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The calm before the storm.....

Winter. It's my favourite time of year. Cold, misty mornings, hot drinks, cosy lights indoors. The season for bracing walks, comfort food and curling up in front of a real fire. Are you feeling the love yet? Mmmm ... I'm sensing a little hesitancy here! But winter has a great compensation for the winter wind and rain which may just change your mind The season of Advent.

Advent – that quiet, reflective time leading up to Christmas, when candles are lit as the light fades on the four Sundays before the great event arrives, with the haunting melody of O come, O come Emmanuel adding its own special magical atmosphere to the proceedings. The calm before the storm. Or it should be.

If we allowed it to be.

These days we put up Christmas decorations and go to carol services in Advent. No quiet reflective time for us, thank you very much! And to add insult to injury, Christmas now effectively ENDS on the 25th December rather than just begins. What a mish-mash we have made of it. Time to use the quiet of Advent and look back to how things were that very first Christmas:



BC - AD

This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.

This was the moment when nothing
Happened. Only dull peace
Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even energetic Romans
Could find nothing better to do
Than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment
When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect
Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.

U. A Fanthorpe

So, why not take a bold step back and enjoy some quiet time this Advent. Beware of peaking too soon with the carols, then have a really joyful (and hopefully not a haphazard) Christmas when it arrives!

PS: If only "dull peace sprawled boringly over earth" today. Please spare a thought this December for the people of Ukraine, whose Advent and Christmas seasons will be so very different this year...

Christine Robertson

There's always
a reason to
smile find it!

Tytherington Local History Group

Friday 9th December AGM

Members please bring items of Tytherington memorabilia; also something for a 'pot luck' supper.

All meetings start at 7.30pm and take place in the Schoolroom at the rear of Tytherington Baptist church on Itchington Road.

Everyone is welcome.

Admission: Members £2, Visitors £3

Computer Support 1-1 at Thornbury Library

Book a session with our computer volunteer for IT and digital support

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Alveston Gardens Association



"Micronesian Adventure"

With Pam Forrest

Monday 5th December

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

All welcome - Visitors (£3)



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Morning coffee & afternoon tea

Saturday Dec 3rd
10am-3pm
Cromhall Village
Hall
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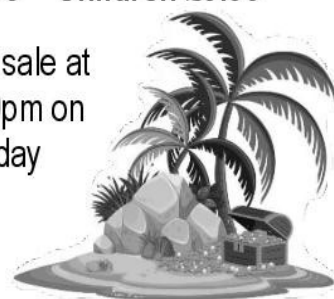
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at Tytherington Village Hall

Adults £7.50 Children £5.50

Tickets will be on sale at
the Hall from 7:00pm on
Tuesday & Thursday
Evenings



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CRUK Autumn Fair

We are pleased to confirm that we raised a fantastic total amount of £3,342 (inclusive of £750 pre-sales) at our annual Autumn Fair held at St. Helen's School, Alveston on October 22nd.

The Committee would like to thank all our local supporters who attended and those who gave so generously by purchasing crafts, books, preserves, teas and cakes.

FALFIELD POST OFFICE NEWS

From the close of business on Saturday 3rd December, the Post Office will be permanently closed on a Saturday. This decision was not taken lightly but the very small number of transactions processed makes opening totally uneconomical.



We shall continue to operate a full Post Office service on Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 5.30pm, with no lunchtime closing.

We are aware that such a change is not welcome but is necessary. However, we will be able to offer some Post Office services through the retail area, such as: phone top-ups, electric and gas top-ups (for those on pre-payment meters), lottery products and standard 1st & 2nd class stamps. The shop will also be offering a 'cashback' facility up to £50.00.

The Royal Mail collection from the Post Box is unaffected and is normally made at about mid-day on a Saturday.

During the winter months, we shall be closing the shop one hour earlier on a Sunday, at 4.30pm, from 4th December.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by these changes.

Adrian, Ann and family.

Meet the author Lynne Cavendish

Self-Published author Lynne Cavendish will be in Thornbury Library on

Monday 5th December
from 10am-12pm

to chat about her book
"The Lights came on for Marcia Duncan"



VISITING RINGERS

There will be a group of visiting ringers at St James', Tytherington, on Friday 2nd December from 19.30 - 21.00hrs





Tat3

are invited to a
**Christmas Entertainment
at St Andrew's School**
on
**Wednesday Dec 7th
at 2pm.**

If you are a senior citizen, living in Cromhall, you are welcome to join us at this event or at our monthly meetings.
You will be very welcome.

*If you need transport, please
contact me and I will arrange it
for you.*

For more information, contact
Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200



St George's Church, Falfield

"Carols by Candlelight"
**Sun 18th December
6.30pm**

**Featuring
Christmas readings and
traditional carols**

*Please join us to celebrate
this season of wonder.*

Followed by refreshments.

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
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FIND A CURE.
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Thornbury support group meets at the Chantry Castle Street, Thornbury BS35 1HB on the last Friday of every month, 10am-12noon.

We offer a friendly welcome and the chance to chat with people with Parkinson's and their family carers in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

We have quite a spread of group knowledge with varying levels of experience of the disease and the local support available from the NHS and Parkinson's UK. So if you fancy a chat with people in a similar position to you, come and have a coffee and meet us. **For more information call Sally Derham on 01454 632910 or email sally.derham@btinternet.com**



St Peter's Hospice
Christmas
Coffee Morning
Saturday 10th December 10.00am
Methodist Church Hall,
Thornbury.

Christmas cards, Gift stall,
 Home made cakes, Raffle etc.,
 Entry includes tea/coffee and cake
 £3.00 per person.

*Please do come and support St Peter's,
 your local Hospice*



Sharing the Caring



Christmas is coming!!
Looking for a perfect
gift for book lovers?

Choose a book token -
available at Thornbury
Library

Christmas Craft Sessions at Thornbury Library

Sat 10th December 11am - 12 noon

*Make some beautiful Seasonal Crafts
 to decorate your home- age 4+*

Weds 21st December 10.30am - 12noon

*Create something wonderful for Christmas
 Day and New Year's Day – age 4+*

Thank you for donations
from Cromhall Poor's Allot-
ment Charity, Tytherington
Baptist Church and Tytherington Marquee.

Thanks

Donations are always welcome, particularly from those organisations which use this magazine to publicise their events. We accept payments by BACS. Regular donations may be made by standing order.

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

Email: geoffrey.crosthwaite@outlook.com
 or write to him at The Barn, Townwell, Cromhall,
 Wotton-Under-Edge, GL12 8AQ.

Cheques, payable to **Benefice Newsletter**, may also be sent to our treasurer or the editor.



St George's Church, Falfield
Crib Service with Christingle
Saturday 24th December at
3.30pm

*Come dressed in any nativity costume
 you have and share in telling the
 Christmas story.*

All welcome



TYTHERINGTON BAPTIST
CHURCH
AFTERNOON TEA
Wednesday 7th December
2:30 – 4:00pm
 in the Schoolroom at rear of chapel
Everyone welcome.

St. Andrew's, Cromhall



St. Leonard's, Tortworth



St. Oswald's, Rockhampton



St. James', Tytherington



St. George's, Falfield



Church services and important information

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

Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200
Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017 or
 Sian Hogg 07986699986/sianhogg@gmx.com
Rockhampton: Liz Cullimore 01454 412208
Tortworth: Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or
 Fen Marshall 01454 260821
Tytherington: John Williams 01454 412515 or
 Phil Coward 01454 281444

If they are unavailable, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. Please bear in mind they do have other lives and may not be available instantly. However, leave a message and they will deal with it as soon as they can. Failing that, contact David .Russell, the Area Dean on davidrussell@gmx.com or phone. (01454) 294267.

Cromhall

Sun 11th 9.30am, Holy Communion with Rev. Richard Amys
 Sun 18th 4.00pm, Carol Concert with live band music and organ

Falfield

Sun 4th 3.30pm Café Church
 Sun 11th 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 18th 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
 Sat 24th 3.30pm Crib Service with Christingle
 Sun 25th 10.30 am United Benefice Service
Sun January 1st 3.30pm Café Church

Rockhampton

Sun 18th 6.00pm Carol Service

Tortworth

Sun 4th 10.30am Holy Communion (Rev. R Amys)
Sun 1st Jan 3.30pm Carol service

Tytherington

Thurs 1st 9.30am - Said Holy Communion (Rev S. Fisher)
 Sun 4th 10.30am - Joint service with the Baptist Church at St James'
 Sun 18th 6.00pm - Carol Service (Philip Coward)
 Fri 23rd 4.00pm - Crib & Christingle service (Rev C. Axford)
 Sat 24th 11.30pm - Midnight Communion Service (Rev R. Axford)

You are welcome to join us at any of these services



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**Oh, Come All
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Falfield Hall Management Committee
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**Christmas Carols
around the Tree**



Falfield Village Green
Saturday 10th December 2022 from 5pm
Enjoy festive refreshments




**Join in with community Carol Singing to get you
in the Christmas mood.**



**And, if you are good:
a visit from Father Christmas
with gifts for all the children!**

**This event is very kindly supported by The Huntsman Inn
& Falfield Convenience Stores**

Where's Rudolph?

As he pulled his boots on, Santa spotted the note
That Rudolph had left on the table:

*'If you want to find out where I'm having fun,
Solve these simple ten clues if you're able.
Every word starts with C,
This is followed by O,
The third letter spells the location where sleigh bells are tinkling
And my hooves are twinkling
Creating a yuletide sensation'*

Read Rudolph's riddle on page 10



Falfield WI

Joyce Taylor from Stone WI kindly acted as teller at our AGM in November. Gill Spiller was re-elected as Chair and the meeting continued with 'Getting to Know You', refreshments and viewing artefacts brought in by members.

We heard wonderful stories about these items, from a special tablecloth linked to the Titanic to the starting handle from the last Bristol tram, and ancient tablets found in an old house to a 1940s knitting pattern book. However, Janice Leach's wonderful words about her old friend Audrey were enjoyed by all but Julie Day was awarded the cup because her tablets were the most ancient item.

Our walk was from Sharpness to Purton along the canal towpath and we were lucky to choose a morning when it wasn't raining!

Many of our members helped out at charity events during the month, culminating in a coffee morning from 10am – 12pm at Falfield village hall on 26th November, complete with homemade cakes, a bookstall and cards we made throughout the year.

The December meeting is a Christmas Party to get us in the festive mood.

A Happy Christmas to you all.

St Andrew's School, Cromhall



Wanted!

We have two exciting vacancies at St Andrew's School:-

- Lunchtime Supervisor
- Cleaner

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If you would like more information, contact the school on 01454 294498 or email Standrewsprimary@sgmail.org.uk to discuss.

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CHRISTMAS TREES



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Revive, our re-use shop, at Thornbury Sort It recycling centre, Short Way, Thornbury, BS35 3UT sells re-usable items that have been brought to our recycling centres, such as furniture, bikes, crockery, CDs, DVDs, picture frames and much more.

The shop is now open Monday to Sunday
9am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 4pm.

Take your items that could be reused to any
of our recycling centres and ask a member of
staff where you can leave them.



"Have You Read...?"

A book group for everyone

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group with a difference.

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**Just drop in for an hour for refreshments and
a chat at Thornbury Library on
Friday 2nd Dec 2.00 - 3.00pm**

The Kim Cypher Quartet

**The Porch House, Castle St, Thornbury
Saturday 21st January 2023 at 7.30pm**



Kim Cypher – Tenor, Alto, Soprano
Saxophones & Vocals

Chris Cobbson – Guitar
Mike Green – Double Bass
Mike Cypher – Drums

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TYTHERINGTON VILLAGE CALENDAR FOR 2023



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4 th	Joint Service At St James' "Peace" [Luke 2:8 – 14]	Val & Brian
11 th	"Love" [1 Corinthians 13]§	Brian
18 th	"Joy" [John 16:17 – 24]	Brian
25 th	Christmas Day Praise	Brian

All services commence at 10:30 a.m.
§ Service will include Holy Communion

Churches together in Tytherington



St James' Parish and Tytherington Baptist Churches are holding joint services and events during the Advent and Christmas Season, details of which are listed, below.



4 th Dec	10.30am	Advent 2 Service	St James' Parish Church
7 th Dec (Wed)	7.30pm	'Unwrapping Advent' (2)**	Baptist Schoolroom
11 th Dec	10.30am	Advent 3 Service	Baptist Chapel
14 th Dec (Wed)	7.30pm	'Unwrapping Advent' (3)**	Baptist Schoolroom
18 th Dec		Chapel Carol Service	Baptist Chapel
18 th Dec	6.30pm	Service of Lessons & Carols	St James' Parish Church
21 st Dec	7.30pm	'Unwrapping Advent' (4)**	Baptist Schoolroom
25 th Dec	10.30am	Christmas Day Celebration Service	Baptist Chapel
1 st Jan	10.30am	Reflection & Thanksgiving Service	Baptist Chapel
8 th Jan	10.30am	Epiphany Service	St James' Parish Church

**A Bible study series with light refreshments



Thornbury Library

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Thursday 8th December 4pm - 5pm

"UNWRAPPING ADVENT"

A series of Bible studies/discussions during Advent, being held in the Schoolroom at the rear of the Baptist Chapel on Wednesday evenings, commencing at 7:30pm
All are welcome to these informal sessions where light refreshments will also be served.



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21st Dec "The Holy Mystery"



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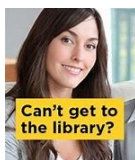
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or ring 01454 868006

to ask about our Home Library Service as we have volunteers happy to help.

Don't forget Talking books are also available from the library



Thornbury Volunteer Centre

A local charity for socially isolated or lonely people needs the following volunteers for the Christmas 2022 period:

Christmas Cheer Driver – required on Christmas Day to drive members to and from lunch venues in South Gloucestershire. Volunteers need to be free for one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon on that day.

Christmas Cheer Event Volunteer – a Christmas Cheer volunteer brings festive joy to some of the loneliest people on Christmas Day. You'll collect one or two members from home, drive them to an event in South Gloucestershire where you will support them and help create a warm, friendly, and fun environment.

Doorstep Visit Volunteer – some isolated/lonely members are housebound and would welcome a doorstep visit. You'll visit a member on Christmas Day, have a chat on the doorstep and deliver a festive hamper gift. Whilst many visits will require you to drive, some could be within walking distance. For this role they accept families/couples/singles.


For further information and for details on how to apply please contact Thornbury Volunteer Centre at mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk

Rudolph's Riddle

For a message in secret use clue number one,
The second is forceful persuasion.
To live side by side without strife is the third
And the fourth is a regal occasion.
The fifth is a Russian,
Number six goes with chips
And clue seven is something to spend.
On the stage eight is worn,
Number nine crows at dawn
And with ten we work for the same end.



The solution to Rudolph's riddle is on page 15.

 FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS OCTOBER 2022			
	High	Low	Average
Temperature	21.4 °C	1.0 °C	14.1 °C
Dew Point	16.6 °C	-2.7 °C	9.6 °C
Humidity	99 %	27 %	78 %
Precipitation	108.44 mm	Year to Date	523.52 mm
Wettest Day	Sunday 23rd 38.35 mm		
Wind direction	South West		
Pressure	1,031.49 hPa	996.28 hPa	
RAINFALL	2019	2020	2021
OCTOBER	151.40 mm	162.31 mm	181.86 mm
YEAR TO DATE	658.18 mm	895.14 mm	743.42 mm

“Sight Support West of England drop in” at Thornbury Library
Support and advice for people with visual impairments.

Monday 19th December 10am - 1pm



TYTHERINGTON VILLAGE SHOP

With the Christmas season approaching, please make use of your local Post Office. Enjoy the convenience of posting those Christmas parcels with easy parking and without having to join the long queues which exist at many of the bigger facilities.

These are our normal opening hours, although we hope we can offer longer PO opening hours in the run up to Christmas. This will depend on the staffing available, so keep an eye out for a notice in the shop, once we are clearer about the position.



Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
5.12.21	9.00 – 1.00	9.00-11.30	9.00-11.30	9.00 – 1.00	9.00-11.30
12.12.21	9.00 – 1.00	9.00-11.30	9.00-11.30	9.00 – 1.00	9.00-11.30

Shop hours will remain as normal.

During this time when you may prefer to carry on shopping locally, remember you can order a range of bakery items and dairy products to pick up at your convenience. Just pop into the shop and ask about this service.

The bonus ball is now in full swing and all the numbers have been sold out. Many thanks to those who have supported this fund-raising effort and make sure you check if you are a lucky winner. A further opportunity to support the Post Office will be through the raffle for our Christmas Hamper and tickets will be on sale throughout December. The draw for the lucky winner will take place in the shop at 10.00am on Christmas Eve.

We have plenty of Christmas stock in the shop, from cards and wrapping paper to those smaller gifts and stocking fillers.

We hope to see you all to raise a glass to 2023 on New Year's Eve, Saturday December 31st 10.30-12.00.

Happy Christmas



Tytherington Parish Local Nature Action Plan

Tytherington Parish Council in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council has recognised the importance of taking steps to address the ecological crisis our world is facing.

We have committed to producing a Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP) to help guide our efforts to protect and enhance our parish for people and wildlife.

We would like to hear from any residents who are interested in getting involved with this initiative.

Biodiversity

Biodiversity is the whole variety of life on Earth, all the species of plants and animals, their genetic variation and the habitats and ecosystems they are part of.

The State of Nature

Our biodiversity has suffered some huge declines most recently in the last 10 to 30 years and this will affect all the natural services it provides for us, just a few are explained below:

- Pollination {Three thirds of all our crops rely on wild pollinators}
- Good mental health {We all feel the calming effects of a walk in the countryside}
- Flood protection (Healthy nature rich land is better at preventing floods and protecting us when they do occur)
- Heat protection (Our summers are becoming hotter and drier, the shade and cooling from our trees, hedgerows and nature rich areas will be so important in protecting us from extremes of heat)
- Soil formation (It can take up to 100 years for the natural formation of biodiversity rich soil)
- Carbon Storage (To help combat climate change we need healthy nature rich land to lock in carbon and slow down the heating of our world)

Our Parish

We are lucky to have some great public open spaces and nature reserves but recognise that if we want to bring back nature we need everyone's support.

Ideas might be:

Hedgehog Heroes - Getting more access for hedgehogs into gardens, bulk purchasing of hedgehog homes (Possibly threatened with extinction, suffered a decline of 30 million).

Flying friends - Supporting the installation of more nest boxes throughout our community - Ji (There has been an estimated decline of breeding birds by 44 million).

Trees & Bees - We could jointly purchase trees with residents to plant into gardens and so grow our tree canopy across the Parish, they could be ornamentals or fruit trees. We could also look at wild flower seed give aways if anyone is interested in setting aside a small patch in their garden for nature.

There are many great ideas online. Please check the Tytherington PC website and look for Local Nature Action Plans under Tytherington Countryside, lots of project ideas and further details about LNAPs. There is also a link to the start of the nature map for our parish.

Please get in touch with the clerk at clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk if you are interested in getting involved or support any particular ideas.



at Thornbury Library

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

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

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



**Candlelight Concert
at
Cromhall Church**

**Sunday 18th December 4pm
with**

Oldland Brass

Carols, Poems, Readings

*Mulled wine and mince pies
in the interval.*





CROMHALL CHAPEL

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Sunday Worship Services for December:

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

4 th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Roger Chilvers
11 th	(10.30am) Damon Ujvarosy	(6.30pm) David Morrell
18 th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
25 th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	

Carols by Candlelight: Sunday 18th at 6.30 pm.

Family Carol Service: Christmas Eve afternoon at 4.00pm with mince pies to follow.

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 7th, 14th, 21st Bible Study and Prayer in the hall and on zoom

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom): 6th and 20th at 7.00pm; 13th and 27th at 9.30 am

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 13th at 7.00pm. Join a friendly group of ladies to work on your own craft while we chat and enjoy a cup of tea.

Townwell Tots: Thursday 1st and 15th, and every other week during term time from 10.15am -12.00. This is a free stay and play for parents/carers and their babies and pre-school children. It's a great place to meet others in the community. Enjoy coffee and cake while the children play with a wide range of toys. We finish with a time of singing and a Bible story aimed at the very young.

All our sermons are available on the website.

Everyone welcome.

FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

With the exception of Councillor Gregory, who had tendered his apologies, all Councillors were present along with four members of the public.

During Public Participation, a Parishioner commented on the number of individuals using the open space on the Linden Homes development to walk their dogs and asked whether a Dog waste bin could be installed at the kissing gate on the public footpath where it leads off Sundayshill Lane into the Linden Homes development. Councillors instructed the Clerk to contact Linden Homes to ask if they would be willing to place a dog waste bin at this point.

Parishioners also raised their concern over the proposed expansion of HMP Eastwood Park. The Chair, Cllr Jarvis, advised the public present that the Parish Council would note all their concerns and once the prison's planning applications had been submitted, displaying their final design proposals, the Parish Council would be able to formally comment as a consultee.

Ward Cllr O'Neill informed the meeting of the progress of the South Gloucestershire Local Plan which was expected to be adopted in either 2024 or 2025. He informed the meeting that the planning application for the re-opening of Charfield station had now been submitted, Councillors discussed this later in the meeting and they agreed to defer making any comments until their next meeting. He also provided an update on the future of the Park and Share off Moorslade Lane where he indicated that it was still unclear as to whether it would transfer into public or private ownership as the developers had placed it on the open market.

As this meeting had been postponed from October Councillors agreed to hold their next meeting on Monday 5th December at which the Council's budget and Parish Precept for 2023/2024 would be set.

James Carpenter, Clerk & RFO, parish.clerk@falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk
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PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS 2022
AT ST JAMES', TYTHERINGTON



SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER 6.00pm
CAROL SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE



FRIDAY 23rd DECEMBER
4.00pm
CRIB &
CHRISTINGLE
SERVICE



SATURDAY 24th
DECEMBER 11.30pm
MIDNIGHT SERVICE

Cromhall 100 Club

It's that time of year again.... to renew, or perhaps buy for the first time, numbers for Cromhall's 100 Club. The year runs from January to December with four ordinary draws taking place in February, May, August and November where prizes of £30, £20 and £10 are drawn and two special draws at Easter and Christmas with one prize of £50. So you have several chances of winning something every year!

Money raised from the club goes to support St. Andrew's Church, Cromhall, boosting much needed funds to help with general running and maintenance of the building. This year, more than ever, your support will be greatly appreciated as we face expensive repairs and rising costs.

You can have any number of club numbers, for 2023, at £10 each and you can buy them at any time but to be in for all of the chances to win we would like to receive all applications by the end of this year, December 2022.

Once the club is complete you can confirm your number/s which will be displayed in Cromhall Village shop and the Church Porch (where winning numbers will be advertised too).

To be in with a chance, please complete the slip below and return to Cromhall Village Shop or any Cromhall PCC member along with payment of £10 for each number required.

Thank you for your much appreciated support and Good Luck!

St Andrew's PCC



CROMHALL 100Club 2023

Name:.....

Address.....

Tel. No

Number of Nos required at £10 each. Amount to pay.....

Please return this slip in an envelope with payment (cash or cheque made out to "Cromhall PCC") to Cromhall Village Shop.

If you are a lucky winner, what name should the prize cheque be made out to?

Solution to Rudolph's Riddle

- 1 CODE
- 2 COERCE
- 3 COEXIST
- 4 CORONATION
- 5 COSSACK
- 6 COD
- 7 COIN
- 8 COSTUME
- 9 COCKEREL
- 10 COOPERATE



Still looking for Rudolph? You'll find him at the Deer's Disco.

Recipe for Christmas Flapjack

Makes 8 - 12 pieces

Make sure you cook this a little in advance of when you need it to allow this to cool completely before you cut into it or it will fall apart.

Ingredients:

- 100g Butter
- 75g Dark Brown Sugar
- 75g Golden Syrup
- 150g Mincemeat
- 3 tbsp rum (or brandy)
- 200g Rolled oats

Method:

- Melt the sugar, syrup and butter together, either on the hob or in the microwave.
- Mix the oats, rum and mincemeat in a mixing bowl. Add the sugar/butter mixture and stir thoroughly until evenly combined.
- Line a small baking tin (about 20cm by 15cm) with baking parchment and pour the flapjack mixture in. If you don't have a small baking tin - a shallow ovenproof dish will do
- Bake for 25-30 minutes at 170 C, 325 F, Gas mark 3 until golden on top.
- Allow the flapjack to cool completely before you cut it into squares, (Refrigerating it for an hour or so helps the flapjack to keep together as you cut it.)



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We are also grateful to our Treasurer who keeps an eye on the finances. As always, it's a team effort!

**Wishing you all a
Healthy and
Happy Christmas and a
Peaceful New Year.**

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group



Winter Warmer Lunch

Methodist Church
Hall, Thornbury
on

Monday 23rd January at 1.00pm

Cottage Pie and Crumble
followed by tea/coffee –
vegetarian option will be available.

Tickets: £10.00 per person
available from the St Peter's Hospice
Shop, High Street, Thornbury, **from 6th
January 2023.**

*Please do come along and support
St Peter's, your local Hospice.*



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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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