

5 Villages Alive



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The Church of England and the Parish Church

I'm writing just a few days after Justin Welby laid down his pastoral staff as Archbishop of Canterbury, he's now left Lambeth Palace and Canterbury Cathedral for the last time. It's a week in which we've been reminded so frequently of the abuse of young women and girls, of the abuse of young men and boys and of grooming gangs. It has covered every aspect of society and has left many people hurt with many who have suffered now feeling shame and guilt. In the midst of it the church has failed to respond appropriately to those who have suffered at the hands of church leaders and others.



I must say how profoundly sorry I am, and the clergy I know are, are for the hurt that so many have suffered and for the way in which the church has failed to listen to you and to support you. How the abuse has been worsened by the cover-up, inaction, irresponsibility, indifference and inhumanity of many in the church, we are so sorry.

I am pleased that the church is now taking this seriously and working for change, to have independent oversight of safeguarding with church leaders and all in authority being held to account and treated equally. Importantly those who have been harmed in any way will now be taken seriously so that healing may begin.

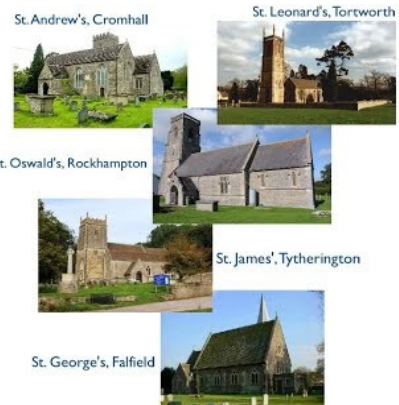
Alongside the issues the national church has had to face, the church in the villages continues to seek to serve the community and to offer regular worship to God, to be here for you. Over the Christmas period I was delighted to share worship with you in three of the village churches.

As a retired vicar I'm pleased to help in these 5 parishes not only with the Sunday services but with weddings, baptisms and funerals. Having spent much of my active ministry in rural parishes, not dissimilar to those served by 5 Alive, I recognise the importance of village communities and for the church to play a vital part in the life of the community. I once heard of the local church being described as an "enigmatic presence," of having an unrecognised position in society but making a huge difference to the life of the place; nobody being quite sure why but recognising the importance of church. The church is, I believe, an outward sign of God's continuing presence in the community.

Whilst I have to agree that there are issues with the Church of England and its structures of safeguarding and accountability, I do believe that the church in the parishes and villages is still alive and doing good work in support of the community, we are here for you. If you would like to contact us you will find details of the church services and the churchwardens on the Church Service page of 5 Alive.

We are pleased to be a continuing presence in the community.

Rob Axford



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- www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk

Tytherington Baptist Church

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The Shop will cease trading on 28th February 2025.

Until that date, while long life and slow selling items will not be replaced, regular deliveries of papers, milk, bread, meat and popular groceries will continue.

The closure of the shop means that the Post Office will also have to close. However, it is hoped that Tytherington Post Office will continue to operate. **See page 18 for further information on this subject.**



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10:30 - 11:30 on Saturday 8th March**

Members and Non-members are welcome. Some u3a groups will be represented and will be happy to answer questions. There will also be refreshments. Please do come along to meet other people and have a coffee and chat.

NB - For Members with NO email address - The Autumn newsletter will be available for collection.

Tytherington History Group

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7.30pm**

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on **Wed 12th February**
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Ann & helpers

If you would like to be picked up, please let me know and I will arrange it. For more information contact Ann on 01454 294200



Alveston History Association
Weds 26th Feb 2025

Professor Ronald Hutton will talk about
'King Charles 1st'

Alveston Methodist Church at 7.30pm
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Wine and Cheese Tasting
Rockhampton Village Hall

Saturday 8th March
at 7.30pm

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If you regularly enjoy reading 5 Alive but do not live in one of our 5 villages, perhaps you would like to consider making a contribution to our printing costs.

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Thursday 6th March at 7:30pm
Friday 7th March at 7:30pm
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work, ask questions and get some tips.

**Members free. Visitors are always very wel-
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7.15 for 7.30pm. Free parking on-site.

Venue: St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd,
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Rhymetime 9.30-10 (Monday and Friday)
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A Film Club for Tytherington

Why? We all like story telling. This is a chance to see films you want to see, in a warm friendly atmosphere, without the travel and expense of commercial cinema, with refreshments and on the spot parking. Any funds raised will help to support the Village Hall, the Shop and the Post Office.

For whom? Anyone over 16 who pays the membership fee

What would it cost? We are thinking about £30 a year for about 10 films

Where? Tytherington Village Hall

When? Friday evenings but not clashing with History Group!

What kind of films? Could be popular classics, new releases, films from around the world, award winners, documentaries, animations, members' requests (*within reason!*) The Hall has an up to date surround sound AV system and licences to stream and play broadcast content so this extends what we can make available to watch.



Latest News

- We circulated some information about this last month, see above.
- We now have a list of possible films that could be shown and a membership form if you would like to join.
- We also have a list of dates about once a month, the first being on Friday evening 21st March. We know that you will only want to come to some of the films but we feel the price of membership at £30 per year allows for this.
- You can collect further information from the village shop whenever convenient, or you can email to request it at tvsa@btconnect.com

Falfield Village Hall Management Committee



Wine Tasting Evening with Supper Australian Wines

Falfield Village Hall

Saturday 8th February 2025
starting at 7.30pm



Ticket only event

£20 per person includes

8 varieties of wine and a light supper

Tickets available online <https://www.falfieldvillagehall.co.uk/regular-events>

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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. Whilst they may not be available instantly, 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 or Tel. **01453 709859**

Cromhall NB Services at Cromhall are now on 2nd & 4th Sundays

Sun 9th	9.30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Bob Callaghan)
Sun 23rd	9.30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Gardner)

Falfield

Sun 9th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 16th	10.30am	Morning Prayer

Rockhampton

Sun 23rd	10.30am	Holy Communion
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Tortworth

Sun 2nd	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 16th	10.30am	Stained glass and history; another chance to see Church pieces not usually on view (with a coffee.)
Sun 2nd Mar	10.30am	Holy Communion

Tytherington

Sun 2nd	10.30am	Joint service at St James' including signing of the Annual Covenant
Thurs 6th	9.30am	Said Communion
Sun 16th	10.30am	Holy Communion

Olveston YFC



As we enter Olveston Young Farmers' 90th year as a club, we have certainly had our hands full! At the start of the year, we arranged a Christmas Tree collection around the local areas, including Thornbury, Falfield, Berkeley, Alveston, Olveston, Almondsbury, Pilning, Tytherington and more! We had 5 trailers out collecting the trees over the weekend thanks to some of our members and advisory giving up their time and fuel to help. We managed to collect over 130 from these areas and raise over £900! This money will be split between club funds and

Gloucestershire Farming Friends, which is a charity offering mental health support to farmers and rural people within Gloucestershire. Fundraising is an important part of being a young farmer as all events we hold allow us to give back to the club, or other local charities to help make a difference.

At the end of the month, we held our annual charity tractor run. This is a highly-anticipated event with members from other clubs, as well as other farmers, bringing their tractor out for a ride and having a social catch up. The tractors met at Actrees Farm (Berkeley) before heading through Berkeley High Street, through Hill and Rockhampton, then through Thornbury and Alveston before finishing the run at Chandlers in Elberton for a BBQ. Here we also had a Dynamometer, which can test the horsepower of a tractor. This had a huge interest from our drivers as they all tested their tractors, which also raised more money for our charities.

At the end of February, we are holding our 90th Anniversary dinner and dance. This is one of the biggest and most glamorous events we have held as a club, as 90 years is a huge achievement. We will also be holding a raffle at this event with prizes kindly donated by many local businesses. All are welcome to buy raffle tickets, and if any local businesses would still like to kindly donate any prize, then please do get in touch. We would be extremely grateful. Alice – 07873 341222

Introducing the AUREUS TRIO



Gifted pianist, Khrystyna Mykhailichenko, forms a trio with violinist Eleanor Holmes and cellist Cameron Walls.

Khrystyna, from Ukraine, stunned the audience with her solo performance in the URC last year. She began to play the piano when she was four, winning international competitions six years later. At the outbreak of war in February 2022, she fled to Poland with her mother and sister, eventually settling in the North East of the UK.

Eleanor has a scholarship to study **violin** with Remus Azoitei, international soloist and Professor of violin at the Royal Academy of Music in London. She has been a co-leader in the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain and the leader of the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra.

Cameron, also studying at the Royal Academy of Music, was principal **cellist** of the Young Sinfonia at Sage Gateshead and was a member of the National Youth Orchestra in 2022, all leading to BBC performances including The Proms.

Their programme;

Beethoven – Piano Trio no. 1 op.1 in E flat major.

Liszt/Saint Saens – Orpheus

Interval

Mendelssohn – Piano trio no. 1 op.49 in D minor

Saturday 15th February 7.30 at The United Reformed Church, Chapel Street, Thornbury, BS35 2BA.

Tickets £20 from [AAGThorn-](mailto:AAGThornbury@gmail.com)

[bury@gmail.com](mailto:AAGThornbury@gmail.com) or 01454 850933



Proceeds for **Bristol Aid to Ukraine**

Saturday 1st March 2025

Choral Workshop



Under the leadership of our conductor, Steven Kings. We shall be singing Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms" and Brahms's "Song of Destiny".

NB The event will be held at Alveston Methodist Church, BS35 3RA.

Cost: £20 (drinks included) and lunch may be pre-ordered at a cost of £12.

A group of members from a Finnish Choir, Kamarikuoro Piccante will be joining us for this occasion and we are sure they will receive a warm welcome.

Further information and booking forms are available from www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk

Fostering – make a real difference to a young life

Are you feeling inspired to contribute more to your local community? One way you could make a life-changing difference is to become a foster carer.

South Gloucestershire Council is looking to increase the number of foster carers in this area, so that children and young people coming into care can stay in their local communities, close to friends and family.



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Every application to foster is considered on an individual basis and you can be a foster carer regardless of your marital status, sexuality, employment status, ethnicity, or religion.

There is no upper age limit, but you do need to have a spare bedroom for a child or young person to use.

Are you ready to make a difference to a young life? Want to know more? Visit foster-southglos.org.uk, call **01454 866423** or, email foster@southglos.gov.uk.

Sunday 16th February

Thornbury Chamber Players

(a group of local musicians led by Chris Hill)



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Carriages 12:30am	Alice: 07873 341222
Black Tie	Jess: 07908 997762

Thornbury Golf Centre,
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Tytherington & Itchington Parish Council

The Council wishes all residents a very happy new year.

Exciting times are ahead as the Trustees of The Tytherington Recreation Ground also known as The Hardwicke Field, are considering replacing the old sports pavilion with a new one, using grant funding and CIL funds. The current pavilion is nearing the end of its life and a decision needs to be made about its future. Funds are also available to upgrade the play area on the Tytherington Recreation Ground by installing more play equipment. Residents may remember that there used to be several items of play equipment located near the pavilion with only the swings surviving now.

A consultation is due to be released soon that we encourage all residents to participate in, there are questions about the pavilion, use of the field and options presented around possible new play or exercise equipment residents would like to see on the Tytherington Recreation Ground. There is also a Business Plan on the web site in respect of the pavilion.

Consultations will be available to all residents on the web site www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk on the Parish Council face book page, Tytherington & Itchington Parish Council, in the Village Shop or by post apply to clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk. You can also access the Consultation on the newsletter by capturing the QR code. The newsletter will be available from the Village Shop from the beginning of February. There will also be an open morning in the pavilion on Hardwicke Field on Saturday 22nd February between 9 am and 12 noon where you can have a tour of the pavilion and have the opportunity to talk to the Trustees.

Two diseased ash trees will be taken down in the Jubilee Field before the end of February and if residents would like to email in with any preference in respect of replacement trees they will be considered by the Parish Council. These trees are owned by Heidelberg Materials who are organising this work.

There are still three vacancies on the Parish Council and if any resident would like to join the Parish Council to lighten the load then please get in touch with the clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk

The architectural tree stumps will be installed and a time capsule buried in land on the Walnut Fields development as soon as the architect has a free date. The date will be available to residents as soon as the PC are advised. Thank you to all those residents involved in gathering information for the time capsules.

Cllr Gordon is starting a Neighbourhood Plan, it is hoped this will help influence future developments in the village to ensure we really do get the best we can for our growing community. This is a big task and will require many volunteers with different disciplines, if you are interested in getting involved, please let the clerk know on, clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk

The PC are pleased to announce Grants from the Solar Farm Community Grant were made to the following:

*Tytherington History Group £175 Mosaic Leaflets

*Great Western Ambulance Service £2,000

*Christ the King Primary School Wildflowers, Plants for Pond and Vegetable Troughs £1,300

*Thornbury Radio £300 Licence

*M&M Committee Chairs £3,521.00

*Luncheon Club £800 towards a dishwasher to be installed in the Village Hall kitchen.

*5th Thornbury Guides £1000 towards 2 sheds for use by the Brownies and Guides

*£435 towards a children's Xmas Party arranged by the Village Hall committee from the £755 given to them by the Baptist Church to spend on youngsters of the Parish.

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The Pajama Game by The Parish Players

Weds 19th - Sat 22nd February 2025

7.30pm Olveston and Tockington Parish Hall BS32 4LQ

Box office 01454 202011 opens 11th Jan

Tickets: £12 Adults £8 Children £14 Premium seats

Thornbury & District u3a New Members' Welcome Meeting

Monday 17th March from 3.30 - 4:30pm

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

This meeting is to welcome new and prospective members of Thornbury u3a. Following a short talk about Thornbury u3a, tea and coffee will be available and some of the interest groups will illustrate their activities.

If you have just joined do come along. Please also encourage anyone who is thinking of joining us to come along to find out more.

For more information visit our website <https://thornbury.u3asite.uk/> or contact the membership secretary: membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk

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St James' 100+ Club Christmas draw 2024

- 1st = No 142 J Aellen,
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- Joint 3rd = No 191 R Keen,
- No 153 F Huxtable, No 107 F Christiansen.



LEGO CLUB at Thornbury Library

Listen to a story or some poems, then create your own LEGO masterpieces and display them in the library for your family and friends to see.

FREE Every Saturday 9.30am

Computer Support 1-1 at Thornbury Library

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



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OCTOPUS DRAMA GROUP SEEKS ACTORS FOR THEIR JUNE PRODUCTION



Thornbury's award-winning Octopus Drama Group, currently in its 54th year, will be holding read throughs early in March for their next play which is the comedy 'The Village Hall' by Ashley Burgoyne,

to be directed by Sue Smith.

This is a well observed and character driven play with good pace and full of humour, written for 4 males and 5 females from late teens/twenties through to seventies.

The play will be performed 11 - 14 June 2025 at the lovely 15th century Christ the King Church Hall in Castle Street, Thornbury, and rehearsals will start mid-March.

Octopus Drama Group is a fun-loving, hard-working and sociable drama group which welcomes new members, either on or off stage. We need actors, but just as importantly we need scenery painters, costume makers, lighting and sound engineers, props people, back-stage crew and assistance with publicity. If you are not one to tread the boards or help with stage craft, but would like to help in other ways, we also need front-of-house staff, or people to serve behind the bar.

If anyone is considering joining Octopus Drama Group and would like to attend a read through for the play, please contact Karen for more details on 01454 413783.



Falfield WI January Party

This year we held a party in January which included a welcome drink before a delicious buffet supper. Members with birthdays were celebrated and a few dates given out for this January's events.

We were also given advance warning to buy a pot noodle for the March meeting when The Blood Angels Street Team is coming to talk to us. Other items such as chocolate bars, crisps, socks for ladies and men, wet wipes and deodorants can be brought along.

We were entertained with quizzes and games which made for some creative thinking. Our thanks to the committee members who worked so hard to organise the evening.

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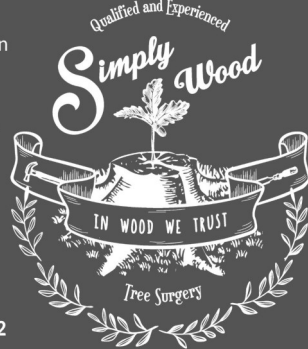
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23 rd (10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) David Frampton

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Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 5th and 19th – we meet for Bible Study and Prayer in various homes in the area. 12th and 26th we meet all together on zoom for Bible Study and Prayer.

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Tortworth Bells - a date for your diary

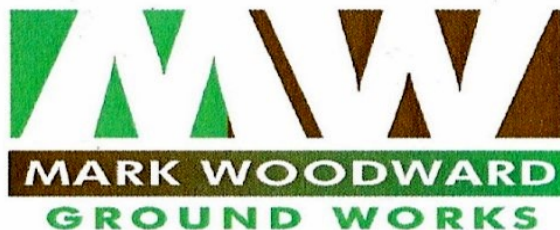


We no longer have a band of ringers in Tortworth. Would you like to learn? If you're between 12 and 70 and can climb a spiral staircase, then maybe you could have a go. **On Sunday 16th March from 2.30 until 4 p.m. come and see what it's all about.** You don't have to be musical or religious. It's more about exercise and wanting to learn a new skill. It's a cheap way of getting a bit of activity, meeting a few local people, and making a lot of noise! Even if you don't want to learn, but would like to find out more about this ancient art, you'd be very welcome.

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Jean Mary Brock (née Pitt)

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With the death of Jean Brock, Tytherington has lost another of its stalwarts who contributed much to village life. Born and raised at The Huts in Tytherington, she was one of six siblings. After attending school in the village, she left at the age of fourteen to start her working life in the office at George Taylor (Radio & TV) in Stone. This meant a journey of some five miles each way, which she made on her bicycle, whatever the weather. Later, Jean went to work at Rolls Royce in the Pay-roll Department and eventually put those skills to work in the family business – Brock's Transport.

Like many of those growing up in small villages at that time, Jean's formative years were centred around the parish church where she was baptised, confirmed and later married. She was also a member of the choir and became a Sunday School teacher. During this time Jean was part of a group which, along with the vicar, Mr E Waddleton, presented a purse of money to the late Queen Elizabeth at the Royal Albert Hall. Much later in life, Jean was herself chosen to be 'Queen of the Village' for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee – something she was very honoured to do!

As was the case for couples of that era, local dances provided the venue where many romances blossomed and it was at Rangeworthy Village Hall that Jean met Cyril, the love of her life. Their marriage, which began in 1955, lasted for 62 years and produced three children.



Alongside Cyril, Jean was noted for her loyal support of the Royal British Legion, a commitment which was recognised when, after 45 years of annual poppy-selling, she was presented with a medal.

Beyond the village activities, Jean took a keen interest in football was an avid Liverpool supporter. Other interests included the Tytherington Gymkhana and WI, of which she was president for 3 years. Alongside Cyril, The Friendship Club offered another opportunity for Jean's organisational skills to be put into effect as she arranged transport to make sure that everyone was able to attend. Hosting an afternoon tea for the club each summer was another activity which gave her pleasure.

Jean was essentially a 'people person', never happier than when entertaining people at her home or joining others in some social activity. Her out-going and friendly demeanour made her much-loved by many and she will be sorely missed. We offer our condolences to her family.

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Although Christmas might seem to have been so long ago, and we are now well into 2025, the folk at St George's Church were delighted that the donations at the 'Carols around the Tree' on December 7th,

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These really lovely community events, 'The Carols around the Tree' and the 'Christingle Service' happen annually in the lead up to Christmas Day. These events are enjoyed by so many, and it was good to know that the combined donations of £185.30 from these events have been sent to 'The Children's Society'.



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Joining forms, which have been available in previous editions of 5 Alive since November, can be left in Cromhall Community Shop until 28th February, when the shop will sadly close. If you would like to set up a Standing Order for 100 Club and support the church in future, I will leave forms in the Village Shop.

Mandy Bird

Tytherington Post Office

The Future



In view of the impending closure of Cromhall shop and Post Office, Philip has been in discussions with the management of Post Office Ltd about the future of Tytherington. This is because Tytherington is an Outreach branch of Cromhall PO.

The initial discussions with the regional management were encouraging and it looked as if Philip's proposal that Tytherington should be made the Core Branch in place of Cromhall would be acceptable.

Since then however, this suggestion has been turned down flat by the top management. Their statement was simply if the Core Branch closes the Outreach does too.

If you want to keep a Post Office in Tytherington, we need your help to:

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- Sign a petition that Philip will put into the shop
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In the meantime, those most closely involved will be trying to find another Core Post Office to 'take us on' as an Outreach. Apparently we can continue as an Outreach if we can reach an arrangement with another Core branch – not our preferred option but better than losing the PO altogether, but not an easy task.

Daphne – on behalf of Tytherington Shop

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