

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.



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#### The invitation made it sound so idyllic and, well, normal ...

"After your sojourn in remote locations and frolicking on beaches, might you and Alfie be inspired to write a little something for 5 Alive?"



Alfie on the beach in Northumberland

Alfie and I HAD managed to get away for 2 weeks at the end of October. The Yorkshire Moors followed by Northumberland. Lovely – but the weeks before had been fraught with worry and indecision. These were not normal times: lockdown 2 was waiting in the wings, the virus was rife in the north of England and Northumberland was in tier 3. What was I thinking, leaving the relative safety of tier 1? Eating out in restaurants certainly held no appeal, so what sort of holiday would it be, and was it worth the effort of getting ourselves there for ... what? I need not have worried. Alfie and I had a wonderful

fortnight and I was so pleased we went. The car was duly packed full of our requirements and we spent our time walking and reading. Well, to be exact, I did the reading, Alfie snoozed – he`s my collie dog and has yet to get to grips with that trick.

Who would have thought this time last year that 2020 would throw so many changes and uncertainties into our lives, not just here in the UK but right across the world? But despite all that we worried about throughout the year, here we are, ready to step forward into 2021. New worries now start to form in our minds: What will the new year bring? Will the vaccines work? Will they be safe? Will jobs and the economy survive? Will life ever return to normal? Will Alfie get to grips with reading? So many questions, so much to trouble us still.

In Matthew`s gospel, Jesus urges us "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." He gently reminds us that even with all the dangers and uncertainties we still face, we can still enjoy living each day if we take each day as it comes and look for the positives rather than dwelling on the negatives.

My hope for each of us all as we go into the new year will be:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; Courage to change the things I can; Wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment in time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace ... As it is, not as I would have it.

CER. (and Alfie, of course!)



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#### Remember this?

#### Last chance to have your say on Thornbury High Street

A public consultation on the Experimental Traffic Order, introduced in June by South Gloucestershire Council, is open until 31st January 2021

Anyone can make comments, submit support,

objections or suggestions. The Council will consider all submissions during the trial period before deciding on whether to make the changes permanent.

Comments must be sent in writing and should preferably be submitted using the online questionnaire which will be available on the consultation page until the closing date, although email and letter responses will also be accepted.

For full information about the Traffic Order and how to have your say, go to: https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk and look for 'Thornbury – High Street Experimental Traffic Order' in the list of current consultations. From here the consultation document can be downloaded and there is a link to the online survey.

South Gloucestershire Council, Corporate Consultation Team, Council Office, Badminton Road, Yate, Bristol, BS37 5AF.

The Chamber of Commerce states that it believes everyone living in Thornbury or the surrounding villages should be able to have their views heard.

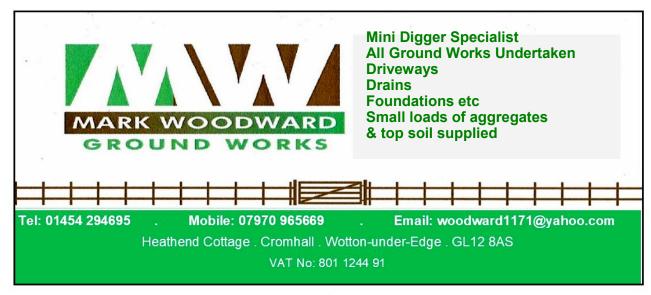
Please take the time to complete the survey on the South Glos website:

https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/.../P.../consultationHome

The Chamber of Commerce has also arranged for paper versions along with the consultation document to be available in News 4 U and High Street shops.

Whether you agree or not, it is important to have your say.







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

#### January services ( as planned at this time)

Jan 3rd Tortworth HC 10:30am Sunday Half hour - 6:30pm Zoom

Jan 10th Falfield HC and Cromhall HC 10:30am Sunday Half-hour 6:30pm Zoom

Jan 17th Tytherington HC 10:30am Sunday Half-hour 6:30pm Zoom

Jan 24th Rockhampton HC 10:30am Sunday Half-hour 6:30pm Zoom

Jan 31st Cromhall HC 10:30am!!

**Thursdays** Compline at 7pm each week by Zoom.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

It is very difficult to know exactly what we might be able to offer safely in January. Social distancing/masks etc will still be necessary.





Please do email: office @croftt.org.uk or phone Jan on 01453-845324 to say if you would like to come to a Sunday service - and please be aware that we may have to change things according to the advice we are given as the current situation evolves.

If you would like to join in any of the Zoom services, do let Rev Sue know:

revsue@croftt.org.uk

BENEFICE PHONE: 01454 260096 E-MAIL ADDRESS: office@croftt.org.uk

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No 54 Sue Bryant £50

#### Feb 2020

No. 61 Muriel Ealey £30; No. 25 Cate Bryant £20; No .48 Judith Drew £10

#### Easter 2020

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#### May 2020

No. 2 Ken Parker £30; No.71 Kay Rea £20; No.53 Linda Clothier £10

#### Aug 2020

No.52 Charlie Youngs £30; No.74 Phil Schulkins £20; No.75 Grace Gamble £10

#### Nov 2020

No.56 Debbie Rose £30; No. 95 Muriel Henson £20; No. 37 Jackie Carpenter £10

#### 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.

#### Recycle your real Christmas tree

If you have a garden waste subscription you can cut up the tree and put it in your green bin, or you can put the whole tree next to your green bin if it is under 6ft tall.

If you do not have a garden waste subscription, you can buy a garden waste sack from your local library (£2.30) and attach it to your tree with string (no plastic) and request a one-off garden waste collection.

Trees can also be recycled at our recycling centres. See South Glos website for more details: southglos.gov.uk/recycle-your-real-christmas-tree



#### View 5 Alive online

Remember that 5 Alive is available online at www.falfield.org.uk and https://

cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrews-church

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03444 111 444 Mon to Fri 10.00 - 14.00

Alzheimer's

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They offer support face to face, over the phone or in writing. The service is for people with Dementia and their carers, family and friends.

Call our support line for more information:

Tel: 0333 150 3456

Monday to Wednesday 9am – 8pm, Thursday and Friday 9am – 5pm Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm

or see our website: www.alzheimers.org.uk

\*Please note: Alzheimer's Society has temporarily suspended all of our face-to-face and group services.

## How to contact the Foodbank

The Thornbury outlet of the North Bristol Foodbank is

based at Thornbury Baptist Church, Gillingstool, Thornbury, BS35 2EG, and is open **every Friday afternoon from 2 - 4pm**.

For more information, please call 0117 9791399 or email info@northbristol.foodbank.org.uk or visit northbristol.foodbank.org.uk

If you feel able to contribute to the Foodbank stocks, here is our current shopping list: Long life fruit juice, Sponge puddings, Jelly (cubes please), Tinned Fruit, Angel delight, Tinned vegetables, Sweets/snacks/crisps, Shower gel, Shampoo, Male and female deodorant, Shaving foam, Razors, Long-life milk

Thank you for your on-going support. Donations can be placed in the Thornbury basket in Tesco or left on the church steps on Fridays between 10.30am and 4pm.

# A HUGE THANK YOU from Thornbury Foodbank

We have been overwhelmed and are so grateful to our community for the amazing support you have given to Thornbury Foodbank since the start of the pandemic. It has been such a difficult time for so many people in the locality which means that so many more families and individuals have benefitted from your support through donations both financial and in kind.

From 27 March 2020 to 11 December 2020 we have fed 711 adults and 307 children, issuing 12.48tonnes of food and essential items and received 13.28tonnes of donations; up by over 50% in comparison with the same period last year. We also purchased 1.76 tonnes of extra items (e.g. fresh vegetables, bread, spread and items where we were low in stock) made possible by the numerous financial donations we have received.

We would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Foodbank for their generous donations of food and money, with a special thank you to Tesco Thornbury for their support. (We have a collection basket situated in the store where donations can be left and have built up a good relationship with their Community Champion who ensures our monthly list of needs is made visible on the basket.)

The photograph illustrates some of this gen-

erosity as it shows the extra parcels we were able make up of Christmas items donated and bought from financial donations which we hope



brought some loving care into those lives for whom Christmas would not have been a happy time.

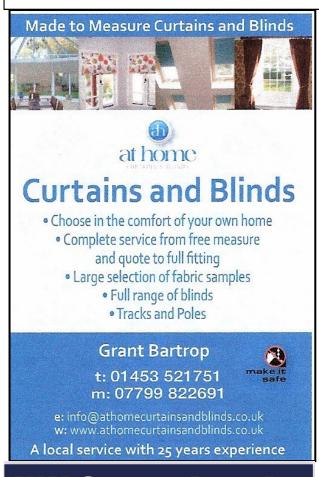
We are also grateful for our dedicated volunteers who have freely given of their time during this crisis.

On behalf of all of those benefitting from your kindness we want to say thank you for making life a little easier than it would have been without your support.

Wishing you all peace, joy, health and all good things in 2021!

Mair Vaughan, Thornbury Management Team

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#### **Rockhampton Parish Council**

Councillors met online on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 where they discussed the usual planning, highways and financial matters and agreed the Parish Council budget and parish precept for the financial year 2021/2022. Ward Cllr Matthew Riddle provided an update on various active consultations and Councillors agreed hold an extra ordinary meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to discuss and make comments on the Pedestrianisation of Thornbury High Street and Phase 1 of the South Gloucestershire Local Plan which was published at the end of November 2020.

Ward Councillor Riddle also provided information on help provided by South Gloucestershire Council to local groups, businesses, and individuals during the current pandemic. More information on this can be found at https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/health-services/covid19

Councillors also approved donations of £45 each to the 4 Ward magazine, 5 Alive magazine and Citizens' Advice.

James Carpenter, Clerk & RFO for Rockhampton Parish Council.

rockhamptonpc@gmail.com www.rockhamptonparishcouncil.org.uk



Sat Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to everyone who supported this on a cold Saturday morning!

We were amazed and delighted to take **£475**.

This will pay for the school fees of five of our pupils as they move to secondary school in January 2021.



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## Tytherington Village Shop

At the start of this New Year, we would like to thank all our customers for supporting the shop during 2020, which has

proved to be a year like no other. It has been a pleasure to be there to provide for your needs at this time. We would also like to thank the volunteers for working so hard to keep the shop open, even though the hours have been limited somewhat. During the year we have welcomed many new families to the village and we are delighted that some of you have offered to volunteer and have taken the opportunity to meet people within the village.

Within this edition of 5 Alive you should have received a £5.00 voucher which can be spent in the shop during January and February. It is on blue card, so please look out for it. We are delighted to offer this scheme for the second year and are grateful to the Tytherington Parish Council for their sponsorship and their support in keeping the shop and Post Office open for the village. We look forward to welcoming you into the shop to spend your voucher.

From everyone involved in the shop, we would like to wish the readers a healthy and happy 2021, and look forward to better times.

#### **Brexit transition**

There are new rules for businesses and citizens from 1 January 2021.



Make sure you're ready.

Your business, family, and personal circumstances will be affected.

Use the Brexit checker to get a personalised list of actions.

You can also sign up for emails to get updates for what you need to do.

Go to www.gov.uk/transition for further information.

#### Jan Connor

Sadly, I must report the passing of Janette Connor. Jan and her extended family lived at Freeman's Farm, Itchington for fourteen years. She and her sister Ros were regular singers at local folk clubs and this was seized upon by Chris Lee, the Vicar at the time, to bolster the church choir. Later joined by Jan's partner Bill and both her daughters Claire and Louise.

Born in West London she started work as a teacher later joining the civil service. However, having suffered from cancer in her mid thirties her interest in alternative medicine became more and more important. Practicing reflexology and being very involved with the alternative cancer clinic in Clifton became important.

All the while her creative side found her in her pottery studio creating pots and mugs of all shapes and sizes. The bespoke nativity figures in St. James' Church, Tytherington were fine examples of her work; another set were made for Chris Lee when he moved to Bishopston. Femo figure badges depicting all walks of life, from judo black belts to my personal gift from her of a figure wearing oily overalls.

Silkscreen painting, together with so many other interests.

At May Day events she could be found reading palms, not just for a laugh but having studied the various theories.

She and Ros, and later Bill, recorded a number of CDs containing folk music and were regularly to be found sharing the bill with the likes of Johnny Coppin and Jez Lowe.

Eventually they moved to Dartmoor but Bill had suffered for a number of years with bad health and he passed away a few years later. It was a few years after that Jan was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia and moved into a home in Bath. She was comfortable for a year or so, however, this last year had not been much fun. Having fought Covid 19 she eventually fell into a deep sleep on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November and slept through to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> when she eventually slipped peacefully away aged 78.

Our thoughts go out to her family – children Claire, Jim and Lou, her brother Ian and sister Ros, together with granddaughter Esme and nephews Ben and Dom and their families.

Hugh Johnson

#### Stamps and collectables

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#### How does it work?

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of your gift, we may need to divide it up, or combine it with others to sell. It is therefore not possible for us to say what an individual gift has raised, but you can be assured that your stamps and collectables make a big difference. You can collect the following items:

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- Postcards, posted or unused
- Coins and banknotes
- Medals
- Cigarette cards or tea cards

Please ensure when posting your gift to us that it is weighed and the correct postage paid. Even if your envelope is small please send it as a Large 2nd Class item as the stamps move during transit and may not pass the Royal Mail size test otherwise. Please do not use our freepost envelopes to send stamps as Royal Mail will not deliver them without us incurring costs.

#### Where to send your gifts:

Stamps and Collectables, The Leprosy Mission, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, PE2 5GZ

If you would like an acknowledgement of your gift, please fill out our Stamps and Collectables form and include it along with your gift as well as a stamped addressed envelope.



#### Volunteer Centre Resolve to help others this New Year

Covid-19 made 2020 a year like no other and we must hope this year will be considerably better. With Christmas behind us now is the time to extend the season of good will by helping others who may be less fortunate than yourselves.

Many community organisations have successfully found new ways of delivering their services to their clients, with more still working on doing so, but all are committed to continuing. Last year an army of people came forward to help and as we enter 2021 the hope is that they will continue to play their part and that others will join them to make sure that their communities stay strong and healthy.

By giving just an hour a week of your time you can make a huge difference.

Thornbury Volunteer Centre can help you find volunteering opportunities that best suit your skills and time, whilst ensuring that you find volunteering an enjoyable, worthwhile experi-

We are contacted regularly by groups seeking to recruit volunteers from all walks of life, with levels of expertise from none to highly skilled.

If you would like to find out more please contact Thornbury Volunteer Centre at mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk Visit our website on volunteer-thornbury.co.uk; twitter: @thornburyvc or Facebook: thornburyvolunteers.



What a year it's been for us all.

It has defi-

nitely been the most challenging year the Hospice team have ever experienced. But we made it through and this is in large part thanks to you, our amazing supporters.

We can't thank you enough for the difference you have made to our patients and for being part of our family.

We've still got a lot of work to do next year to make up the £2 million deficit the pandemic has caused us - but it makes it easier knowing you are with us every step of the way.

We'd like to wish you a better 2021 for all of

With very best wishes,

Everyone at St Peter's Hospice.

#### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Thanks**

The Royal British Legion in Thornbury is delighted, overwhelmed and humbled by the generosity of the local community during this year's annual Poppy Appeal collection.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Covid-19 presented us with a number of challenges not least of which was keeping our volunteers and the public safe. We worked closely with Tesco, Aldi and St Mary's centre to ensure we met all the guidelines, introducing social distancing methods such as tables for poppies and collecting tins. The virus restricted the number of available volunteers but as a result of a local on-line appeal we attracted several new volunteers and we are extremely grateful to them for their efforts. Then when we thought we just may make it through, lockdown 2.0 cut our collection period by 4 days. Despite all of this the military 'can do' ethos shone through.

It is therefore with great delight that we can announce our interim tally for 2020/2021, stands currently at an incredible £17,082.00.

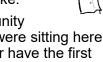
To put it into perspective for the period 2019/2020 we collected in total around £18,000. This is a great start to our year and we are hoping to build on this in 2021 so please watch out for us.

In addition to the donations, our volunteers were also treated to spontaneous gifts of coffee, sweets and even fruit to sustain them during their shifts, for which they were most appreciative. Another great example of local support and generosity.

There are many vulnerable veterans of HM Forces in communities throughout the country, including here in Thornbury. The Royal British Legion is dedicated to caring for those who have put their lives at risk in the service of our country, and your generosity enables us to do this.

#### Home schooling?

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.



Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus!"

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#### St Andrew's Church, Cromhall



#### Chrístmas Draw results

Ist prize - £100

2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Cream Tea for 2 at The Farmers Table

3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Captain Morgan's Spiced Rum

4<sup>th</sup> prize – Bell's Whisky

5<sup>th</sup> prize – Merlot wine 6<sup>th</sup> prize - Dairy Milk Chocolates

7<sup>th</sup> prize – Roses Chocolates

Thank you to all who donated prizes and bought tickets. The total profit raised, after deducting cost of ticket printing, was £175.

The support of the village is essential if we are to keep St. Andrew's Church open for worship, funerals and weddings.

# Tyther

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#### **Tytherington Parish Council**

Tytherington Parish Council hopes that everyone enjoyed a happy Christmas and is looking forward hopefully to a much bet-

ter year in 2021. They would like to thank everyone who has helped in so many ways during the lock downs that we have experienced.

At the present time the Parish Council are consulting with the community on how to spend £24,000 Community Infrastructure Levy money and have sent out consultation papers to residents asking for their opinions. In the same papers we are asking whether you support the Parish Council in taking out a loan to help build a new Village Store. Please return the forms by the 6th January as it is important to receive information on projects that residents would like to see in Tytherington.

If anyone requires further consultation papers or information please contact the clerk at clerk@tytheringtonpc.org.uk.

Moving forward the next Census for England and Wales will take place on Sunday 21 March 2021. The Parish Council will be publishing more information nearer the time, but this is the first census that will be conducted on-line, so if any parishioners need help with this please let us know. A leaflet with information on the forthcoming Census is on the Parish web site. www.tytheringonpc.org.uk.

#### The Census in England and Wales

Those of us who spend time researching family or local history find censuses invaluable because they provide a fascinating snapshot of life as it was up to 200 years ago. Not only can we find out more about our own families but the communities in which we live today, most notably in this area the dependence on agriculture, which has now largely disappeared. Intriguing too are the details of skills amongst those living in our villages which have long since disappeared: weavers, tailors, millers and teasel growers to name but a few. As we prepare for a new census in March 2021, it might be useful to find out more about its origins. Go to www.nationalarchives.gov.uk for more information.

The census is a head count of everyone in the country on a given day. A census has been taken in England and Wales, and separately for Scotland, every ten years since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

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The object of the census was not to obtain detailed information about individuals, but to provide information about the population as a whole; listing everyone by name, wherever they happened to be on a single night, was the most efficient way to count everybody once, and nobody twice.

In every census year an enumerator delivered a form to each household in the country for them to complete. The heads of household were instructed to give details of

everyone who slept in that dwelling on census night, which was always a Sunday. The forms completed by each household, known as schedules, were collected a few days later by the enumerator. From 1841 to 1901 the information from the schedules was then copied into enumeration books. Once the enumeration books had been completed, most household schedules were destroyed, although there are some rare survivals. It is the enumeration books that we consult today online or on microfilm.

The 1841 census was the first to list the names of every individual, which makes it the earliest useful census for family historians. However, less information was collected in 1841 than in later census years.

The General Register Office was responsible for taking the census, so it used the administrative framework already in place for the registration of births, marriages and deaths. The Superintendent Registrar was responsible for collecting the returns from each Registrar of Births and Deaths in their registration district and sending them to the Census Office in London. Each Registrar of Births and Deaths was responsible for a sub-district, which they divided into enumeration districts (EDs), and recruited enumerators for each ED.

The censuses from 1841 to 1911 are available online via various commercial websites. It is free to search on these sites, but there is a charge to view full search results and digitised images. However, you can view them free of charge on site at The National Archives in Kew, at many libraries and record offices and at FamilySearch Centres worldwide. Many local and county record offices also hold microfilm or microfiche copies of the census returns for their own area, excluding 1911.

In 1911 all the household schedules were kept, for the first time and were not copied into enumeration books. There are instead enumerators' summary books which list every address, including unoccupied buildings, and the only names they contain are those of the head of each household. These summary books are the only place you will find a description of each building such as 'House and shop', 'Hotel', 'Private house'. Unoccupied houses and non-residential properties such as churches and factories are also listed.

#### Post-1911 censuses

The 1921 census, and all later censuses which survive, are kept by the Office for National Statistics. These censuses will only be available 100 years after the date they were conducted. Unfortunately, the 1931 census for England and Wales was destroyed by fire in 1942, and no census was taken in 1941 because of the Second World War.

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As we remain under 'Tier-3' Covid restrictions, we are not, at this time, in a position to decide upon any resumption of regular worship for January.





Meanwhile, keep safe, every blessing to you all and, on behalf of the Baptist fellowship in the village, may you all experience a happy and blessed New Year.

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He shook his head and said, 'Lady, you need a 1/4 horsepower.'

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#### Notice of proposed changes to CSET Admissions Arrangements for the academic year 2022/2023



CSET is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the academic year 2022/23. The

consultation will be open from 9th December 2020 to 31st January 2021. The full draft arrangements for all schools can be read at www.cset.co.uk/policies Paper copies are also available on request.

The main changes are as follows:

- Year 7 at Marlwood School currently has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 210 into Year 7. From September 2022 it is proposed to reduce the PAN to 150.
- An increase in places in the Access Centre at Lyde Green Primary School from 12 to 16.

Feedback, comments, queries and requests for copies of the policy should be addressed to:

Heather MacCallum, PA to the CEO CSET Partnership Centre, Mangotsfield School site, Rodway Hill, Mangotsfield, Bristol, BS16 9LH Tel: 01454 862581

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## Falfield & Rockhampton Parish Councils

#### Public Consultation on the Pedestrianisation of Thornbury High Street

This has been a very topical debate within both Parish Councils who will be submitting their comments in due course. The current temporary measures in the High Street have been in place since July 2020. If you have any views on these temporary measures or would like to know more about the proposals and submit your comments the consultation is open until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. Information on how you can submit commets can be found at: <a href="https://sites.southglos.gov.uk/newsroom/environment/have-your-say-on-changes-to-thornbury-high-street/">https://sites.southglos.gov.uk/newsroom/environment/have-your-say-on-changes-to-thornbury-high-street/</a>

# South Gloucestershire Council Local Plan 2020 – Phase 1 Issues and approaches.

Following the withdrawal of the Joint Spatial Plan South Gloucestershire Council are now developing a new Local Plan for South Gloucestershire. The Local Plan 2020 will include a new strategy and policies to guide and manage growth and change in our rural and urban settings over the next 15 years. Now is the opportunity for residents to have their say on how they wish to:

- shape the places that we live, work and socialise in
- have a direct impact on quality of life, the natural and built environment we live in
- have positive impacts on climate change, inequalities and encourage a green economy
- discuss choices and make decisions about where significant levels of growth for new homes and jobs might be located, and which areas should be protected.

More details on this consultation can be found at <a href="https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/">https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/</a>
<a href="publications/local-plan-2020-phase-1-issues-and-approaches/">https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/</a>
<a href="publications/local-plan-2020-phase-1-issues-and-approaches/">publications/local-plan-2020-phase-1-issues-and-approaches/</a>. Also, further information and links can be found on our respective Parish Council websites.

J. Carpenter, Clerk & RFO for Falfield and Rockhampton Parish Councils.

www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk www.rockhamptonparishcouncil.co.uk

#### Memories of Falfield by Ann Riddiford

My life in Falfield began in 1940. Dad had already gone to fight for King and Country, Mum and I plodded along quietly at Moorslade. Back in those days (now nearly a century ago) life was so different. There was a marked difference between country life and town life (even small towns, never mind the city!). In the country areas, few people could afford a car until at least after the Second World War. Bus services were limited and the general mode of transport was by bicycle; not to be confused with the Lycra-clad variety of cyclists today.

One of the most important components of village life was naturally the village shop. Almost every village had one in some shape or form. Some villages had more than one. Stone, for example, had three or four at one time: butcher, baker and general store in the village green area. Also, a general store at the top of Lower Stone Lane.

In Falfield we had one very close to where the present shop now stands. I must have been about



Entrance to the old village shop where new houses now stand

three or four years of age when I have my first memory of going there with my mother. Possibly we had gone there by bicycle (me in a seat on the carrier behind Mum and holding tightly to her waist!). It was probably a Friday and we had gone there to buy a Thornbury Gazette. Believe it or not, that was a highlight of the week. It was read thoroughly by the members of the family – local news, accounts of weddings (and photographs for added interest) also lists of mourners who attended local funerals. The public announcements informed us of births, engagements marriages and deaths.

One thing which caught my interest was the small display of jars of sweets. They were, of course, on ration and the books of food coupons had to be produced for a purchase. The shopkeeper had to cut them from the book accordingly. These were necessary for

almost food items, clothing items and many other goods. What a nightmare for shop proprietors - and much more 'fiddly' than VAT returns. There were no computers or ready reckoners in those days! Mum usually purchased a few sweet treats on the Friday, 'Gazette Day'. The variety was small but with a bit of 'mixing it up' and interesting assortment was possible. Mainly the range consisted of boiled sweets (e.g. fruit drops, butterscotch, or mints) also there were toffees and nougat, but chocolate was a rare treat.

The little shop itself was **very** small (only about the size of the current Falfield Post Office (not shop). Two customers and the shop was full! There were two long counters as one walked in through the door (with a bell which sounded to summon assistance). The counter to the left, facing Mount Pleasant dealt with items such as newspaper, sweets and food items (I think there were goods not on display, possibly stored in the hallway of the house just on through the shop).

The other counter to the right, dealt with items such as cleaning products, possibly paraffin, and so on. Paraffin was, for many people, the means of heating and lighting their homes in addition to a coal fire which was lit and used 365 days a year (366 on leap years!). Many homes in the village did not get electricity until the 1950s.

Across the A38, almost opposite the shop, was the village Post Office; it was part of 'The Rank', a block of five or six cottages demolished in the 1960s to widen the main road. The site now has trees planted on it (south of Windlass Cottage).

The Post Office was an important one in the network of things, having played a major role in the telegraph system. The area it served was large, taking in villages from Tytherington to Stone, Bevington, Hill and Rockhampton, Tortworth, Whitfield and Milbury Heath. There was a lot to deal with officially, so they just kept a small stock of any non-food goods not catered for by the village shop across the road.

In the village shop lived Miss Lilian Newman who was kept very busy running the shop with no help (as far as I know) and looking after her elderly relative. However, she coped well and did her best. As a result, she was well-liked and respected in the village.

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Although currently still working with a reduced team, we are determined to support the many patients and families for whom the coronavirus crisis adds complications and stress on top of the devastating impact that a brain tumour can have. Our services are already oversubscribed, with a 51% increase in demand for support in 2019-20. And due to delays in referrals caused by the pandemic and lockdown, we are seeing a further increase in demand as clinics, diagnoses and treatment recommence. So we face many challenges both now and ahead of us to meet this growing need. If you are able, please donate to help us come through the COVID-19 crisis to rebuild and be here for brain tumour patients and families in the future.

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