

5 Villages Alive



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Changing times



Where were you on the evening of 15th January 2003? It seems that nine of us were at a meeting in the new rectory in Cromhall. Having recently returned from a thirty-three-year sojourn in Lancashire, I had decided to go along to offer my services to do 'a bit of typing' for the local newsletter, then known as CTT News.

The newsletter's origins lay in Tytherington where it had been instigated by Alice Johnson as a means to keep the parish informed of activities largely connected with the church but as the benefice was extended eventually to five parishes, Alice felt it was time for her to step back. The then rector, Pat Lyes-Wilsdon, summoned volunteers to meet and discuss the way forward.

We wanted a magazine which was for everyone – the whole community - to be able to relay local news, events, personal thanks or items of interest. We also felt that it should be edited, attractive, cost-effective and help integrate the five villages. A new name was clearly needed, along with new personnel and a new system for the finance, which should be accountable, audited and separate from church finances.

Initially most of the copy was hand-written and came in paper form. It was typed, put on a floppy disk, taken to the person who did the layout (and advertising), then handed back for proof-reading after which the disk was taken to Oldbury-on Severn for printing by the Oldbury Deckers. It's now put together by one person and sent online to the printers in Cam.

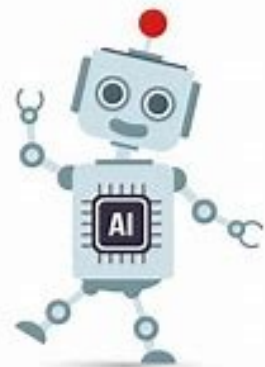
Goodness me, how times have changed over the past twenty years! (What's a floppy disk? I hear some say.) People are less reliant on a paper copy of anything. Facebook and other social media keep people informed of events in their neighbourhood and means that some local mags have either disappeared or gone completely online. And yet the spare copies left in the local shops, churches and post offices, and at Thornbury Library, are taken each month, so someone must appreciate a printed version. (What's more, according to a recent news item, it appears that bookshops are once again proving popular as some people prefer reading 'real' books to reading them online.)

Last month Fen wrote about adapting to climate change but adapting to changing technology is another challenge we have to face as more aspects of our everyday lives demand online action. For some who may have restricted access or just no interest in the internet, that makes life more difficult.

How long will it take before 'Alexa' or other smart speakers can tell us all the news or read our thoughts so that we don't need to take action ourselves?

Kay Rea

There's always
a reason to
smile find it!



Tytherington Local History Group

All meetings take place at 7.30pm in the School-room, which is located at the rear of the Baptist Church on Itchington Road. Talks last about an hour and are followed by refreshments. There is a small charge for admission: Members £2, Visitors £3 and everyone is welcome to join us for any of the talks.

Friday 10th February

Paul Barnett

(Maritime Historian) on

'Route Riviera'

Exercise Tiger WW2



Friday 10th March



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New voter ID requirement

If you are voting at a polling station on 4th May, you will now need to bring voter ID as well as your polling card. All South Gloucestershire councillors and Town and Parish councillor positions are up for election.

Make sure you don't miss out on your chance to vote.

If you have turned 18, moved house or changed your name, you can register and update your details online. You can also apply for a postal vote.

Christmas Wreaths and Churchyard Flowers



Christmas wreaths on graves are a lovely reminder of loved ones at this time of year, and you are welcome to place them.

However, this is both a reminder that these (and poppy wreaths at Remembrance-tide) are the only artificial flowers allowed in churchyards, and **a request that they be removed by Candlemas, February 2nd, (the end of Christmas) please.**

Should you be unable to remove your wreath by then, the Wardens and those who look after our churchyards will gladly do it on your behalf.



ST. ANDREW'S, CROMHALL 100 CLUB

Congratulations to Ken Moore who won the £50 Christmas draw prize and thanks to everyone who has renewed for 2023.

There are still 16 numbers spare and it is still only £10 to enter the 6 draws this year. You can renew in Cromhall Village Shop or contact me on 01454 294186.

Many thanks, *Mandy Bird*

Carols Around the Tree

Two weeks before Christmas nearly 100 Falfield residents gathered on the village green for the now traditional event.

The crowd were entertained by the Narwhal Monument Band until the Carol singing broke out in earnest! Led by Steve, Mac and Chris (Falfield's answer to the Three Degrees!!) everyone sang the traditional Carols ending with Jingle Bells at full volume - and then Father Christmas (with Isla the Elf) arrived with large sacks of presents for all the children.



A great evening was had by all and our huge thanks to Martyn Mills from Grovesend for kindly donating the tree, to Dan at The Huntsman Inn for the mulled wine and to Adrian at Falfield Convenience Stores for helping Santa with the presents! Thanks also to all those who helped in setting up and packing away.

See you there next December!

Falfield Village Hall Management Committee



Professor Ronald Hutton talks about "King Alfred the Great"

Can we still find a real person behind the image and discover how "great" he was?

St. Mary's Church Hall,

Eastbury Road, Thornbury, BS35 1DR

Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm.

Tickets: £7.50 from

AAGThornbury@gmail.com or

01454 850933.



Alveston History Society

at Alveston Methodist Church

Liz Davenport

(Closely involved with Woodchester Mansion)
on

**'A visit to the antipodes in 1852-4
&**

**its impact on a unique
Gloucestershire House'.**

Weds February 22nd at 7.30pm

Admission: £5 including coffee or tea and biscuits.

Tat3

will meet

in **Cromhall Village hall**
at 3pm

on Wednesday 15th February
for tea and a chat.

All senior citizens living in and
around Cromhall are welcome.



*For more information
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PLAY ON
HARDWICKE PLAYING
FIELDS
@ THE TOP OF
WOODLANDS ROAD**

UPCOMING FIXTURES



Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team
11/02/23 15:00	Tytherington Rocks Saturday First	Hengrove Athletic First
18/02/23 15:00	Tytherington Rocks Saturday First	Wincanton Town First
25/02/23 15:00	Tytherington Rocks Saturday First	Portishead Town First
11/03/23 15:00	Tytherington Rocks Saturday First	Oldland Abbotonians First
18/03/23 14:00	Tytherington Rocks Saturday First	Wells City First
25/03/23 15:00	Tytherington Rocks Saturday First	Bishop Sutton First
31/03/23 19:45	Tytherington Rocks Saturday First	AEK Boco



Thornbury Rotary - Swimarathon 2023

Thornbury Rotary Club is again organising the annual Swimarathon, to be held in March at Thornbury Leisure Centre.

Swimarathon 23 will take place on Friday March 3rd and Saturday March 4th. The principal beneficiaries will be South Gloucestershire Young Carers www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk/ young-carers and Paul's Place South West (www.paulsplace.org.uk), which helps enhance the lives of physically disabled adults.

This fun event is free to enter and is open to all ages, as long as swimmers can manage the length of the pool. The swimming is carried out in relay style, with a team of up to 6 people taking it in turn to swim a length. **Anyone interested in entering a team or getting more details can contact organiser Bernard Amos via email, RotarySwimarathon@icloud.com or mobile 07443 971716.**

Information about the Swimarathon and other Rotary activities is available to view via www.ThornburyRotary.org. Sponsors can make pledges and payments with swimmers' sponsorship forms or by donating directly through the JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/campaign/thornburyswim23.

Falfield WI



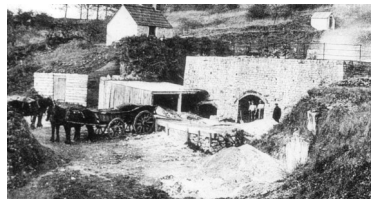
Our January meeting began with the announcement of the winners of the Flower of the Month competition. Tracey Jones presented the cup to Jenny Jones after congratulating the runners up in 2nd and 3rd place. Members were encouraged to join in this year's entries.

Volunteers were sought to present the case for and against the annual resolutions at the February meeting. This will help members decide on their choice for voting.

Details for a canal walk near Stroud and a crochet afternoon at Ann Mair's were announced before we were treated to a talk given by Emily Davis. Emily has provided papercraft models for a Channel 5 series called Pop Paper City. This is a children's programme on Saturday mornings. The talk included an episode of the programme and was followed by an opportunity to make a paper lotus flower model.

Members had also brought along fashion accessories they no longer needed and were able to swap them with others at the evening.

Cromhall History Group Exhibition at St Andrew's Church on Saturday 25th February 10.00am - 4.00pm.



Leyhill Road lime kiln

Were you one of those folks who missed out on the History Group's exhibition last year? If so, you're in luck as it will be on view again this month.



Bacon butties will be available in the morning with usual refreshments all day.

Even if you saw the exhibition first time round there's bound to be something you missed or maybe you know something the group is unaware of, so do come along.

It will be a fascinating day for all, so please join us on **25th February 2023 10am - 4pm**



THORNBURY CHORAL SOCIETY PREPARES TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION

Thornbury Choral is preparing for the next concert in the Spring.

The concert, directed by Steven Kings, will take place on **Saturday, May 13th 2023 at St Mary's Church, Thornbury 7.30pm.**

The programme will reflect the King's Coronation and will include Coronation Anthems –Handel and the Coronation Mass –Mozart.

Workshop: Sat 25th February

All day workshop to study
Poulenc's "Gloria".

Conductor: Steven Kings

Accompanist: Robin Baggs.

at Alveston Methodist Church,
Wolfridge Ride, Alveston, BS35 3RA.

Cost: £15 (includes drinks & biscuits). Lunch must be pre-booked for £10 and scores are available for hire at £2.

There will be a retiring collection for the Brain Tumour Charity.

Email workshop.thornburychoral@gmail.com or
Tel 01454 417865 for further details.

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.

Services for February

Cromhall

Sun 12th 9.30am Holy Communion led by Archdeacon Hilary. All will be very welcome.
Sun 19th 9.30am Morning Prayer
Ash Weds 22nd 7.00pm Joint Service led by Rev. Rob Axford

Falfield

Sun 5th 3.30pm Café church
Sun 12th 10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 19th 10.30am Morning Prayer
Sun 26th 10.30am Join Rockhampton

Rockhampton

Sun 26th 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev Rob Axford

Tortworth

Sun 5th 10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 19th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Tytherington

Thurs 2nd 9.30am Said Holy Communion
Sun 5th 10.30am Joint service with Baptist Church at St James.
Sun 19th 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev David Powe



Joint service for
 Ash Wednesday at
 Cromhall
 Weds 22nd February
 7.00pm

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WHY: If you lost the mental capacity to make decisions on your own, then bank accounts / savings can be frozen. And family can be left powerless to help you. So you need **Lasting Powers of Attorney to be already in place** that legally appoint those you trust to act for you.

WHEN: If you had a serious accident or perhaps a routine operation went wrong or you had a stroke or developed dementia.

WHAT: Most people need 2 LPAs, 1 for Money issues and 1 for Health issues – so they are fully covered.

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Pat Child 1929 – 2022



Pat Child passed away peacefully at Beech House, Thornbury, on 13th December 2022 aged 93 years.

Her family held a private service at Morton Chapel followed by a Thanksgiving service for her life at St Oswald's church Rockhampton, on Wednesday 11th January 2023. It was attended by many, and the family want to thank everyone for their kind words and support.

Pat was the matriarch of a strong loving family. She was a wonderful Mother, Granny and Great Granny. She was a good friend, neighbour, and long-standing resident of Rockhampton.

Patsy Edith Pearce was born on 13th June 1929, she was one of six children. The family home was Woodburn Cottage in Duckhole, where she spent her childhood and went to school in Thornbury, walking across the fields to school or occasionally riding the farm horses to the blacksmiths and picking them up on the return from school.

After leaving school at the age of 14 Pat went to work as a housekeeper the Prowse family, who were local doctors, at Wigmore House, Castle Street, Thornbury; a job she really enjoyed, and she kept in touch with the family all her life.

At weekends Pat used to love going dancing with her friend Hilda Clark at the Cossham Hall in Thornbury, and on Sundays her family would attend Morton Baptist chapel. It is here she first met John Child (Chick), when the Rockhampton boys came to the chapel meetings.

They married in June 1955 and Pat moved into Green Farm, Rockhampton, with her in-laws. Very soon the first of six children were born. To Pat her family was everything and nothing was too much trouble. She loved the village life too and was to be found at the centre of village occasions.



Green Farm was HQ for fete plans and floats. On Bonfire Night it would be Pat's kitchen where everything happened, all the food preparation, people in and out with muddy boots, also using her laundry boiler to heat the gallons of soup sold on the night, then cleaned out and back to boiling the sheets with no-one any the wiser.

Pat loved her garden and especially in later years. She and Chick would spend hours outside in the garden entering the village horticultural show every year trying to get one over on Jim Bennett but never quite succeeding! And in her later years after the death of Chick, whom she missed terribly, she was just happy sitting in the summer house looking forward to visits from all her family and friends. Not one to take it too easy, she learned to play Bridge in her mid-seventies and from this grew social engagements and friendships. It also kept her sharp brain in good working order, and that's how it remained until the end.

Sadly, due to ill health, she left her beloved Green Farm after 65 years to live with her son Robert and daughter-in-law, Liz, until moving to Beech House. The nursing home is situated in Prowse Close with its own blue plaque to the Prowse family doctors. This would provoke stories of her time as a young woman, and she could share these with staff at the home.

One of Pat's grandchildren summed up the feelings of many of Pat's family and friends: *'I'll always remember her kindness, strength and unwavering support. We'll miss her greatly.'*

We offer our sympathy to them all.

Community Swap Sheds



Something new is coming to Falfield on 28th January. In the car park of the village hall there will be three brightly painted swap sheds. One for books, one for toys, and the other for games.

If you have any of these in decent and complete condition, bring them to the village hall and we can start this new village feature with an exciting array to choose from.

When you are finished with the items then please pass them on or return to the sheds so that others may enjoy them.

Falfield Village Hall Management Committee

Thornbury Library Have You Read...?"

A book group for everyone



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you
read?

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Friday 3rd February 2pm - 3pm

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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.

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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**

Cromhall Road Safety

The Cromhall Road Safety Project is going from strength to strength as we work towards making the village a safer place to walk, ride and drive.

During December, the Community Speedwatch team carried out their first sessions to record the number of speeding drivers through the village. The information captured by the team is reported back to the Police who will contact repeat offenders.

Over two sessions, assessments carried out in 30mph areas recorded **24 speeding drivers**. And those speeding drivers were doing around **40mph - 33% over the limit**. Most of these drivers have been contacted by the Police. The percentage of speeding drivers recorded in Cromhall is around **three times higher** than the average found across the rest of the Avon and Somerset area.

We're looking for more volunteers to join the Community Speedwatch Team. So, if you have an hour a month to spare and want to help make the village a safer place, contact Hannah on cromhall.speedawareness@gmail.com or 07912323382.

The group are also looking to purchase a fixed speed camera and are sopping out a number of different options.



communityspeedwatch
VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We meet monthly at Cromhall Village Hall. Join us next time on Thursday 9th February at 7pm to find out what we've been up to and for more information on how to get involved.

Bristol Care Homes brings forward pay award to support staff with cost of living crisis



Photo Bristol Care Homes courtesy RPS

We all know that nurses and carers worked valiantly to support our communities through the Covid pandemic, but are now facing huge financial challenges from the cost of living crisis. This has led to the first nurses' strike in living memory in response to a low NHS pay offer. Many NHS nurses have recently come forward talking about how they can't save money, pay into their pensions, and even have to use food banks.

Bristol Care Homes conducted a staff survey which showed the main worries of the team to be pay and the cost of living. The company has therefore decided to bring its annual pay award due in April 2023 forward to 1 January, awarding a 14% increase in base rates of pay across all care staff roles.

'We have brought forward our inflationary rise from April to December and made it significant enough that we will remain ahead of the national minimum wage by April 2023, with the vast majority of our team members paid at or above the real living wage', says Richard Crocker, CEO of Bristol Care Homes.

Bristol Care Homes is committed to providing excellent lifetime care to residents. Two of its homes have CQC 'Outstanding' rating, whilst its resident fees remain extremely competitive and good value. This staff pay award therefore ensures that working with the company is an attractive well paid career, and will avoid staff shortages or excessive use of agency staff.

Other staff benefits included in the pay scheme are

- ◇ Up to £250 welcome bonus
- ◇ Up to £250 refer a friend bonus
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Photo Bristol Care Homes courtesy RPS



Photo: Portraits-of-care

Bristol Care Homes welcomes applicants to join its nursing and carer teams.

www.bristolcarehomes.co.uk

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Alveston Gardens Association

**Monday February 6th
English Treasure House Gardens,
with Richard Harvey
7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall**



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Work in Thornbury's Rock Street car park underway

Improvement works have started in Thornbury's Rock Street car park. During the works, from November 2022 – May 2023, the car park will be open at half capacity.

At the end of the works, in May 2023, the car park will be completely closed for two weeks for complete resurfacing before it fully re-opens.

The programme will take six months so that we can maintain 50% of the parking provision throughout construction (excluding the final two weeks).

The work is part of a £4.6 million programme of investment in Thornbury, to support a sustainable High Street that is fit for the future.

What will the new car park look like?

The new car park design reflects feedback from residents about the size of the spaces in the car park, availability of parent and child spaces and the location of the disabled parking bays.

- **Parking spaces will be bigger**
- **More parent and child bays**
- **More EV (electric vehicle) charging points including a disabled EV charging bay**
- **Disabled parking bays will be closer to the crossing into the St Mary Centre**

Where can I park in Thornbury during the works?

Thornbury has a range of free to park car parks within walking distance of the High Street.

- **St Mary Street car park – short stay**
- **Castle Court car park – long and short stay**
- **Thornbury leisure centre – long stay**
- **Rock Street car park (remains open with reduced capacity) – long and short stay**

To find out more about the work and what's happening visit: www.southglos.gov.uk/thornbury

Eddie Gadsby 1924 - 2022



Eddie Gadsby, who died in December 2022 at the age of 98, was a long-time resident of Falfield. Along with his wife, Isabel, and their three children: Andrew, Mick and Maggie, they moved to Horseshoe Farm in 1971 where they established a popular riding school and quickly became involved in village life.

Eddie was born on 19th May 1924 in Bournemouth where he liked nothing better than to be with the ponies on the beach. He also loved to be with the ponies when the circus arrived in the town; this love of horses was to have a huge effect on Eddie's future life.

At the age of eighteen he joined the RAF where his lack of height meant that he was unable to achieve his ambition to become a pilot, so trained as a navigator/wireless operator. When hostilities ended, he was posted to

No 2 Missing Persons Research and Enquiry unit in Germany.

With his military service ended, Eddie went on to study engineering at technical colleges in Bournemouth and Bristol, eventually joining BAC (later Rolls Royce) in 1950 where he later lectured in Engineering, Technical Drawing and English. It was here that he met Isabel browsing through a 'Horse and Hound' magazine during a lunch break at work, struck up a conversation with her and led to a marriage which lasted over sixty-four years until Isabel's death just over two years ago. Eddie's equine interests also figured prominently in his life as he served in various leading roles in the Avon and Border Counties Association of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society.

Having married in 1956, the couple initially lived in Redland before moving to Winterbourne where they first established a successful riding school as well as becoming involved with the local church where Eddie became a licensed lay-reader.

The move to Horseshoe Farm at Brinkmarsh and success of the new riding school there enabled Eddie to retire from his lecturing job in 1983 and led to a new direction in his life as he became involved in the fight against plans to build a new development of 1,500 houses in Falfield, which would effectively mean a new village.

In 1985 Eddie became chairman of the Falfield Action Group which successfully fought off the threat and it was this that really sparked his interest in politics. He became a Parish Councillor in 1987, serving until 2004 and as chair from 1989 - 2000. He was also a Northavon District Councillor for the Charfield ward for a time and became a governor at Charfield School.

Ten years after taking up his rôle with FAG, Eddie became the first chair of the newly formed South Glos Council in 1995. Amongst his other achievements he founded the Vale Link Community transport scheme in 1997, becoming chair of that organisation in 1998. Ultimately it merged with the Four Towns and is still serving the local community.

As a committed member of the South Glos Lib Dems, he became chair and later its president. He was made an honorary alderman of South Glos in 2003and an honorary citizen of Alabama during a church trip to the US in 1990.

Following his years as a chorister in Bournemouth, Eddie maintained his interest in music and was very active on the choral music scene in Thornbury, most notably with Cadence. Eddie's faith was particularly important to him, and he was a regular worshipper at St George's, Falfield, where his organ-playing skills were well-known. He was a member of the PCC and lay-reader as well as a churchwarden. In recognition of his services to the Church and community, he was a recipient of the Royal Maundy money in 2003.

His faith both served and strengthened Eddie for all that he was able to do for others, but the time came for others to care for him; the family did their best but for Eddie life without Isabel was a struggle.

We offer the family our condolences in their loss.



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19 th	"The Ram & The Goat" [Daniel 8:15 - 27]	Brian
26 th	"Clean & Unclean" [Mark 7:1 – 23]	Brian

§ Service includes Holy Communion

Tortworth Church Services

We want to add more regular services at Tortworth. We'll continue with **Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month** (nearly always; there are exceptions!) but on the third Sunday we will have another event at 10.30am; not always a service.

Sun Feb 5th 10.30am Holy Communion

Sun Feb 19th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sun Mar 5th 10.30am Holy Communion

Sun Mar 19th 10.30am Mothering Sunday -

Churchyard wander to look at Spring flowers etc

Sun April 2nd

10.30am Palm Sunday Holy Communion

Sun April 9th

10.30am Easter Day Holy Communion

We'll review progress and have other ideas. We'd welcome suggestions.

Rockhampton Parish Council

The next meeting of Rockhampton Parish Council will be on Monday 27th February in Rockhampton Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

Exciting News

Award winning author Rachel Joyce will be at Thornbury Library on March 18th Rachel Joyce is a British writer.

She has written plays for BBC Radio 4, and jointly won the 2007 Tinniswood Award for her radio play To Be a Pilgrim. Her debut novel was The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry.



More info to come in March Newsletter.

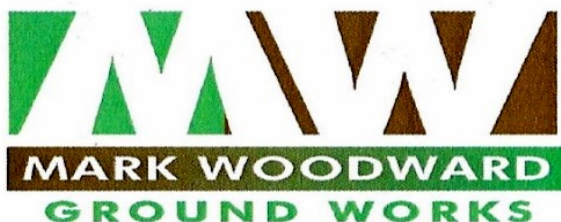


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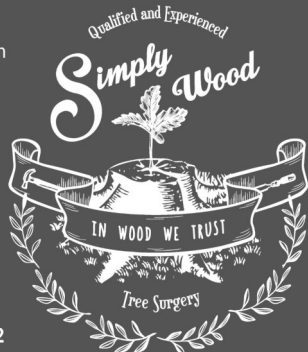
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- *The Thornbury Swing Band with solo vocalist Shairon Lloyd.*
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- *The Mood Indigo Trio – vocalist Will Grealish with piano and bass – dipping into the Great American Songbook.*
- *Top of the bill are acclaimed New Orleans veterans of the Bristol jazz scene, Cass Caswell and the six-piece Storyville Strutters.*



Ample parking at Marlwood, Vattlingstone Lane, Alveston, BS35 3LA Hawkes House pizza van will be on hand with a range of hot food.

Tickets: £25. Early booking is strongly recommended, by emailing AAGThornbury@gmail.com or on 01454 850933

CHILLI & QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Saturday 11th March 2023

Cromhall Village Hall

(Doors open 7pm)

Tickets only £12.50

We are hosting a fun quiz night, raising funds for an Expedition to Borneo in 2023.

Tickets includes chilli con carne and nibbles. Bar & raffle on the night.

We are travelling with Global Action, Charity No. 1026148

All proceeds from the night will go towards our expedition in the summer of 2023, where we'll be volunteering in the local community to support reforestation, animal rehabilitation programmes and helping in local schools.

We are self-funding our trip, please come and join us.

Thanks in advance for your support, Hazel & Luke

Tickets available from:

hazelsrowlands@gmail.com or lukendaniel@gmail.com

07496 201676 (Hazel) or 07484 749362 (Luke)

Team size 2-8

Pre-booking on or before Wednesday 8th March would be appreciated, please advise of any dietary requirements at time of booking, additional tickets may be available on the night.

We Grew Up in Falfield

Some years ago, Mrs Ann Riddiford, who had grown up in the village, wrote a book entitled 'We Grew Up in Falfield'. The book was sold to raise funds which were urgently needed for St George's Church. The book is now out of print but many have expressed an interest in it and perhaps a few extracts will be of interest, especially to those who have recently come to live in the area.

Setting the Scene (1)

Falfield parish is long and narrow in shape, and centred around the arterial road, the A38 which in its entirety connects Leeds to Exeter. The length of the parish is three to four miles and the width varies between one mile and two miles.

Falfield, which gives its name to the parish, contains all the components required to form a village: a parish church, a village pub and a village shop. In addition, there was once a village school complete with a head-teacher's house and a village smithy adjoining the village pound. In fact there were two or three inns in the central village at some time.*

There were two turnpike gates with gate-keepers' cottages:

- A cottage which stood on the corner of Moorslade Lane opposite The Haven was owned by the Gloucester to Stone Turnpike Trust.
- A gate-keeper's house which stood on the corner of the old Tortworth Road junction (now Mill Lane), where 'The Downs' and 'The Villa' now stand, was owned by the Bristol to Chip-ping Sodbury Turnpike Trust.

This would indicate that Falfield (central) was a busy and thriving community.

There was a baker's shop where bread was baked daily in the old Falfield Garage, now the site of several houses on the south side of the Huntsman. The remains of the old bread oven could apparently still be seen in the old garage workshop. The attached general store sold other requirements too, mainly food. There was a village pond, - 'The Horse pool,' - near the Moorslade Lane junction, practically opposite the Tortworth Road junction. The A38 went into a 'dippy' at this point. The pond had a 'pull-in' for horses and vehicles with a very low wall to stop people falling in. (Currently this is on the site where the footpath leads from Falfield Grange out to the traffic lights on the A38.)

One would imagine that a wheelwright's business must have existed somewhere in this part of the village, but there appears to be no evidence of this so far. Possibly such a business could have existed on the present village hall site, as it has been said that a number of horse-shoes found in that location indicate a forge. A wheelwright's business was possibly incorporated with it. It would seem an ideal situation for carrying on such a trade.



This photograph, looking north, shows the junction of the A38 and Sundayhill Lane with the original Malvern House at the top of Mill Lane and the village school (now the village hall) opposite.

The village mill has always existed on, or around, the present site in Mill Lane and dates back to at least medieval times.

No doubt many other features and businesses have also existed that we have yet to discover. They will perhaps be revealed in old title deeds or other documents. Again, some sites have long since disappeared, and we shall probably never know of their existence.

Spidering out from the main Falfield village to the north is:

- The Holloway (on the Stone boundary)
- Falfield Green
- Heneage Lane (formerly Silver Street)
- Moorslade Lane (running through to Lower Stone)

**See next page*



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6.30pm Simon Carey

6.30pm David Frampton

6.30pm Patrick Prosser

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 1st and 15th we meet in various homes in the area; 8th and 22nd we meet on zoom (for the winter months)

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom): 7th and 21st at 7.00pm; 14th and 28th at 9.30 am

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 14th 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 2nd and 23rd, 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.

Games Night: Friday 24th at 7.00pm. All welcome!

Ladies' Breakfast: Saturday 4th February at 9.15am. Delicious breakfast followed by a talk by Sue Bedford, "In the footsteps of a hobbit". All welcome. Phone Sue 01454 269178 for details

Verse of the year for 2023:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:16 and 17

Everyone welcome.

Setting the Scene continued

* In the eighteenth century there was a building referred to as 'The Falfield Inn' for which a new thatched roof was being ordered. This fact is recorded in the Thornbury records, as then Falfield was part of Thornbury parish, which it continued to be until 1863.

There was a pub called 'The Black Lion' standing opposite the present parish church. This was pulled down in the late nineteenth century. The last landlord to be there was a Mr Taylor, a relative of the Phillips family (Ron Phillips, Rose Baker and so on). He went to set up a pub in Cromhall following his landlordship of Falfield's 'Black Lion'. However, there appears to also have been a 'Red Lion Inn' according to an item in Nicholas Herbert's book 'Road Travel and Transport in Gloucestershire' (Alan Sutton, Glos. County Library Series 1985). In an extract from the Gloucester Journal dated 1763 it says:

To be let at Lady Day next, The Inn, called The Red Lion, mostly new-built, situate at Falfield, in the Parish of Thornbury, in the County of Gloucester, and adjoining to the Turnpike road leading from Bristol to Gloucester

Might this have been the forerunner of The Huntsman's House Inn? - Certainly there was stabling there, a feature only very recently removed to provide extra accommodation for guests.

In addition, there may have existed a public house at 'The Nook'

Falfield Parish Council

The January meeting was held on Tuesday 17th January with all five Parish Councillors and our Charfield Ward Councillor in attendance along with four parishioners.

During Public Participation, a resident from the Falfield Grange development spoke of the issues and concerns that the residents of the Grange have in regard to the general condition of the Open Spaces area and that he believed a number of conditions of the planning application have not been met. He advised that discussions were continuing with both the Developers and the appointed Management Company to resolve these issues and would keep the Parish Council informed of the ongoing situation.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee gave an update on the refurbishment programme for the hall from the grant awarded by the Parish Council in March 2022. In his report, he confirmed that work would start soon on the refurbishment of the hall which would include a complete electrical rewiring; upgrading of the toilets; the addition of a disabled toilet and the opening up of the doorway from the lobby into the main hall to allow access for wheelchair users.

Under planning. Councillors discussed the application for erection of two secure blocks at HMP Eastwood Park. Councillors noted that a total of eight comments had been submitted by members of the public, all of which objected to this application. After further discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to object to the planning application on the grounds that:

- key information was not visible to the Parish Council or consultees, so questioned whether it was a valid public consultation process;
- Church Avenue, being an unadopted road, would be unable to take any additional traffic that this development would bring;
- there was insufficient additional parking proposed and no information on how foul and surface water would be handled;
- also, through its liaison with the prison consultants, that a further planning application was pending for the erection of three-house blocks in an open setting and therefore would urge the Case Officer to wait before making any decision on this application until the full extent of this additional development was known.

In other business Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III and would look into the purchase of a commemorative bench.

The **next meeting** of the Parish Council is expected to take place on **Tuesday 21st February**. Currently indications are that the hall will not be available as it will be closed for refurbishment and therefore if this were the case the meeting would take place at HMP Eastwood Park Training Centre on Monday 20th. Final details for the date of the meeting will be available on the meeting agenda and published on the Parish Notice Board and Parish Council website during the week leading up to the meeting.

J. Carpenter, Clerk & RFO – Falfield Parish Council; parish.clerk@falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk
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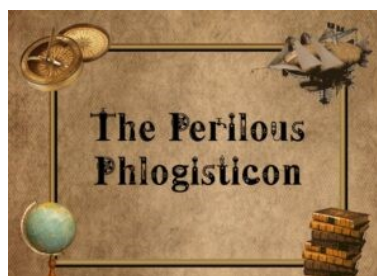
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