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Being adaptable

They've turned up again: The winter thrushes. I love seeing them all around. They're the birds that fly out of the trees and bushes at this time of year having arrived from Scandinavia a few



weeks ago. Fieldfares are the large pale ones which chatter at you and Redwings are the slightly dumpier ones, with black eyeshadow, who whistle to each other. If they think the weather here is good then think what it must be like where they've escaped (sorry- migrated) from! When they arrive here they spend their time in the trees and bushes finding every last seed and fruit they can spot. In the New Year when there seems to be nothing left they drop down onto the fields and gardens and feed on any insects they can find. I believe their guts actually change in length so they can cope. Now that's what I call being adaptable! Change homes every year; change diet every year! Then go back to

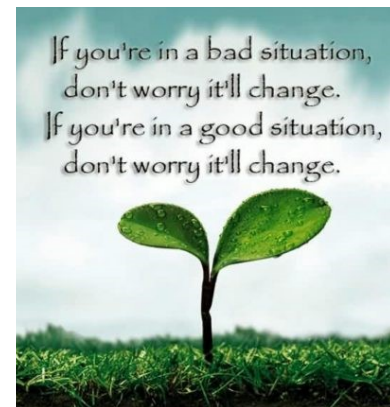
your summer residence. What a life! Perhaps all that chattering and whistling is them moaning about life but somehow I don't think it is.

As climate change really kicks in, the wildlife around us is changing in so many ways. Insects which we once took as rarities are becoming quite common; hornets nest here every year but I rarely saw them years ago. Other animals which we used to see quite regularly are now almost absent; when did you last see a turtle dove, and even starlings no longer nest in our shed. Some things adapt to change, others struggle.

The thought of having to adapt to new things gets a bit more daunting the older you get. Change can be quite exciting when you're young but now I'm not so sure. Jamie Oliver reckons that when you've got youth on your side you're not overtaken by reality, negativity or logic. (I'm not sure about the "logic" thing. It seems to me that logic has nothing to do with age!) Above all, you still need to dream and try new things. At this New Year we're bound to wonder what 2023 will bring. How easy will we find it adapting to change? Let's hope we meet those changes positively whatever they are. Happy New Year!

Fen Marshall

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 13th January Celestine - an important local mineral with

Cromhall's David Hardwick,
(Lecturer at the Royal Agricultural College,
Cirencester)

Friday 10th February

Paul Barnett
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	High	Low	Average
Tempera- ture	18.4 °C	0.8 °C	10.2 °C
Dew Point	15.3 °C	-0.4 °C	8.9 °C
Humidity	99 %	45 %	92 %
Precipita- tion	180.4 mm	Year to Date	703.92 mm
Wettest Day	Wednesday 23rd 35.31 mm		
Wind direc- tion	South South West		
Pressure	1,032.17 hPa	982.05 hPa	
<u>RAINFALL</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
OCTOBER	61.47 mm	76.20 mm	13.45 mm
YEAR TO DATE	719.65 mm	971.34 mm	756.87 mm

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Thornbury Orchestra Concert

Sunday 29th January 2023

5.00pm

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A reminder that the Post Office will be permanently closed on a Saturday. We shall continue to operate a full Post Office service on Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 5.30pm, with no lunchtime closing.

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Adrian, Ann and family.

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Rita Ponting thanks everyone who supported the coffee morning held in Tytherington Village Hall on 12th November to raise funds for CRY.



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Thank you.



Professor Ronald Hutton talks about "King Alfred the Great"

It was "standing room only" the last time professor Ronald came to speak in Thornbury so don't miss learning all about the most famous English king in the first half of a millennium of England's history.

King Alfred the Great is the only one who regularly features as a modern screen hero and is often regarded as the person who created England itself. The Victorians thought him the most perfect of our monarchs. More recently it has been appreciated how completely the historical resources we have for him were created by Alfred's own propaganda machine, so that our image of him is the result of "spin".

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

Where does "burning the cakes" come in?

Questions are to follow the talk.

Professor Ronald Hutton's talk takes place in St. Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Road, BS35 1DR on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm.

Tickets: £7.50 from AAGThornbury@gmail.com or 01454 850933.



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Alveston History Society

Weds January 25th

Professor Ronald Hutton will speak about

Queen Elizabeth the First

Meetings begin at 7.30pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month in Alveston Methodist Church. There is a charge of £5 for each presentation including coffee or tea and biscuits.



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Cromhall History Group Exhibition



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 in **St Andrew's Church on Saturday 25th February**. 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 do put the date in your diary now - **25th February 2023**

Falfield Parish Council

In the absence of Cllr Jarvis Vice Chair Cllr Gregory chaired the meeting held on Monday 5th December 2022.

Before the business of the meeting commenced Cllr Gregory informed Cllrs of the deaths of the following individuals who had previously served on the Parish Council:

Mr Colin Murton who served from 2012 to 2015 and Mr Eddie Gadsby who served from 1987 to 2004 and was also Chair of the Council from 1989 to 2000.

The Clerk informed Cllrs that no nominations had been received during the period of notice for the two casual Cllr vacancies. As it was now less than six months before the next Parish elections are due to take place there is no requirement on the Council to actively fill these vacancies in the meantime.

Following the previous meeting when a member of the public requested whether a dog bin could be placed at the entrance to the Falfield Grange Open Space off Sundayshill Lane, the Clerk contacted Vistry to ask if they would be able to provide a dog bin at the footpath entrances to the Open Space off Sundayshill Lane and Moorslade Lane. Vistry responded that they had asked the Management Company Gateway to undertake ongoing monitoring of any dog litter being dropped before making any decision.

Ward Cllr John O'Neill provided an update on the Park & Share confirming that the original landowner had now purchased the land back from Vistry and had offered it to South Gloucestershire Council at a peppercorn rent although South Gloucestershire Council had not yet come to any decision. When asked by Cllr Salt, Cllr O'Neil confirmed that whoever is in ownership of this land is governed by the original planning conditions which state that the land can only be used in perpetuity as a Park & Share.

Cllrs approved the Council's budget and Parish precept at the meeting for 2023/2024 and given the expected increase expenditure Cllrs agreed to use £1,500 from its reserves to offset the increase in the precept. The Parish precept for 2023-2024 was set at £8,442.00 which would see a typical Band D property increase from £24.06 to £25.82 annually.

The first meeting of 2023 will take place on **Tuesday 15th January commencing at 7.30pm.**

*James Carpenter, Clerk &RFO, parish.
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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
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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 January

Cromhall

Sun 8th 9.30 Holy Communion led by Rev Rob Axford
 Sun 15th 9.30 Morning Prayer
 Sun 29th 10.30am United Holy Communion at Rockhampton

Falfield

Sun 1st 3.30pm Café Church
 8th 10.30am Morning Prayer
 15th 10.30am Morning Prayer
 22nd 10.30am Holy Communion (Rev David Powe)
 29th 10.30am United Holy Communion at Rockhampton with Archdeacon Hilary Dawson

Rockhampton

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Tortworth

Sun 1st 3.30pm Carol service
 Sun 15th 10.30am Coffee, cake, and a chance to look at the Church artifacts.
 Sun 29th 10.30am United Holy Communion at Rockhampton

Tytherington

Sun 1st 10.30am Joint service at the Baptist Church
 Thurs 4th 9.30am Said Holy Communion
 Sun 8th 10.30am Epiphany & Covenant service at St James'
 Sun 15th 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 29th 10.30am United Holy Communion at Rockhampton

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Falfield WI in December

Party frocks were the order of the day for the December meeting along with a warm drink and a welcome at the door.

A short meeting was held to say that January 10th would be the next get together at the village hall. Emily Davis will tell us about her work for Pop Paper City, a children's TV programme. We will also be making papercraft with her.

Members are asked to bring along any fashion accessories they no longer need for a swapping session.

The Blenheim visit had been very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by those who went to see the Christmas decorations.

We enjoyed a Bring and Share supper along with quizzes, games, a skit and a short but hilarious panto. Jenny Pain played a medley of songs and tunes to guess and join in with. Thank you to the committee for their hard work.

Happy New Year to one and all.

TORTWORTH PARISH MATTERS

The latest Parish Meeting was held on 6th December at the Tortworth Estate Office. The main topics of discussion were as follows:-

- **Road Safety** – Tortworth School had raised concerns about road safety in and around the School entrance. Speed surveys had been carried out and further thought was being given to what the potential solutions are for any issues arising. The main safety problem is where cars undertake vehicles that are waiting to turn right to Cromhall. In doing so they then drive across the school entrance.
- **Local Planning Matters** – Cllr John O'Neill provided an update on proposed developments at Falfield, Cromhall, Charfield and the proposed Charfield Railway Station.
- **Tortworth Litter Pick** – The annual community Litter Pick was agreed to be held on Saturday 25th March. Volunteers are encouraged to attend.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 7th March 2023** at The Tortworth Estate Office at 7.00pm.

It would be lovely to see more Tortworth parishioners attending to help shape what goes on in the Parish.

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8 th	Joint Epiphany & Covenant Service at St James'	Val & Brian
15 th	"The Lions' Den" [Daniel 16:10 - 25]	Brian
22 nd	"Sharing" [Mark 6:30 - 44]	Brian
29 th	"The Four Beasts" [Daniel 7:15 - 28]	Brian

All services commence at 10:30 a.m.

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 Jan 1st 3.30pm Carol Service

Sun Jan 15th 10.30am Coffee, cake, and a chance to look at the Church artifacts.

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 Churchyard wander to look at the Spring flowers on Mothering Sunday and other interesting points.

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.**

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group



Winter Warmer Lunch

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**Monday 23rd January
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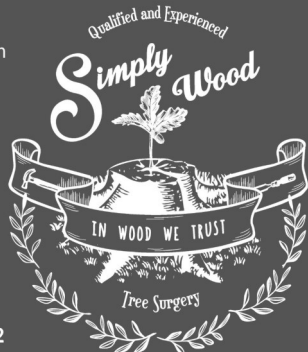
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TYTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Tytherington Parish Council wish all residents of Tytherington and Itchington a happy New Year.

This year the Parish Council are conducting a Consultation on some new play equipment in both the Jubilee Field and Hardwicke Field. It would be really helpful if as many of you as possible complete the on-line questionnaire.

The first part of the consultation is aimed at the youngsters in the village and what they would like to see happening. There is a QR code at the bottom of this article which should bring up the consultation, otherwise you can find it on www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk and the Tytherington Parish Council Facebook page.

The closing date is the **31st January 2023** and we will then hope to arrange a presentation by Wicksteed, the preferred contractor, in respect of the play and sports equipment. There are 4 £25 Love to Shop vouchers to win if you leave your email address on the consultation paper.

The S106 money available is from both the Walnut Field development and Stowell Hill Road developments and is designated funding to purchase new play/sport equipment for youngsters on both the Jubilee Field and Hardwicke Field. The PC already have funding to put a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on the Hardwicke Field and also improve the play equipment on the Jubilee Field but there is now more funding to upgrade the projects.

The Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) is now working at the top of Stowell Hill Road and it will be moved to Itchington Road in the new year. The PC are still waiting on the outcome of a grant from Larks Green Solar Farm, which will enable them to fund the purchase of solar panels on the roof of the village hall.

On 4th May 2023 local elections will be taking place, which includes Tytherington Parish Council. The Parish Council can only be as effective, relevant and vibrant as the people elected to run it, so we need councillors who are capable, energetic and engaged – from all backgrounds and experiences to reflect the community.

Being a councillor is highly rewarding - no other role gives you a chance to make such a huge difference to the quality of life of people in your local area and to influence the way

issues are dealt with locally. To fairly represent the village you would need to be able to commit a number of hours a week to your Council responsibilities.

Information on how to become a Councillor will be posted on the Council's Facebook page when it becomes available. [Tytherington Parish Council | Facebook](#)

Finally, it has been suggested that a Neighbourhood Plan be produced to try and control development in the Village. A brief introduction can be found [Neighbourhood planning | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#). If you would like to be part of the initial process or can offer expertise then please get in touch with the clerk on <mailto:clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk>



COFFEE MORNING

A photograph showing a white cup of coffee on a saucer next to a slice of cake on a plate, with a fork and a small patterned cloth napkin.

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1 st	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) David Frampton
8 th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Robert Simpkins
15 th	(10.30am) Roger Chilvers	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
22 nd	(10.30am) Damon Ujvarosy	(6.30pm) Stewart Heap
29 th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Steve Loader

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 4th and 18th we meet in various homes in the area; 11th and 25th we meet in the chapel hall and on zoom

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom): 3rd, 17th and 31st at 7.00pm; 10th and 24th at 9.30 am

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 10th 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 5th and 19th, 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 27th at 7.00pm. All welcome!

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 21st January at 9.00am. Join us for a hearty breakfast followed by an interesting talk by Pete Chaplin: "The Boys in Blue who realize his bite was worse than his bark".

Everyone welcome.

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

Rockhampton Parish Council

Speeding vehicles through the village was again the main topic of the meeting. Cllrs had agreed at their August meeting to look at the installation of 'Village Gates' on the Lower Stone Road, however on reflection it was agreed that, before any further steps were taken to obtain the necessary permissions and the purchase of any gates further calming measures should be investigated for the length of the road running from the entrance to the village from Lower Stone end through to Thornbury Rugby Club and Cllrs ask Ward Cllr Riddle if he would take these suggestions back to StreetCare. Cllr England realised that the cost for the supply and installation of the 'Village Gates' would be the responsibility of the Parish Council but would like to think that other calming measures proposed would be covered by StreetCare.

Cllrs approved donations of £50 each to the 4 Ward Magazine, 5 Alive Magazine and Citizens Advice. They also approved the Council's budget and Parish precept for 2023/2024. The Parish precept for 2023-2024 was set at £3,700.00 which would see the typical Band D property increase by £3.50 annually.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on **Monday 27th February 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.**

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