

5 Villages Alive

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Be prepared

I really can't believe that last month, before Bonfire night, the garden centres and shops had all their Christmas stock on show ...and yes, I admit I stood and watched some Christmas musical toys for an indecent amount of time – but they were fascinating! However, as we enter December – and rumour does have it that Christmas Day this year will be on the 25th – we begin a hectic rush towards that date. Children look forward to the festivities and adults bemoan “all that has to be done”! This is when Christmas concerts, Carol services, parties and shopping all seem to rule our lives. It is a great time and one to be enjoyed.



People will frequently say “Christmas is a time for giving”. That may be the case, as people exchange gifts and our children receive many of the delights that parents have been ‘encouraged to think about’ from adverts that have beamed ‘must haves’ into homes. For Christians it is also a time of receiving from our God – the best gift ever – His Son, as a babe once more.

Sometimes a gift is used to express in practical terms the words “Thank you”. We all interact with many people in our daily lives and there are even more who touch our lives in some way. Many of these people we take for granted and rarely either say or show our thanks. Christmas can offer us the opportunity to say our thanks and to give to others. Even in our constrained times many of us are able to also give to those whom we do not know, but whose plight should touch our hearts as we consider various charity projects that will help others face this season. While we are celebrating others in our society will not be so fortunate, unless we help!

Maybe this is a good time to say thank you to Kay for the hours and hours of work she puts in to make sure that 5 Alive is prepared and ready for printing and delivery every month. I'm sure everyone who reads the articles and uses 5 Alive for information about local matters, would wish to say how grateful we all are for the commitment that she shows to this publication. Thank you Kay!

December of course is the month of Advent – so often ignored in the run to the “main event”. However, this is a time of reflection and preparation in the church year. Preparation, that is, apart from the shopping and the wrapping and the worries about have we enough food. This preparation is about us and our being ready to meet and to see again the Christ child – as adults. To be ready once more for the awesome realisation that God sent His Son to this earth all those years ago, just because He loves us - that is the true heart of Christmas.



I do hope you all have a great Christmas, but much more, I hope you manage to take some time to reflect yourselves about what you are doing as you prepare ...and why.

Rev Sue

There's always
a reason to
smile find it!



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

Midweek Eucharists in the Benefice

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

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



Advent begins

SUNDAY 2ND

9.30am Cromhall
11.15am Falfield
6.00pm Tortworth
11.00am Tytherington

ADVENT SUNDAY

Holy Communion
Morning Prayer
Evening Service
Joint Service with
Baptists at St James'

Weds 5th

2.00pm Grounds Café, Leyhill. **'Plumbing
the Depths'** - a chance to explore and
deepen your understanding of Christianity.
Everyone welcome



7.00pm Falfield 'Embrace'

Thurs 6th

9.30am Tytherington Said Eucharist

SUNDAY 9TH

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

ADVENT 2

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
5 Candles Service
Holy Communion

Fri 14th

Falfield Scouts' Carol Service

Sat 15th

3.00pm **Nativity in the Barn**
Meet at Huntsman car park, Falfield

SUNDAY 16TH

9.30am Cromhall Morning Prayer
6.00pm Falfield Carol Service
11.15am Tortworth Holy Communion
6.00pm Tytherington Carol Service

ADVENT 3

Weds 19th

7.00pm Cromhall Carol Service

Thurs 20th

7.00pm Rockhampton Carol Service



SUNDAY 23RD

9.30am Cromhall
4.30pm Tortworth
5.00pm Tytherington

ADVENT 4

Holy Communion
Carol Service
Christingle



MONDAY 24TH

5.00pm Falfield

CHRISTMAS EVE

Christingle

11.30PM

**ST JAMES', TYTHERINGTON
UNITED BENEFICE MIDNIGHT SERVICE**



TUESDAY 25TH

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00AM

**ST ANDREW'S, CROMHALL
UNITED BENEFICE
FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

SUNDAY 30TH

10.00AM

**ST GEORGE'S, FALFIELD
UNITED BENEFICE
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

CHRISTMAS 1



SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY

EPIPHANY



10.00AM

**ST LEONARD'S, TORTWORTH
UNITED BENEFICE
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
with
Robert, Bishop of Tewkesbury**

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Rev. Frances: 01453-519099
revfrances@croftt.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

- If you wish to use any of our parish churches for an event, you should always check with the Churchwarden before making any arrangements, as services may be taking place of which you are unaware.
- ALL enquiries regarding Baptisms and Weddings must be made to the Benefice Office in the first instance.



Please contact the Chaplain, Rev Sue: 01454 600674 or revsue@crofft.org.uk, Churchwardens (details on page 2) or Benefice Office for matters concerning funerals and email the Benefice Office for enquiries about weddings and baptisms.

For all Benefice Business
Please ring 01454 260096
and leave a message
or email office@crofft.org.uk

The office will usually be open from 10.00am until 1:00pm on Fridays when messages and emails will be dealt with.



If you would like someone to bring Holy Communion to your home please ring 01454 260096 and leave a message. We are more than happy to do this.

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

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

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

Visiting



Visiting is part of the Church's Ministry. If you would like a visit from the church, please call the Benefice Office or contact the Chaplain: **Rev Sue: 01454 600674 or revsue@crofft.org.uk** and we will do our best to arrange it.

If you are going into or in hospital... You can help to make sure that the church team can respond as you would like us to when you are ill. It's important that if you are admitted to hospital, you do three things:-

1. Make sure someone tells one of the ministry team that you are going into hospital – ask them to pass on the message as appropriate.
2. Make it plain to the hospital staff whether (or not!) you would like a visit. This means that when someone rings up, they won't have to spend time saying 'hang on, 'I'll just ask him/her...'
3. Make it plain what sort of visit you would like: would you prefer a friend from the church or one of the visiting team or would you particularly like a clergy visit? If you want to be certain of a private, one to one chat, don't be afraid to ask the hospital staff if they will allow your minister to come outside normal visiting hours, so that they don't take up precious time and space from your family.



Thank you for donations to our costs from Tytherington Parish Council, Anon., Mr & Mrs A Godsell & Mr & Mrs J Bird.

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One of the ways of making regular donations is by standing order. If you would like to make a payment using this method please contact our Treasurer, Mr Geoff Crosthwaite

- by telephone on 01454 294140
- by email at: geoffrey.crosthwaite@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.

THORNBURY LIBRARY CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR OPENING

Staffed Hours:

24 th December	9.30 - 1pm
25 th – 27 th December	Closed
28 th – 31 st December	Normal Hours
1 st January	Closed

See our website for details of Open Access hours: www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries



VISITING RINGERS

There will be a group of visiting ringers at St James', Tytherington, on Friday 7th December from 7.45 - 9pm.



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December 2018
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STORYTIME & RHYMETIME FOR BABIES & PRE-SCHOOLERS AT THORNBURY LIBRARY (Term Time Only)

Storytime Mondays 2pm – 2.30pm

Rhymetime Fridays 10.30am - 11.00am.

It's a great way to meet other local parents, new faces are always welcome – and it's FREE! No booking required, just turn up - we look forward to seeing you!

Computer Support Volunteers at Thornbury Library

Drop-in without an appointment on Monday mornings 10-12 to see Mike, our computer volunteer who can help with quick enquiries.

If you need more intensive support, book in to see our computer volunteer Chris on Thursday mornings at 9.30, 10.30 or 11.30. Sessions with Chris must be booked in advance – enquire in person at Thornbury Library or email thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk.

Alveston Singers Christmas Concerts

Charpentier's 'Messe de Minuit Noel'
Saint-Saens 'Christmas Oratorio'

Saturday December 8th 7.30pm
at St Mary's Church, Thornbury

Tuesday December 11th 7.30pm
at Alveston Methodist Church

Admission is free with retiring collections for
Cancer Research and
Children's Hospice South West

We look forward to welcoming you.



ST JAMES', TYTHERINGTON 100+ CLUB

We have recently launched the 2018/19 100+ club, and many thanks to all who have joined so far.

This is one of our major fundraisers needed to keep the church open (which costs over £300 a week), and if you are not a member and would like to join, please pick up a form and invitation letter from the church porch, or contact Val Johnson (417445 or valj475@gmail.com)



**ST PETER'S HOSPICE
SEVERNSIDE SUPPORT GROUP**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thornbury Methodist Church Hall
Saturday December 8th
10.00am and 12noon.

Variety of Stalls including: Cards, Gifts, Crafts, Home-made preserves, Cakes, Books, plus many more.

Raffle and Teas Entry by Donation.

Thank you for supporting St Peter's – your local Hospice.



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To book the village hall, please email falfieldvh@gmail.com or visit the Falfield village website www.falfield.org.uk to complete a booking form online.

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

Plumbing the Depths

Wednesday 5th December
Grounds Café, Leyhill

2.00pm start

*A chance to explore and deepen your
understanding of Christianity*

Everyone welcome



Craft'n Chat
Thursday



Craft & Chat at Thornbury Library
First Thursday of the month
2pm - 4pm

A chance for people who love crafting to get together and share inspiration. No charge and no booking required. Just turn up and bring your craft project with you. New faces welcome!

Second Thornbury Jazz Festival 23rd March 2019

Back by popular demand!

Thornbury's second Jazz Festival will take place on 23rd March 2019

Exciting new line up of bands including: The Boulevard Swing Band, The Royals a celebrated established band with the stunning voice of Emily Wright, The Jenner Jazz Quintet and the South Gloucester Youth Jazz Orchestra.

Great music to suit a wide variety of tastes, all happening in a jazz café setting in the Armstrong Hall.

The evening promises a range of exciting, exhilarating and varied jazz from 6pm until late. Nibbles will be served, there will be a bar and food will be available.

The Festival is a fund raiser for the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1). £20 tickets for the whole evening of jazz will be available from Thornbury Town Hall or by calling 01454 412272



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CROMHALL PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS SCHEME 2018

Calling all local groups or organiser of events/ activities for Cromhall parishioners, you may wish to apply for a 2018 grant from Cromhall Parish Council, full terms and conditions are shown in the grant policy. The aim of this scheme is to support and promote an active community in Cromhall by providing financial support for community organisations working **for the benefit of Cromhall parishioners**, with the intention of improving the range of services and activities in the parish.

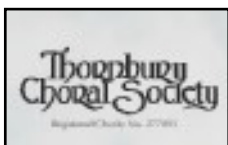
To ensure these widest number of local groups can benefit, **applications for grants need to be made between 1st November to 31st December 2018.** Details are on our website <https://cromhall.com/cromhall/cromhall-parish-council> or contact the clerk. Interested groups should submit their application form by 31st December, either by email to clerk@cromhallpc.org.uk or send to:

Daphne Dunning,
Clerk to Cromhall Parish Council,
25 Parkfield Rank,
Pucklechurch,
South Glos BS16 9NR.

All submissions received by the closing date will be considered by the parish council at its January 2019 meeting.

Cromhall Parish Council looks forward to hearing from you.

Daphne Dunning, Clerk to Cromhall Parish Council
clerk@cromhallpc.org.uk



Come, sing with us

Thornbury Choral Society cordially invites you to come and join them for an all-day workshop to study Antonin Dvorak's beautiful Stabat Mater on **Saturday 23rd February 2019** starting at 10.30a.m.

We will be conducted by Steven Kings and accompanied by our excellent accompanist Robin Baggs using the Novello score. The cost will be £13.50 for singers including teas, coffees, biscuits and cake at tea time. Lunches are available by pre-booking for £7.50 and scores are for hire at £2. The venue will be Thornbury Baptist Church, Gillingstool, Thornbury BS35 2EG.

Booking forms can be downloaded from Thornbury Choral Society's excellent website – www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk or obtained from Jos Gregson: email jos@josgregson.plus.com or by phone 01454-411652

St George's, Falfield
Saturday 15th December

Meet at the Huntsman Inn at 3:00 pm for transport to the farm on a tractor and trailer

Come dressed the part for the nativity tableau!

Light refreshments served

CHRISTMAS
IN THE BARN




Christmas
starts with
Christ



Come and join us to share in the true meaning of Christmas

Sight Loss Information, Advice and Support

First Thursday of the month
10.30am - 12.30pm at Thornbury Library

Vision West of England are offering information, advice and support to anyone living with sight loss. If you, or anyone you know would like more information on services for people with sight loss, then drop in any time between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Thursdays 6th December and 3rd January.

ST ANDREW'S 100 CLUB 2019 RENEWAL REMINDER

Many thanks to all the people who have already renewed their membership for next year. This is such a busy time with so much going on and loads to remember, it's easy to forget the 100 Club renewal until the next time you pick up 5 Alive.

Our first draw for £50 will be at 11am on Monday 24th December when one fortunate 100 club member will receive a timely Christmas bonus.

You need to be in it to win it so renew today! £10 per number per year in Cromhall Village Shop or to me at Ashleigh, Cowship Lane.

Mandy Bird



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

SEE ALSO THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org

2nd	Joint Service at St James'	Val & Brian
9th	2 nd Sunday in Advent* ¶	Brian
16th	Guest Preacher – Peter Mullhall {Fishponds Baptist Church}	
23rd	Fellowship Carol Service	Brian
25th	Christmas Day Praise {N.B. 10:30 Start}	Brian
30th	2018 Thanksgiving & 'Songs of Praise' Service	

* SERVICE WILL INCLUDE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR OUR YOUNGER PEOPLE

¶ SERVICE WILL INCLUDE HOLY COMMUNION

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

Everyone is welcome to join us.

N.B. A PAIR OF SPECTACLES, FOUND IN THE SCHOOLROOM SOME TIME AGO, REMAINS UNCLAIMED. PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN IF YOU BELIEVE THEY MAY BE YOURS



Embrace the Middle East is a Christian charity with over 160 years' experience of helping people of all faiths and none to free themselves from a life of poverty and injustice. (You may know them from the carol sheets we regularly use at Christmas.)

They have worked with and supported Christian communities doing life-changing works in countries in the Near and Middle East, including Turkey, Syria, Egypt, the Balkans, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine and Cyprus. Currently Embrace supports projects in Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt and Syria, focusing on education, healthcare and community development.

To find out more go to www.embraceme.org where you can find out about alternative gifts for Christmas and daily reflections for Advent.

CHRISTMAS TREES



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reduced drop
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www.tortworthestate.com



Back-Care Pilates

Back-Care Pilates is a 12-week Pilates-based course designed to help people with back pain. The next courses start on the 14th & 15th of January, 2019. Only 8 places are available on each course, so please book early.

For more information, or to book your place, please contact:

sam@samhutchinsonfitness.com

07977 632003

www.samhutchinsonfitness.com

Day & Time	Location
Mondays, 10:30-11:30am	Christ the King Social Club, Thornbury
Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00pm	St Helen's Church, Alveston

**24 Hour Board Game Marathon
Fundraiser for St Peter's Hospice**



Lauren Ruiz is hosting a 24hr board game marathon to raise funds for St Peter's Hospice on

**Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th
January 2019 9am-9am
at the Chantry in Thornbury.**

*All are welcome to attend for the whole event, or
just for a few hours.*

Games kindly loaned by Playground Coffee House.

For more details contact Lauren at le-smith11@hotmail.co.uk or search for "24 Hour Board Game Marathon" on JustGiving.com

WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER



Come to the Schoolroom at the rear of

Tytherington Baptist Chapel on
Weds 5th December between
2:30 & 4:00 p.m.

Meet your friends from
Tytherington for a chat over a cuppa & some
savory snacks & cake.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month.
Lifts could be arranged for those have difficulty
attending.

Please contact Brian or Ren on **01179 793104**

**TYTHERINGTON VILLAGE
2019 CALENDAR**

calendar



Price £2.50, on sale
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or contact Val Johnson
(01454 417445 or
valj475@gmail.com)

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LOTTERY FUNDED



**Tytherington
Village Shop
and Post Office**



*The shop will be relaunched after a
major refurbishment
on*

Saturday 8th December

**Join us for a mulled wine, mince pies and
cake
from 1.30 - 3pm**

Christmas gifts, Wrapping paper,
Greetings cards
and a range of

Tytherington Village Shop branded goods
for those special presents
are available together with our usual
wide range of products

Everyone welcome

Thornbury Citizens Advice Bureau

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

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Margaret Shackell 1939 – 2018



Margaret came to Falfield in 1966 when she and her husband, Roy, took over the running of Falfield Post Office and Stores. As a young mother with two children under 4 and another on the way, this was no easy feat for her, especially as her husband worked full-time for Lyons Maid and was often away from Monday to Thursday.

Some villagers today can still remember Margaret standing in the shop all day, pregnant and huge, as Adrian turned out to be a whopping eleven-pounder!!

These were very hard times for Margaret, running a business, having three very young children, her husband working away for long periods, a very damp and cold house, no central heating, rotting windows, no bathroom and an outside toilet and only an old tin bath for occasional bathing.

There was stock for the tiny shop in the lounge, up the staircase, in the bedrooms, everywhere - there was even a candy floss machine in the kitchen! But Margaret never complained, she got on with things, ran the business and raised her children.

The children always came first: whatever happened, it was children first! Margaret's own start in life, having spent her first four years in an orphanage, meant that she understood how important it was that children should feel loved and cared for as she was by her adoptive parents.

With support from Roy's sister, Jean, who came to help in the shop, business went from strength to strength and soon Roy finally gave up working at Lyons Maid, and began working full time in the shop as well.

The 1980s marked a new stage in Margaret's life as a new purpose-built shop was built in the adjacent car park, which allowed Margaret to have a proper home for the first time. It was also about this time that Margaret met her birth mother and discovered her 3 half-brothers and a half-sister. Things were much better but far from easy.

Margaret's gentle and caring nature demonstrated itself most notably when she persuaded Roy to build a self-contained bungalow in their garden for her mother, who had developed Alzheimer's disease and could no longer live independently. Margaret cared for her mother until her death eight years later. Although it was a testing time both physically and emotionally, Margaret managed to find an inner strength and coped admirably and, perhaps most importantly, she was able to keep her sense of humour.

Margaret was an active member of Falfield WI where she took every opportunity to try new things. She was an excellent cook, and enjoyed painting, singing and knitting amongst other activities. She was also a cornet player in Woodford Silver Band for many years but first and foremost she was a mother who cared deeply about her children.

In their tribute to her, the children said, *"Margaret never achieved stupendous things, but she was a good honest person: wife, mother and grandmother, who loved her family."*

What better legacy could she leave?

Christingle

**Sunday Dec 23rd
5pm at
St James', Tytherington**

**&
Monday Dec 24th
5pm at
St George's, Falfield
Everyone welcome**



Thank you to all our contributors and advertisers, who ensure that we have some content in each month's 5 Alive, as well as printers (Cotswold Marketing) and distributors who enable us to read it. It's a team effort!



It seems a long way off but....
on
NEW YEAR'S DAY
at
ROCKHAMPTON CRICKET CLUB
(old ground)
there will be

Soup & Rolls and Tea & Cakes
from mid-day until 4pm

Proceeds to the **DEMENTIA REVOLUTION**



Please come and support this fund-raising effort.

What is the Dementia Revolution?

Alzheimer's Society and Alzheimer's Research UK have created the Dementia Revolution to power groundbreaking research at the UK Dementia Research Institute.



Dementia is the biggest health threat facing society today with no effective treatments to slow, prevent or cure it. Sadly, one in three of us will be affected by dementia in some way.

But a revolution is growing – on streets and in laboratories. Scientists are gaining on dementia, pioneering breakthroughs and transforming lives.

BENEFICE EVENTS 2019



St Andrew's, Cromhall

2019 is going to be a year of three major events in the CRoFTT Benefice.



St James', Tytherington

The last weekend of June will see events in Cromhall and Tytherington; the last weekend in September will see events based at Rockhampton and Falfield, and there will be events based at Tortworth in December – 14th/15th. Please do look out for information about these weekends and support “the churches in our villages”.



St Oswald's,
Rockhampton



St George's, Falfield

St Leonard's
Tortworth



CHRISTMAS CARDS: 2018



As in previous years, in the churches of the benefice, we are asking all our congregations to make a donation to a charity instead of exchanging cards with one another. In each church there will be either a central card, or a way of sharing greetings for all to see/read.

Please put your donation into an envelope with “Christmas Card” written on the front and place it in the donation plate, where treasurers will be able to ensure it is sent to the charity decided by the PCC.

Please do not put names onto the envelopes – and there will be a supply of these in each church.



FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS FOR OCTOBER 2018

	High	Low	Average
Temp	23.0 °C	-2.7 °C	10.4 °C
Dew Point	17.2 °C	-3.1 °C	8.6 °C
Humidity	99.0 %	48.0 %	87.9 %
Precipitation	48.8 mm	Year to Date	618.0
Wettest Day	15.0 mm Sunday 14th		
Wind Speed	32.0 km/h	--	2.0 km/h
Wind Gust	52.1 km/h		
Wind direction	SE		
Pressure	1042.5 hPa	1001.2 hPa	

Go to www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=IENGLAND1163 for live weather information from the Falfield weather station For the highs and lows during 2017 go to: www.falfield.org.uk/weather.html

Alveston Gardens Association
7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall
Monday 3rd December

Wild Flowers of the Azores
Alan Clarke

All welcome – Visitors (£3)
Full programme on www.alveston.org

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www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries



From September 2014 until March 2019 each month with the exception of January, February, April and August Falfield will remember those individuals from the 1st World War who are recorded on the Village War Memorial by flying the Union flag on the anniversary of their death.

During December we will remember

William Ewart David Alfred Organ
Died on 2nd December 1917



For information on all those remembered on the War Memorial go to: http://www.falfield.org.uk/1914_18_centenary.html

**Rockhampton Folk Festival
Winter Series**

starting at Rockhampton Village Hall
on

Sat Jan 19th at 7.45pm
with the delightful
Spindle Ensemble



This fascinating and youthful quartet are; Daniel Inzani (folk harp, accordion and keyboard), Caelia Lunniss (violin), Harriet Riley (marimba and vibraphone) and Jo Silverston (cello). They perform original compositions by Daniel that hover cinematically somewhere between jazz, folk and classical idioms, taking inspiration from artists such as Moondog, Eric Satie and Mulatu Astatke.

The group will also be touring Care Homes and Special Schools in the area courtesy of the "Live Music Now!" scheme and the profits from Rockhampton Folk Festival - so a big thank you to all those of you who had a drink in at the summer festival - the profits are going directly back to the community!

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*Wishing all our customers a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.*

Underground Bristol

Wed. 5th Dec. 7.30 pm. Olveston Methodist Church, The Street BS35 4DR

Olveston Parish Historical Society's next meeting is a chance to find out from local civil engineer Hamish Orr-Ewing just what lies beneath our feet as we travel across Bristol.

He will explain how the geology and topography of Bristol have influenced and determined the city's development - below ground, as well as above! He will reveal how some of the infrastructure from centuries past still remains as archaeological sites below the surface of the city. Redcliffe caves, for instance (pictured here) have served as mines, an industrial tip, secure storage and a jail in the past.



Bringing us up to the present day, Hamish will share his knowledge of more recent infrastructure below the city's surface, gleaned from his own working experience of large-scale tunnelling under Bristol.

Come and get a whole new perspective on Bristol! Everyone's welcome to this talk... just turn up. £2 on the door for visitors.

www.olverston.com/historical-society



**Message from the Magi
Annual Donkey Nativity Carol
Concert at Rudgeway**

Christmas is coming and with it all the stress; not knowing the wife's clothes size and then losing the receipt so she can't take them back, crying children, tipsy uncles, national shortages of pickled walnuts and so on. But among all the stress there is a beacon of joy, tickets are now available for the annual Donkey Nativity season!!

Last year there were 6 concerts, all sold out. This year there will be a choice of 12 dates, from Monday December 3rd to Saturday December 15th. All the old favourites will be back, a genuine stable, carols, musicians, the Nativity cast, car parking, mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies and of course the flock of sheep and - star billing - the donkeys, who love joining in the carols.

Tickets are available now from Rudgeway Donkeys, Home Farm, Rudgeway. Tickets are a bargain at £8 each. Call in any time during daylight hours to buy.



All the funds raised will go to Donkey charities abroad, where it is needed most; in particular The Safe Haven for Donkeys, in the Holy Land.

Happy Christmas!
Baltazar

**Start 2019 with a Smile at a New Year Folk
Concert by the Wriggle Jigglers**

Saturday 12th January

The Cossham Hall Thornbury at 3pm.

Tickets to include interval tea and cakes £7.50
(£5 under 16s) from Thornbury Town Hall or call
01454 412272



The Wriggle Jigglers are a folk band of eight young people from three families from Thornbury and Rockhampton who play folk from the British Isles and some of their own tunes, on fiddles,

whistles, guitar, mandolin, melodeon, double bass and percussion.

They all sing and sometimes dance and will introduce their music with a jokes and banter!

Wriggle Jigglers won the South Downs young folk competition, were finalists in Music for Youth and have performed at Sidmouth, Bristol Harbour and Rockhampton festivals.

They have raised nearly £5,000 gigging and busking for 'War Child' charity. The performance will last about an hour and is guaranteed to get you tapping your feet, clapping along and will almost certainly inspire children to take up folk instruments themselves.

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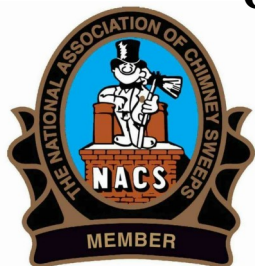
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9 th (am) Pastor Chris	(pm) Trevor Doherty
16 th (am) Damon Ujvarosy	(pm) Pastor Chris
23 rd (am) David Frampton	(pm) Pastor Chris
30 th (am) Pastor Chris	(pm) Ed Stuart

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer at 7.30pm:

5th – Bible Study and Prayer in various homes in the area
12th and 19th – Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall
26th – No Meeting

Cromhall Crafters

Tuesday 11th at 7.00pm

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Friday 7th at 7.15 - 9.00pm
Ladies Christmas Special with a craft, nibbles and a short talk.

Sunday 16th at 6.30pm
Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 23rd at 6.30pm
Candlelight Service

Christmas Day – a short service at 10.00am



Robin Hood - Octopus Drama Group

Christ the King Church Hall, Castle St, Thornbury
Weds 9th – Fri 11th January at 7.30pm and
Saturday 12th January at 11 am and 2.30 pm

Adults over 18: £7

Concessions and children: £5

Tickets available from 3rd Dec, from Chappell and Matthews, Thornbury High St. or call Karen on 01454 413783



Join Robin Hood, his merry men and Friar Tuck (who has gone vegetarian with alarming consequences) as they continue the crusade to dethrone the wimpy Prince John and win the hand of the fair Maid Marion. Will the wicked Sherriff of Nottingham thwart him?

With his gang of supporters, including merry maids, Nursey, the poor villagers and a gang of very knowledgeable forest children, how can Robin fail to win the day?

There is only one question remaining, 'Who is Ger-tie Applegirdle and what part does she have to play in this entertaining and lively plot?'

Written for Octopus by Peta Maurice, and directed by Adrian Dennis.

Come and celebrate the end of the Christmas festivities

BENEFICE CANDLEMAS SUPPER

February 2nd 2019

at
Falfield Village Hall

Tickets £12:50

Available from:

Hilary Legg on 01454 413234

or

Ann Greenhalgh on 01454 294200

Proceeds for funding events including a flower festival as part of the spring weekend at Cromhall & Tytherington



Tytherington



TO ALL LADIES IN TYTHERINGTON WI and LOCALITY

We are very proud to announce that Tytherington WI has now entered its 99th year within the organisation and we plan to make 2020 a year of celebration. Many local ladies in the locality are past members and we are asking them to kindly come forward with any memories/anecdotes to help us plan for our centenary year.

Rather sadly, our membership has diminished over the years and we are now a happy bunch of just 18. Unless we are able to recruit more members soon, the future of our WI is in doubt — so sad after all this time.

We are a happy and friendly group who meet on the 3rd Monday of each month (except August and December) and will welcome new members as well as past ones who may be interested in rejoining. Perhaps you might like to come along as a visitor(s) to try us out — we promise a big welcome!

Below is our programme for 2019 and we hope we may see you soon.

2019 PROGRAMME

MONDAY:

21 JANUARY 2pm

Speaker: Helen Frampton

Subject: "Shuttle and Hammer"

18 FEBRUARY 2pm

Speaker: Ian Caskie

Subject: SS Great Britain "from launch to relaunch"

18 MARCH 2pm

Speaker: Shaun McCormack

Subject: The Queen's Bodyguard & Yeoman of the Guard

15 APRIL 7.30pm

Speaker: Mike Perry

Subject: "Sausages"

20 MAY 7.30pm

Resolutions Evening and Fun Quiz Night

15 JUNE 7.30pm

Speaker: John Barnett

Subject: RNLI

15 JULY 7.30pm

Members' Evening

AUGUST

Summer Recess (no meeting)

16 SEPTEMBER 7.30pm

Speaker: Members from Thornbury Museum Subject: Local History

21 OCTOBER 7.30pm

Speaker: Sue Williams

Subject: "Butchard Gardens"

15 NOVEMBER 7.30pm

Subject: Annual General Meeting/Social

9 DECEMBER 6pm

Christmas Party



**Falfield VH
Management Committee**
**invites all to
come and join us for**

**Christmas
Carols around
the Tree**

**Falfield
Village Green**

**Friday 7th December
from 6pm**

**Enjoy festive refreshments
Join in with community carol singing
to get you in the festive mood.**



**And if you are good:
a visit from
Father Christmas!**

*This event is kindly supported
by The Huntsman Inn*



Thornbury Choral Society
"At the going down of the sun"
A commemoration of the centenaries of the end of the
Great War and the birth of Women's Suffrage.
Castle School, Thornbury
Sat 1st December at 7.30pm.

Advance tickets – £1 cheaper than on the night - ob-
tainable from any Member of the Choir or from Tessa
Sullivan 01454 417865 (tess@keithsullivan.co.uk) or
just before the concert from Thornbury Town Hall.



Falfield WI News November 2018

- This month's meeting incorporated the AGM for our WI. It was very well attended by Members and we also welcomed the NFWI Advisor who verified the election of the Committee and the President.
- Our President was thanked for agreeing to serve for a further year and our one new committee member was welcomed. The previous year's AGM report was read by the Secretary and the President gave an amusing account of this year's activities. Both these reports were unanimously adopted.
- Members had brought photos of themselves as youngsters for us to peruse and try to identify them – great fun! There was also a competition for a photo of a natural subject which showed some of us had real talent and imagination.
- The Group carol service is at 7.00pm on 13th December at Tytherington Church.
- There will be an opportunity to make a Christmas Wreath on 8th December from 10.00am to 12 noon in Green Farm barn, Falfield.
- The next meeting is on Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Update from Councillor John O'Neill



Just an update to consultations regarding development plans that are in or close to our areas, firstly is the Stroud District Council Local Plan Review: Emerging Strategy Public Consultation. This document plans the strategy for meeting and distributing the housing need in Stroud District for the next 20 years. The paper estimates a need of 12,800 new homes with Cam and Dursley two of the main areas of expansion, there are also proposals for new garden villages at Wisloe (off the A38 by Slimbridge/Cambridge) and Sharpness. Clearly plans that would impact on the A38 and M5. If you wish to add your comments to the consultation which ends on the 18th January 2019 then visit www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview

Also out to consultation is the West of England Joint Spatial Plan which has proposals for a 1,500 home garden village at Buckover and a further 1,200 homes at Charfield, this plan is currently in the examination stage with the Planning Inspectorate who have asked the

four unitary authorities for further evidence regarding the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations following a recent court ruling, these new documents are subject to public consultation and if you wish to comment visit www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk before 7th January 2019. This consultation also contains the draft transport paper with some details of new transport schemes such as works to the A38 and a new M5 junction 14 with a projected delivery of 2025 and cost of £59m.

Cromhall Chapel Ladies Christmas Special

Friday December 7th
7:15 - 9.00pm

Craft, nibbles, hospitality and a short
reflection on the more hysterical side of
Christmas!

For details: Sue 01454 269178

Rockhampton Village

Soup and Ploughman's Lunch

Thursday
6th December
12noon - 2pm

Rockhampton Village Hall
All very welcome



South Gloucestershire

Viewpoint

South Glos Viewpoint - residents' panel

The Viewpoint panel is made up of local residents who wish to share their views and help ensure the council is delivering great services in their area. Members are consulted with on a regular basis on key topics that will impact local communities.

Why join?

Joining the Viewpoint panel provides you with a real opportunity to become involved in, and influence, the decisions we make. Your views can help us to understand public preferences, identify local priorities, monitor our performance and shape our future services.

For every survey you complete you will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win 1 of 5 x £20 shopping vouchers.

What's involved?

As a member of the panel you will be given the opportunity to take part in around 4 surveys a year. It's up to you to choose which topics you wish to have your say on and can get involved as little or often as you like!

What are the results used for?

Your feedback is very important to us and is used to help identify community needs and shape local services. By completing our surveys you can help inform a range of locally directed work, review changes we have made, set out future priorities and much more.

Sign me up!

It's quick and easy to join the Viewpoint panel – just complete the short form using the link on the website.

All survey responses are confidential and no personal details are published or used to identify individuals.

For more information please go to: viewpoint@southglos.gov.uk

Benefice Carol Services 2018



Sunday 16th December

6.00pm

Carol Service at Tytherington

6.00pm

Carol Service at Falfield

Monday 19th December

7.00pm

Carol Service at Cromhall

Tuesday 20th December

7.00pm

Carol Service at Rockhampton

Sunday 23rd December

4.30pm

Carol Service at Tortworth



TYTHERINGTON AFTER THE END OF WW1

Immediately after WW1 ended a collection was begun for a war memorial. In all £68-6s-0d was raised, with the Lord of the Manor Squire Hardwicke Lloyd Hardwicke donating £5, as did the vicar Rev. Swayne and Charles Fry, landlord of the Swan Inn. Headmaster of Tytherington School, Mr James Hemmingway, donated £2. Eighty-one people contributed to the collection, most just a shilling or two, but for various reasons not all villagers were happy about donating and many could not afford to. A few grumbled that a clock would be a better memorial and asked what had happened to the money already collected for a memorial clock?

The Western Daily Press reported that: *"Peace Day was celebrated in Tytherington on Monday 21st July 1919, and the inhabitants of the village were able to enter into all the jollifications in the fine weather. Splendid arrangements were made, and the day will be a red-letter one in the history of the parish for all time. First of all there was an assembly at the Council School when Mr Charles Fry, who was especially given the title of Constable for the occasion, read the Proclamation. This was an impressive feature, Mr Fry doing full justice to the importance of the historic announcement. A speech by Rev. Swayne followed, and then there was a procession, headed by the Tytherington Prize Band, to the Hill. Sports for children, a bountiful tea for the bairns and adults resident in the parish, including Baden Hill, with sports and dancing for the grown-up folk in the evening, provided great pleasure for all. It was indeed a great day for the parish, and those responsible for the arrangements are to be congratulated on the success achieved."*

It was not until 1921 that the War Memorial was completed and on Saturday February 26th, together with a large congregation of villagers, the Bishop of Gloucester dedicated the new War Memorial to the memory of the fallen men of the Parish. The Memorial, which is a Cornish wheel cross of silver-grey Cornish granite, with a base of the same material, is mounted on a solid block of stone from the local quarries, measuring 4ft by 4ft, and standing 12ft high. The Western Daily Press reported that: *"...the service, which was impressive, was attended by a company of 40 local ex-Servicemen who paraded at the railway station and, headed by the Tytherington Church Prize Military Band, marched to the memorial where they lined up in front of those present. The relatives of the fallen men were in the enclosure round the memorial."*



More information can be found on the Tytherington Roots website at http://www.tytheringtonroots.co.uk/war_memorial.htm

Dec 7th Tortworth
Dec 14th Cromhall
Dec 21st Tytherington

Advent

Fridays at 7.00pm

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 January 2019

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Falfield Parish Council Report

Joint Spatial Plan – Technical Evidence Work Consultation

The Joint Spatial Plan sets out the policies and principles for determining the most appropriate and sustainable locations for future development in order to meet the region's housing, employment and transport needs for the next 20 years, to 2036.

Two independent Planning Inspectors were appointed by the Secretary of the State to conduct the examination and since its submission, the Inspectors and Councils have been in correspondence on a number of points which has now brought about The Joint Spatial Plan Technical Evidence consultation which is open for comment from **Monday 12 November 2018** until **Monday 7th January 2019**.

For more information and details on how to make comments go to:

www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk

Heneage Farm Development

Although Outline planning permission was granted to Cotswold Homes the Parish Council have been made aware that the landowner has now sold the development land to Linden Homes. This was confirmed during the early part of November when a notice advertising "Falfield Grange" was erected adjacent to the development site on the A38. It is also understood that building is expected to commence during the early part of 2019.



Bulb Planting

The Parish Council were fortunate enough to have the assistance of the Falfield & Stone Brownies in October when twenty of their members helped to plant over three hundred daffodil bulbs on the village green.

Removal of recycling bags from kerbside collections

South Gloucestershire Council would like to stop providing white and green bags for recycling and ask residents to use green boxes for all their recycling materials. They would like to hear from parishioners on whether they should replace recycling bags with boxes, and if they did how it might affect you.

The consultation is open to the public between **2 November 2018** and **25 January 2019**, this will be followed by a decision which will be made by March 2019. To take part in this consultation go to: <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/RecyclingBags/consultationHome>

The next scheduled meeting of the parish council is on **Tuesday 15th January 2019** at 7.30 pm in Falfield Village Hall.

James Carpenter , Clerk & RFO to Falfield Parish Council
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