

# 5 Villages VA Live



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## Looking forward to Christmas?



Is December still the time of year when children look forward to building snowmen in their gardens? We seldom get heavy snowfall these days and the snow that does fall, soon melts away. As a child in the 1940's, I remember waking up and hearing cars driving along the road with chains on their wheels. I knew what that meant and would excitedly pull back the curtains, breathe on the icy windowpane to look outside (no double glazing then!) and be excited to see the blanket of snow that covered the road and gardens. Perfect for building snowmen!

For churchgoers, the four weeks leading up to Christmas day is known as Advent, a season of remembering and celebrating the arrival of Jesus on Earth. In churches, and in some homes, you will see an Advent wreath. This, like the wreaths on many front doors, is made from evergreen cuttings and is circular in shape, representing the eternal nature of God, His never-ending love, mercy, and faithfulness. It also symbolizes the unending cycle of seasons and the continuous nature of time.



There are usually five candles in the wreath, three are purple because, in churches, this is the colour that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. The other candle is pink and symbolizes joy. One candle is lit each Sunday in Advent, celebrating the four main themes of Advent: hope, peace, joy and love. The light from the candles represents the light of Christ coming into the world.

On Christmas Day the central candle is lit to symbolize the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. Why not visit your village church and have a look?



St Andrew's church in Cromhall invite you to join them on Sunday Dec 15th at 4pm for an **Advent carol service with Oldland Bass band**. There will be carols and Christmas readings in a candlelit church, and mulled wine and mince pies in the interval. A wonderful way to hear the Christmas story.

For adults, December can be a busy and expensive time; It is all too easy to get wrapped up in present buying and roast dinners and forget the true spirit of Christmas. It is a time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves, to share kindness, offer forgiveness, and express gratitude with all our loved ones, friends and neighbours.

Happy Christmas!

*Ann Greenhalgh*

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

**‘ALICE’S ADVENTURES IN PANTOLAND’ – OCTOPUS DRAMA GROUP**

Panto time is fast approaching in Thornbury and it’s going to be fun (oh yes it is!).

Octopus Drama Group will be treading the boards at **Christ the King Hall from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January** with their much awaited pantomime ‘Alice’s Adventures in Pantoland’. This NODA award winning group are well under way with rehearsals and the many delightful characters are working hard to bring this fabulous panto to life.

When Alice falls down a rabbit hole, she mysteriously finds herself in a magical garden filled with familiar pantomime characters such as Snow White, Peter Pan, The Pied Piper and many more. She stumbles upon a robbery and with the help of a traditional but faded Fairy Godmother, she must find out who is guilty! Can the dotty Hatter and sleepy Dormouse, not to mention the wise but confused Caterpillar help her solve the mystery and save the adorable White Rabbit from the evil clutches of the wicked Queen of Hearts before it’s “off with his head!

**Tickets: £8 adults and £6 children under 18**

**Box office: Rosie & Rex gift shop, Thornbury High Street.**

**Performances start at 7.30pm on Weds 8th, Thurs 9th and Fri 10th Jan and at 11am and 2.30pm on Sat 11th**



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**FREE Every Saturday 9.30am no booking required**



**The Thornbury & District Cancer Research UK Committee** would like to give a huge thank you to all those

who supported us at our annual Autumn Fayre in Alveston on 19th October, raising funds for Cancer Research.

It was one of the best amounts raised on the day: £2,216.79 and we thank you sincerely for your valued support and generosity.



May we wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

## Tortworth Parish Meeting

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

7pm in the Estate Office

Catch up with what's going on in Tortworth and the surrounding area. Have your say. It's always an open meeting so everyone who lives in Tortworth is welcome. It'll nearly be Christmas so there might even be a mince pie!

### Tytherington Baptist Church

#### AFTERNOON TEA

Weds 4th December 2.00pm

in the Schoolroom

We will also be entertained with music from 'THE BEAUFORT BOYS'

Please note earlier start time.

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- [www.www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)
- <https://cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrews-church>
- [www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk)

Enjoy a free hot drink in Thornbury library!

Available Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri

10.30am - 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



## THORNBURY CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSALS RESUME

Thornbury Choral Society starts rehearsals again after the Christmas break on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 at the United Reformed Church at 8.00pm.

We shall be rehearsing for our Spring concert which is on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 at St Mary's Parish Church, Thornbury at 7.30pm. The programme is Durufle – Requiem and some unaccompanied Motets.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 we shall hold our annual Choral Workshop where we will be studying Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms" and Brahms' "Song of Destiny".

The event will take place at Thornbury Baptist Church, Gillingstool, starting at 10.00am and finishing at 5.00pm. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a most interesting day.

Always on the look-out for new members, we rehearse at the United Reformed Church on Monday evenings at 8.00pm. You are very welcome to come to a rehearsal to try us out!

Further details can be found on our website [www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk)

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cakes, Raffle etc., will be available.

Entry to include tea/coffee and cake  
£3.00 per person

*Please support St. Peter's, your local  
Hospice.*

## January 2025 edition of 5 Alive

I will do my best to get the January edition  
ready for the printers as soon as possible but  
accessing the computer in good time may not  
be easy following my op.; consequently, Janu-  
ary's edition may be late or items delayed un-  
til February. Apologies if this is the case.

Kay



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## Thornbury Radio launches on Digital Radio (DAB) across South Gloucestershire



Listeners in South Gloucestershire can now hear Thornbury Radio on Digital Radio (DAB) following the successful launch of a new DAB multiplex covering much of South Gloucestershire.

Local not for profit company, South Glos Digital Community Interest Company (SGDCIC), has successfully launched its SSDAB operation covering a large part of South Gloucestershire. Supported by Thornbury Radio, generous community donations and grants from Thornbury Town Council and Thornbury Rotary.

SGDCIC was successfully awarded the licence by Ofcom to run Digital Radio services covering Thornbury, Yate and Almondsbury areas. The DAB coverage region covers a large part of the South Gloucestershire, along with the crossroads of the M4 and M5 corridors.

David Wrench, Director of SGDCIC said, "Our DAB transmissions will benefit listeners across South Gloucestershire by bringing them a wider choice of radio stations including a new way to listen to Thornbury Radio."

Thornbury Radio already covers 45,000 people in and around Thornbury and has many volunteers working together at the station. DAB transmissions run by SGDCIC now give listeners of the popular local station the option to listen on DAB as well as FM, smart speaker and online. This makes the station even more accessible to listeners, community groups and local events which are promoted on air, and local businesses advertising. To find out more visit <https://www.thornbury.radio>



## Tat3

On Wed Dec 11<sup>th</sup> we have been invited to St Andrew's Primary School at 2pm to be entertained by the children.

An excellent start to the Christmas season!

We look forward to seeing you there

Ann & helpers

Would you like to join us for T@3?



As the name suggests, we meet at 3pm once a month, usually in Cromhall Village Hall, for a cup of tea, sandwiches, cake and a chat.

Some meetings include a quiz or speaker. Twice a year we go out for lunch and in December we are invited to St Andrew's Primary School for a Christmas entertainment by the children.

If you are over 65 years and live in or around Cromhall, you are welcome to join us. There are no joining fees or monthly charge. It is just the opportunity to meet together and make friends. We would love new 'members'.

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**Art Club**

**January Club Night  
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Tom Hughes, plein air and award-winning artist, will demonstrate his skills in painting a London street scene in oils. Learn how to create the illusion of detail with your brushwork and how to use opaque and transparent paints to create different light effects.



**Members free, non-members very welcome  
- £6 on the door, includes tea & biscuits.**

**7.15 for 7.30pm. Free parking on-site.**

Venue: St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd,  
Thornbury, BS35 1DR

For more details visit [www.thornburyartclub.co.uk](http://www.thornburyartclub.co.uk),  
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## Church services and information

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

**Cromhall:** Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200 or Stephen Youngs 01454 300260, 07735 396775 churchwarden@saintandrewscromhall.org.uk

**Falfield:** Headley Pain 01454 269017

**Rockhampton:** Liz Cullimore 01454 412208

**Tortworth:** Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or Fen Marshall 07875 560988

**Tytherington:** John Williams 01454 412515 or Phil Coward 01454 281444

If they are unavailable, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. 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 **Rev. Graham Stacey, the Area Dean** on [areadean@wottondeanery.org.uk](mailto:areadean@wottondeanery.org.uk) or Tel. **01453 709859**

### Cromhall

Sun 8th 9.30am Holy Communion  
 Sun 15th 4.00pm A celebration of Christmas: Carols and readings with Oldland Brass Band. All welcome!

### Falfield

Fri 6th Scouts' Carol service  
 Sat 7th Carols around the tree (Village Green)  
 Sun 8th 10.30am Holy Communion  
 Sun 15th 10.30am Morning Prayer  
 Christmas Eve 3.30pm **Christingle and carols**



### Rockhampton

Sun 22nd 6.00pm **Carol service**

### Tortworth

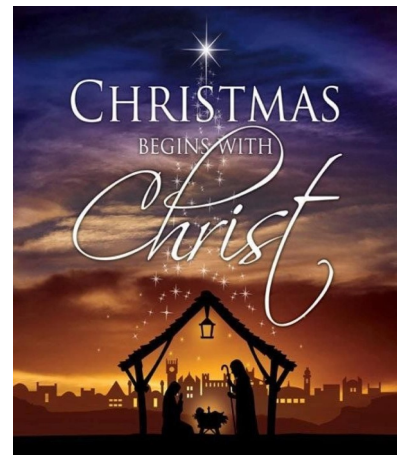
Sun 1st 10.30am Holy Communion  
 Sun 15th 10.30am Baptism of Jasmine Johns at Morning Prayer  
 Sat 21st 12 noon Wedding of Chloe and James  
 Christmas Day 10.30am **Christmas Day Communion Service**

### Tytherington

Sun 1st 10.30am Joint service at St James'  
 Thurs 5th 9.30am Said Communion  
 Sun 22nd 6.00pm **Carol service followed by mulled wine and mince pies**  
 Christmas Eve 4.00pm **Crib & Christingle service\*\***  
 11.30pm **Midnight Communion\*\***



Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our services



\*\* The collections from these services will be for Children's Hospice South West and the Neonatal Unit at Southmead Hospital



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



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### Falfield WI News

For the November meeting members were seated at the large tables according to the dates of their birthdays.

This was ready for the quiz after the AGM.

We welcomed Elaine Stanlake who attended as a visitor, although she is also a past member.

**A Coffee/Tea morning will be held at the Village Hall on the 30th November. There will be a Bric a Brac stall and books for sale as well as the delicious cakes** to enjoy with your drink. Proceeds from the coffee morning are to go to the New Falfield Playgroup.

Dates for diaries include Christmas wreath-making on the 7th December and Group Carols on 5th December at St Helen's, Alveston.

Joyce Taylor from Stone came to oversee the AGM and the vote for president. After the annual report and president's address we voted for Gill Spiller to be president.

Ann Mair has now retired as secretary after serving the Institute for so many years. We all wished her well and thanked her for all she has given to the members.

The decorated wooden spoon competition raised £16.42 for ACWW and the winner was Doris King-scott. Our next meeting in December, will include the making of a Christmas decoration. Don't forget the margarine tub and cornflake box!

*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 kindly make sure that we receive our copies each month.*

*Thanks as always to our regular and occasional donors who help to keep us afloat.*

*We are also grateful to our Treasurer who keeps an eye on the finances and to Bridget who has taken over responsibility for advertising admin. As always, it's a team effort!*

**Wishing everyone a Healthy and Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.**



**Have You Read...?"**

**A book group for everyone at Thornbury Library**

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**Friday 6th December 2pm - 3pm**

**Alveston Gardens Association**

**Alveston Jubilee Hall 7.30pm**

**Monday 2nd Dec  
AGA Norfolk Gardens Trip  
George Hargreaves**



**No meeting in January**

**All welcome - Visitors (£3)**



Setting the Christmas mood,  
Kim Cypher, saxophonist,  
presents a

**JAZZY FESTIVE SPECIAL**

Christ the King Church Hall, Castle Street, Thornbury on

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**

Tickets £15 from AAGThornbury@gmail.com or 01454 850933



Presenting  
**'Mrs. Churchill – My Life with Winston'**

**starring Liz Grand as Clementine Churchill**  
written by Kit Hunter

Churchill's inspirational leadership helped win the Second World War and his parliamentary career as an MP lasted for 62 years. What of Clementine, his wife for 56 years? Did he bully her like he did so many others? Was he as grumpy and irascible at home as he often was in the House of Commons? Given his strength and conviction, did she have any influence on him? These questions and many more will be answered in Liz Grand's superb, portrayal of Clementine Churchill. Her husband claimed that, "My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me."



**Liz Grand has toured previous one-woman shows 'The Second-Best Bed' and 'Where Is Mrs Christie?'** which have both delighted audiences. Book the new show with confidence! **Thornbury Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm. Tickets £15. Interval tea and coffee from [AAGThornbury@gmail.com](mailto:AAGThornbury@gmail.com) Tel 01454 850933**

**Oh, Come, All Ye Falfield**  
Falfield VH Management Committee  
invites you all to  
**Christmas Carols**  
around the  
**Tree**

**Falfield Village Green**  
**Sat 7th December 2024**  
**from 5.30pm**

**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!**

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Tea and cakes were served and the various stalls did a brisk trade, resulting in a profit for the afternoon of £510 towards the valuable work of St Peter's, our local Hospice.

Many kind comments were received regarding the afternoon, but at the end of the day, it is our loyal supporters who actually support us; thank you for always being there and making these occasions so very pleasurable, lots of chat and laughter, always a good sign!

Next event: Christmas coffee morning, December 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00am at Thornbury Methodist Church Hall.

We look forward to welcoming you.

*Kath Burgess, Severnside Support Group*





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1 <sup>st</sup>	Joint Service at St James' [Advent 1 – John 3:1 – 7]	Val & Brian
8 <sup>th</sup>	Advent 2 [Luke 3:1 – 6]*	Brian
15 <sup>th</sup>	Advent 3 [Luke 3:7 - 18]	Brian
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Carol Service	Brian
29 <sup>th</sup>	2024 Thanksgiving Service	Brian

\*Service will include Holy Communion

All services commence at 10:30am unless otherwise stated.

## THORNBURY Art Club

Come and give us a try

For over 60 years our

Thornbury Art Club has been a place for like-minded people who love to paint together and share experiences in a friendly atmosphere.

We invite you to come and try Thornbury Art Club, a welcoming community where individuals from diverse backgrounds come together to share their creative passions. Whether you have a long-standing interest in art or are completely new to it, you will find a place here. We hold **Studio Groups** on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Here you can enjoy your painting and crafting in the company of fellow members, learning from one another, sharing stories and experiences that you won't find on any on-line platform. Non-Members are welcome to visit during our studio hours to see what we are up to and to ask about memberships in person.

Every 4th Tuesday of the month we hold an evening **Club Night** when a variety of professional artists will visit to demonstrate their art skills and style. During the tea break we can catch up with each other, chat to the artist about materials and techniques and items for sale. Non-members are welcome at just £6 on the door, held at St Mary's Church Hall, Eastland Rd, Thornbury.

We have started a Saturday morning **Sketchers Group** where we meet outdoors for a relaxing sketching session then go on to have tea and coffee in a local cafe. We try to car share where possible.

Our club is open to everyone, regardless of artistic experience or medium. Some of our members just paint for fun, while others are successfully running their own art businesses. Come and give us a try, we're always keen to have new members. Visit [www.thornburyartclub.co.uk](http://www.thornburyartclub.co.uk), [www.facebook.com/ThornburyArtClub](https://www.facebook.com/ThornburyArtClub), email [publicrelations.tac@gmail.com](mailto:publicrelations.tac@gmail.com) or Tel.01454 414443



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*Everyone is welcome to join us in this much-loved community event in Falfield.*

If anyone would like to say a Christmas poem during the service, please message me on Facebook messenger or email me on [janer-hathway48@gmail.com](mailto:janer-hathway48@gmail.com)

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### Tortworth welcomes Breton choir

Rob Mitchell, a former pupil of Tortworth and Castle schools, recently made a triumphant return to St. Leonard's, Tortworth, from his home in Brittany where he now lives with his



wife and family. Previously Rob was a member of the choir at St Leonard's but returned as conductor of the Breton choir 'Kanerien ar Goelo'.

As part of a cultural visit, supported by their local government, the choir shared a concert with the Wotton and North Nibley Community choirs. The church was packed with singers and friends for a wonderful evening of music and fellowship.

The Breton choir went on to Caerphilly on Saturday, for a concert with a Caerphilly ladies' choir, whose conductor, Ellie Baker (née Hook), is also a previous member of Tortworth choir.

Singing songs in French and Breton the visit illustrated the close affinity of Breton and Welsh culture, through shared Celtic heritage. It was a surprise to many that Brittany's national anthem shares its tune with the Welsh anthem.

The final concert for the visitors took place in Stroud, where they were again warmly welcomed.



It is hoped that Rob will return again with the choir, meanwhile a warm invitation was extended to the choirs to visit Brittany.

Rob Mitchell with Rowan Ames, the conductor of Wotton and North Nibley Community choirs.

Ruth Dixon, Tortworth PCC

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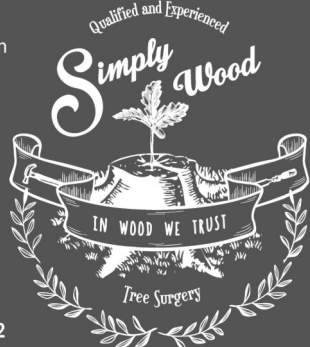
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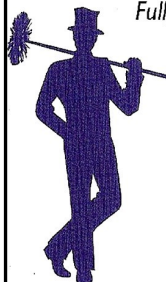
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### Romy Gill's India

Thurs 5th December at 7pm

### Romy Gill MBE

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at

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Admission by ticket only: £10 each

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**Saturday Dec 14th  
 10.30am - 12.00noon**

**Tytherington Village Shop  
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**Join us as we worship the Lord each Sunday, followed by refreshments.**

1 <sup>st</sup>	(10.30am) Nick Durston	(6.30pm) David Frampton
8 <sup>th</sup>	(10.30am) Trevor Doherty	<b>(4.00pm)</b> Simon Carey *Family service, note time
15 <sup>th</sup>	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) David Frampton
22 <sup>nd</sup>	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Simon Carey *Candlelight Carols
29 <sup>th</sup>	(10.30am) Simon Carey	No evening service

### Special Christmas Services:

**8<sup>th</sup> December:** Crafts, Mince Pies and Puppets telling the Christmas Story from 3.00pm.

**22<sup>nd</sup> December:** Carols by Candlelight at 6.30pm.

**24<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Eve Carol Service at St Andrew's Church at 11.00pm.



**Tuesday half hour of prayer on zoom:** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm, 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

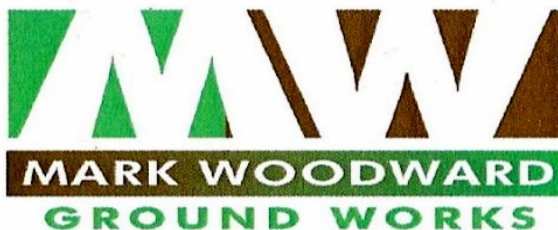
**Wednesdays at 7.30pm:** 4<sup>th</sup> December – we meet for Bible Study and Prayer in various homes in the area. 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> we meet all together in person and on zoom for Bible Study and Prayer.

**Thursday Coffee Mornings:** Come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee with homemade cake each Thursday (except 26<sup>th</sup>) from 10.00am-12noon.

**Cromhall Crafters:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. Come along and join a friendly group of ladies as we work on our own crafts and chat over a cup of tea.

**Ladies' Christmas Special:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.15pm – "Gifts" with Melanie Carey. Join us for an evening of crafts, stories and Christmas snacks. All proceeds will go to a charity in Thailand.

**Verses of the year for 2024:** *"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God."* *Philippians 1: 9-11*



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**FalFilm**  
Community Cinema Club

**Falfilm  
in December**

**THE POLAR EXPRESS.** This will be shown at 4.00pm on **SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER.**

Free entry to adults who accompany the children



No cinema experience would be the same without refreshments; and we are offering 4 flavours of ice cream and two varieties of popcorn, as well as tea, coffee and biscuits.

Keep up to date at [www.falfieldvillagehall.co.uk/purchase-tickets](http://www.falfieldvillagehall.co.uk/purchase-tickets)

**Soup & Ploughman's Lunch**



**on  
Thursday December 5th  
from 12noon  
in Rockhampton Village Hall.**

**Everyone welcome**



**Thornbury Foodbank  
Shopping list  
Christmas Shopping list**

We are not in need of any stock items due to the amazing amount of Harvest donations received – thank you to all who have supported us. This month we are asking for items to include in the extra Christmas parcels we make up for those who come for help during December. We are not asking for cakes, puddings or mince pies as these often contain alcohol which means we can't give them out, so have decided to use some of the generous financial donations received to buy alcohol-free versions instead.



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| <b>Chocolate novelties</b>                                      | <b>Savoury nibbles/ crisps</b> |
| <b>Box/tin of biscuits</b>                                      | <b>Packets of stuffing</b>     |
| <b>Box/tin of chocolates</b>                                    | <b>Gravy granules</b>          |
| <b>Tinned ham (large and small)</b>                             |                                |
| <b>Tinned salmon (large and small)</b>                          |                                |
| <b>Tins/cartons of custard</b>                                  |                                |
| <b>Small new/unused Christmas gifts for adults and children</b> |                                |

Please ensure all items are unopened and will still be in date on 25 December or later.

Donations can be placed in the basket at

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

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

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

*Happy Christmas*

**Tytherington History Group**

**Friday 13th December at 7.30pm**

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During this time when shops are very busy, you may prefer to shop locally. Remember you can order a range of bakery items, meat and dairy products to pick up at your convenience. Just pop into the shop and ask about this service.

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

The Bonus Ball fund raiser will be in full swing during December and January and the numbers went on sale at the start of November, so we hope you secured your lucky number by getting it early!

All the funds raised will support the Outreach Post Office at Tytherington, together with money raised from the raffle for our Christmas Hamper. The draw for the lucky winner of the hamper will take place in the shop at the Christmas drinks get-together on Saturday morning December 14, 10.30-12.00 so we do hope all our friends old and new will come along.





## Tytherington Village Hall Presents

### Children's Christmas Disco & Entertainment 2.30pm-5.00pm Saturday 21st December 2024

#### Snowman Trail in Tytherington Woods from Saturday 21st December - Friday 27th December

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### Olveston Young Farmers Club



On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, our club held a charity Whist Drive at Oldbury Pavilion. A few of our members helped set up the hall and serve the refreshments whilst leaving the game in the very capable hands of Mr Brian Knapp. We provided a range of sandwiches and homemade cakes as refreshments for the whist goers, along with teas and coffees.

Many of our members, advisors, friends and family donated lots of lovely whist and raffle prizes for the evening. We had bottles, chocolates, flowers, and even a breakfast hamper from Tortworth Farm Shop! Following the game, members of the club assisted Mr Knapp with the whist prize-giving, followed by the main raffle. We raised over £150, which will be split between club funds and Teenage Cancer Trust.

The club has recently had a range of enjoyable meetings: Tyndale Vets, pumpkin carving, fire-works and bonfire night, poppy pizza making, and even tomahawk throwing! We also had members competing in carcase and stock judging competitions at county to qualify for a place at the English Winter Fair. This was a very successful day, with one of our members winning the Junior Carcase Judge of the Year shield! This shield is a piece of Young Farmers' history and proudly features many past Olveston members.

In December, we have wreath making, mince pie making, and a scavenger hunt all lined up to help us get into the Christmas spirit.

Olveston Young Farmers also welcomes friends and family to join us at The Huntsman Inn (Falfield) for some drinks following our Christmas social on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December from 8pm. We also will be running our annual Christmas Tree Collection early in the new year, so please look out for more information nearer the time.

Alice Bathard, Olveston YFC Chairman 24/25



**Ride and Stride  
for the Historic  
Churches Trust**

I have tackled this for several years but this year I did not manage to complete it on the designated date. There were several reasons; among them were a planned holiday, then poor weather, punctures, and a lack of sponsors which rather undermined my enthusiasm! I did manage the 74 km route I had planned, but over two sessions. I had two lovely rides and included visits to St. Mary's at Shepperdine, St. Mary's at Hawkesbury, and St. John's at Purton, as well as a few other churches.

If you were one of the generous people who agreed to sponsor me then perhaps you're happy for the money to be donated. If you want it returned, then please get in touch.

Hopefully I'll manage 75km next year so all those people who meant to sponsor me this year, but just didn't get round to it, can do so in 2025.

*Fen Marshall*

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