tytherington, Ron and his wife Sue followed him by car with the necessary support to enable Steve to complete the distance. Ron did many things to raise money and keep the club going over a long period.

As President of Tytherington Rocks F C Ron always took a keen interest in what was going on at the ground, and on several occasions brought County Representative football teams up to The Hardwicke Field in Tytherington to play against other counties.

Ron's interest in sport also led to being heavily involved in the world of skittles, which he entered at the age of thirteen as a 'sticker-up', later graduating to become a player for various teams. In 1975 he became Secretary of the Thornbury and District Skittles League. Later he became President and wrote a book about its history to mark the first fifty years of its existence in 2005. The research that went into that was painstakingly conducted and included interviews with former players, as well as a thorough trawling of past Gazette reports.

In 1958 Ron began an association with Falfield Cricket Club, eventually becoming its chairman in 1994. However, by this time it was clear that the club could not continue for much longer and it merged with Tytherington until that club also folded. Keen to preserve the history of the Falfield club, Ron ensured that four boxes of invaluable information were passed to Gloucester Archives, so that anyone researching the history of Falfield Cricket Club would be able to access them. When the Falfield club finally ended, Ron moved to play for Tytherington until that also folded.

Organisational skills were high on Ron's list of talents, evidence of which was clear in his role as Club Secretary of Gloucestershire County Football League. He was the driving force behind making the Gloucestershire County one of the most respected Step 7 leagues in the country.

A colleague commented that, "The standards which he set led to the League becoming the envy of a very wide geographical area and the name of Ron Holpin has become synonymous with football in Gloucestershire; it is richer for it."

We extend our sympathy to his wife Sue, and family.



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BELL RINGING at TYTHERINGTON

There will be a ringing competition at St James' on **Saturday 3rd September** starting at 3pm and lasting approximately three hours.



The Thornbury Macular and Low Vision Group

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THORNBURY AND DISTRICT CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE



**SUNDAY 7TH
AUGUST**

The next fund-raising event will take place at **Tortworth Lake** between **10.00am and 4.00pm**



Tea, coffee, soft drinks and cake will be available throughout the day, for you to purchase after a leisurely walk around the lake.

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14 th	'Jesus and Beezebub' [Mark 3:20 - 30] §	Brian
21 st	'Fires of Faith' [Daniel 3:8 - 30]	Brian
28 th	'The Lamp and The Seeds' [Mark 4:21 - 34]	Brian

§ Service includes Holy Communion
Everyone welcome



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**SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST
2022**

FROM 2.00PM

AT

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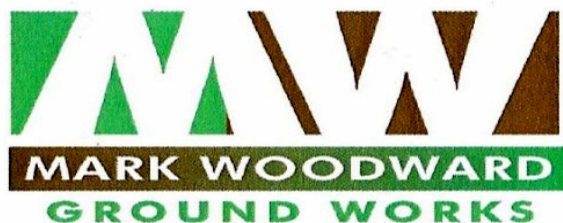
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Sunday Worship Services for August

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

7 th (10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Patrick Prosser
14 th (10.30am) Paul Shaddick	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
21 st (10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Damon Ujvarosy
28 th (10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Martin Erwin

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 3rd Home Groups – we meet in several homes in the area
10th, 17th and 24th Bible Study and Prayer in the hall and on zoom

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom): 2nd, 16th and 30th at 7.00pm; 9th and 23th at 9.30 am

Cromhall Crafters: Will not be meeting during August

Games Night: Friday 26th at 7.00pm

Everyone welcome.



www.thornbury-music.org

Local charity urgently needs new Trustees

Thornbury Area Youth Music Trust (TAYM) is urgently seeking new Trustees to join the board. The charity provides high-quality music tuition and activities for children aged 4-18 based at Manorbrook School where over 100 children come together on Saturday morning during term time.

Youngsters have the opportunity to play in small and large ensembles, with regular performances to parents and friends throughout the year. Despite lockdowns, TAYM continued to provide music tuition and online performance opportunities for its students; it is now back running face-to-face activities at Manorbrook School.

Trustees do not need any music background, nor do they need to be a parent of a child in the centre. Anyone is welcome who believes it is important for young people to have access to music education, can bring new ideas, or help with the governance of the centre.

TAYM is managed by the Head of Centre, an Administrator and a Treasurer working with a team of dedicated music tutors. Trustee Board Meetings take place around 8-10 times per year and are currently held on-line. The role of Trustee is a voluntary one, with trustees taking on a variety of shared responsibilities, dependent on their experience and preference.

For more information about TAYM, please see www.thornbury-music.org. You can also search for Thornbury Area Youth Music on YouTube and see some of the children's online performances.

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please contact the current Trustees for an informal chat (trustee.taym@gmail.com).

FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The July meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 19th July 2022. In the absence of Councillor Jarvis the meeting was chaired by Vice Chair Councillor Gregory with a total of three Councillors present along with Charfield Ward Cllr O'Neil and two members of the public which included the Chair of Falfield Village Hall Management Committee who provided an update to Councillors on the progress on the planned improvements to the Village following a receipt of a grant from the Council earlier in the year.

A presentation was also given by Alex Godwin of Billy Colours who has been commissioned by Linden Homes to undertake a community engagement project, aiming to link to the new Falfield Grange development with the existing community in Falfield, and thinking about how the old and new parts of the village can connect and integrate their activities.

Later in the meeting Cllrs approved a number of items, which included, the replacement of the fence on the village green, bringing permanent electricity supply onto the green and the replacement of a notice board all to be funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy income.

Councillors also discussed and commented where necessary on a number of Consultations that the Council had received.

As usual the draft minutes will be published no later than twenty-one days of the meeting on the Parish Councils website.

The next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20th September** in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

J. Carpenter, Clerk & RFO

Email: parish.clerk@falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk
Website: www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk

COST OF LIVING

The government has announced additional support measures including a £150 council tax rebate and energy bill discount for the majority of households and a cost of living support payment for those on certain benefits or tax credits.

For the full details and to find out if you are eligible, visit [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk) help with the cost of living.

We also have grants, benefits, and a range of other support available to help with the cost of living. Read more below or book an appointment with one of our customer care officers by emailing OSSAppointments@southglos.gov.uk.

Community resilience fund

The community resilience fund can help you if your income or outgoings have been impacted. There is emergency and long term financial support available through this fund.

Household support fund

The household support fund is to support people who are struggling to buy food, pay energy and water bills or cover other essential living costs.

South Glos Council aim to support as many residents as we can who meet the eligibility criteria and need our help the most.

To find out if you are eligible and to apply, visit our household support fund page .

Council tax support

There is help available for people who are struggling to pay their council tax.

You can either ask:

- for a council tax reduction if you are on a low income.
- to spread instalments over 12 months (April to March) rather than 10 (April to January)

You can read more on local council tax reduction.

To change your instalments email CorporateContactCentre@southglos.gov.uk

Use the subject title 'Council Tax instalment amendment' and include your name, address and billing number in the email.

Welfare Grant Scheme

This scheme can help with basic essentials in a crisis or emergency.

Our welfare grant scheme page has more information.

Other grants and support

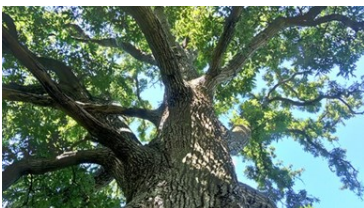
There are various grants and support that can help with food and fuel costs.

Email OSSAppointments@southglos.gov.uk and someone will contact you to go through an application.

For further details go to [Get help and support | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://www.southglos.gov.uk/get-help-and-support)

Summer at Tortworth Forest Centre

Full details of all our events and projects, and how to get involved, can be found on our website - tortwortharboretum.org/community



Our **Visitor Days** are a chance to discover this special place and our botanical tree collection. You are invited to enjoy the peace, wander under redwoods, picnic amongst towering cedars and get lost among a hundred shades of green.

The next visitor day is on Saturday 20th August, 10am- 4pm. Tickets (adults £8, children £2) are available online.

The new **Woodland Wellbeing Project** (funded by the National Lottery Community Fund) provides weekly sessions for people in South Gloucestershire to improve their wellbeing. Activities vary from walks around the arboretum to crafts with natural materials, and cooking on the fire to learning about the ecology of the woods and the botanical tree collection we have. We provide hot drinks and a healthy vegetarian meal. The project is open to people of all genders aged 18+ and living or working in South Gloucestershire. Sessions are free, and run on a **Thursday from 11.00 am to 2.15 pm** - please sign up in advance by emailing referrals@tortwortharboretum.org

Our monthly **Volunteer Days** run on the third Sunday of the month, all year round, and are open to everybody aged 16+. If you're interested in trying your hand at woodland management and learning new skills in a friendly environment then please sign up to our volunteering newsletter by contacting volunteer@tortwortharboretum.org Hot drinks, a hot lunch, and all tools and guidance are provided.

We run other projects including **The Hawthorn Project**, for women struggling with their mental health, and our **Woodland Management Days**, a weekly volunteer day for people of all genders who are struggling with their mental health. Details of both of these can be found on our website - tortwortharboretum.org/community - along with other events we have coming up (such as a **Natural Ink-Making** workshop and a **Women's Wild Camp**).

*The site is also available for **private hire** with very reasonable rates, so why not consider it for a celebration, work event, or family campout? Find out more on our website - tortwortharboretum.org/hir*

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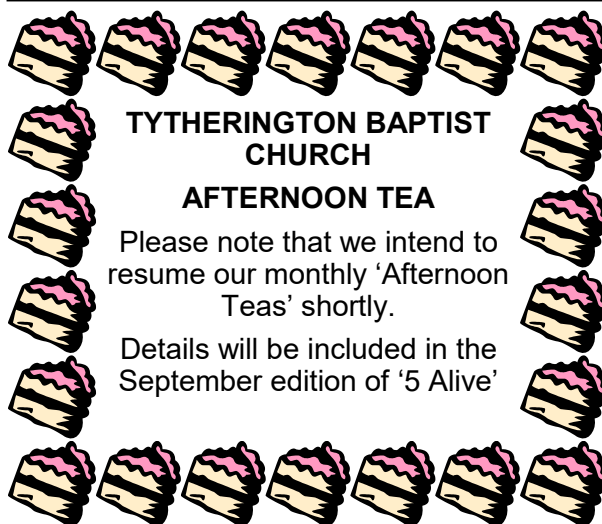
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AFTERNOON TEA

Please note that we intend to resume our monthly 'Afternoon Teas' shortly.

Details will be included in the September edition of '5 Alive'

Life as a Student Teacher in Saffron Walden 1887 - 1888

by Ada Male

This is the second part of an article written by the head of a school in which the mother of one of our readers worked in the 1920s/30s.

The Pupil Teacher's education was the responsibility of the Head, who questioned each one from 8 - 9am or 12 noon – 1 o'clock; most of the education was learning from memory from text books. History meant dates, Geography, lists of places. Sometimes 'Any questions' was not a happy time – the Head would get impatient and throw a book across the room.

At the end of each year the Pupil Teacher had a Government Examination. After the fourth year it was necessary to pass the scholarship Examination to obtain entry into a training College. The students paid a fee but the colleges were Grant Aided – probably by Results.

My college was Saffron Walden. We were received there one cold January night by the two principals: Misses Steele and Stoker. Both always wore lace mob-caps and black gowns – both were kind and sympathetic. The food was very good and the atmosphere happy. There was a good kindergarten attached to the college - truly Froebel – the children free and happy under ideal conditions. Fees high – we practised here. What a contrast to the city school to which I was appointed with 60 to 70 in a class – ill-nourished and dirty. My ideals were shattered. Here, education meant the 3Rs, **method** did not matter. The child, a machine, which must produce output as a Code required and expected. The small salaries of the Head Teacher must not be lessened by inefficient output.

After four years I was asked to become Head of a poor school. A kind friend advised – 'Don't go' for the teachers get stoned every night on their way home. This was an exciting thought, but poverty and the hard way of life stimulated sympathy and so a happy link was forged between school and home. Within the building the school was drab – thick glass prison-like windows which no sun could penetrate, ventilation was bad - the school was a nursery for disease - the seats had no backs – long desks stretching back in many rows – with two classes in the main room. My appeals for better conditions failed and I was told after several attempts, not to appeal again. Public opinion has altered and now there is a tendency to spend too much on new buildings. Present day teachers should sometimes think of those pioneers who day by day did their duty under bad conditions.

Some country teachers even had to sweep and clean their schools. In my school many of the parents were very poor, living in homes which periodically flooded. There was little or no outdoor relief** - people preferred to stay in their homes and starve rather than enter the workhouse. Sometimes children were kept in bed for warmth. A volunteer organisation in my district arranged free breakfasts for the worst cases, so during the winter, before morning school the hungry were fed.

My second school contained a mixture of well and ill clad children. As yet, there was no medical inspector. Parents would not keep the children's heads clean. There was a narrow street where women seemed to spend their lives at the door. Inquiries found that with very little furniture, there was nothing to clean, very little food meant nothing to cook, and few clothes meant nothing to wash. The language was bad – something the Vicar tried to remedy. Many mothers had no knowledge of the care of children. Thus at 9.45 one morning a babe was in the arms of a little sister who was giving it a packet of sherbet.

** Outdoor relief was a system of providing assistance to the poor in the form of food, clothing, etc. without the requirement that they enter an institution such as the workhouse.

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When?

- Copy date is **strictly before midnight on the 19th of each month** (but the earlier we receive material the better).

In what form?

- Please submit all copy by e-mail (attachments should be in **Word or Publisher** format, **not** PDF). (We reserve the right of the editor to edit, and you may find that small changes are made for the sake of space etc)
- If you want to submit an advertising poster or similar, black and white is preferable as it reproduces more clearly.
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