



The Two Kinds of People

by Ella Wheeler Wilcox



There are two kinds of people on earth to-day;
Just two kinds of people, no more, I say.

Not the sinner and saint, for it's well understood,
The good are half bad and the bad are half good.

Not the rich and the poor, for to rate a man's wealth,
You must first know the state of his conscience and health.

Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span,
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man.

Not the happy and sad, for the swift flying years
Bring each man his laughter and each man his tears.

No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean,
Are the people who lift and the people who lean.

Wherever you go, you will find the earth's masses
Are always divided in just these two classes.

And, oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween,
There's only one lifter to twenty who lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing the load
Of overtaxed lifters, who toil down the road?

Or are you a leaner, who lets others share
Your portion of labour, and worry and care?



Ella Wheeler Wilcox was an American author and poet, born in 1850 to a poor farm family in Wisconsin. The youngest of four children, her mother was fond of literature and encouraged her to develop a love for reading and writing. Her most famous poem was "Solitude," which contains the lines: "Laugh, and the world laughs with you; Weep, and you weep alone"

*During her life, Wilcox received many rejection letters before a publisher gave her books of poetry a chance. Despite these rejections, Wilcox remained very optimistic. Her best-known poetry book was *Poems of Passion* (1883). She died in 1919.*

'ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN PANTOLAND' – OCTOPUS DRAMA GROUP

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

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

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

Tickets: £8 adults and £6 children under 18

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

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



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Congratulations to the winners and thank you for your continued support.

We are now collecting for 2025 100 Club and as usual it is only £10 per number for 14 chances to win a cash prize. Much more importantly, you will be helping with the upkeep of our beautiful and historic parish church and its churchyard.

The 100 Club is now the church's main fundraiser and so it is even more important to get all 100 numbers taken before the first draw at the end of February. To join, see the form on page 19.

Money can be left in the Community Shop or contact me on 01454294186

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy 2025!

Mandy Bird

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Remember that 5 Alive is available online and in colour at:

- www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk
- <https://cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrews-church>
- www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk

Tytherington Baptist Church PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTERNOON TEA MEETING IN JANUARY

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THORNBURY CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSALS

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

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

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

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

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

Further details can be found on our website www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk



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Friday 10th January 2025

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for tea and a chat
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We look forward to seeing you
there.
Ann & helpers



As the name suggests, we meet at 3pm once a month, usually in Cromhall Village Hall, for a cup of tea, sandwiches, cake and a chat. Some meetings include a quiz or speaker. Twice a year we go out for lunch and in December we are invited to St Andrew's Primary School for a Christmas entertainment by the children.

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

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



Thank you to Mrs S Chudleigh and Tytherington Local History Group for their kind donations to our printing costs.

The printing costs of 5 Alive are chiefly met by revenue from our advertisers, together with donations from parish councils, some regular users and readers. The editor and treasurer give their time gratis, which enables us to offer copies free of charge to residents of our 5 villages.

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Alveston History Association

Weds 22nd Jan 2025

'Colston Matters'
with William Evans

Alveston Methodist Church at 7.30pm
Newcomers and visitors always welcome
Admission for non-members: £5 at the door.

Couple who were unable to afford food finally have desperate situation resolved nine months on thanks to Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire

Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire is highlighting how it helped a couple after they were left unable to afford food. Hannah* and David* both had to stop work in early 2023 when Hannah was diagnosed with a serious, long-term health condition that required full-time care. David gave up a full-time job to care for her while also living with a health issue of his own. (*Names have been changed to protect identities.)

They had never claimed benefits and were unaware they were eligible for state support, surviving on savings until these ran out. In January 2024 they applied for help from a local food bank. It was here that the couple were put in touch with Adviser Kate Eedy of Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire – through the charity's Food Bank partnership project.

Kate was able to help navigate them through the process of applying for benefits they were entitled to, a change of home and help from carers. Neither David nor Hannah was able to use a computer and only have access to the internet through a mobile phone - making it very difficult to access support such as benefits without help.

Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire organized an emergency payment of £80 worth of Tesco vouchers through the South Gloucestershire Council Welfare Grants scheme. Kate also secured a payment of £120 from a local charity.

Hannah and David's housing association property had stairs, which meant that Hannah was unable to access the upstairs any longer; as there was no downstairs bathroom this caused a lot of difficulties and stress. The housing association informed the couple they would have to pay for the substantial adaptations needed themselves or apply for a grant. This meant that a new home needed to be found.

Kate helped them through the process of applying for a new property and managed to secure a move from Band C to Band A, this allowed them to find a suitable property more quickly and they now live in a bungalow.

Hannah and David did not know that they were entitled to help from carers. Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire helped secure both a Carers and Needs Assessment.

It took from January to September for the situation to be fully resolved, causing the couple immense stress and frustration during this time. David said: *"It's been a pretty tough few years. I was so embarrassed to go to the food bank the first time. I didn't know what Universal Credit was but Kate sorted all that out - and PIP."*

Anyone in South Gloucestershire seeking free, independent, impartial and confidential advice from Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire can call 0808 278 7947.

Falfield Parish Council Report

The November meeting took place on Monday 18th November 2024. Councillors noted that a response had been received from the Enforcement Team at South Gloucestershire Council following a concern raised by a parishioner at the October meeting regarding the height of the totem poles for the electricity sub-station on the Cotswold Homes site. The Enforcement Team advised that no breach of planning control had occurred.

In his report Ward Cllr O'Neill indicated that the two major housing developments in Charfield are expected to be determined in the near future. These are not expected to be refused given the current housing policy of the newly elected government.

Under finance Councillors approved the Council's budget and the Parish Precept for 2025/26. In the case of the Parish Precept this would rise from £10,864.00 to £11,075.00.

Following the October meeting, when it was approved to purchase a second Defibrillator and external cabinet, the Clerk informed the meeting the unit and cabinet had now arrived and that it was planned to have it fitted on to an external wall at the Village Hall before the end of the year.

Under highways no issues had been raised with StreetCare since the last meeting and all issues noted as open at the last meeting were unchanged although the Clerk reported that he did not have much confidence in the StreetCare Report It system to provide up to date accurate information. Councillors agreed that they would like to see further speed checks carried out and the Clerk was instructed to contact the South Gloucestershire Council Road Safety and Sustainable Travel Team to request vehicle behaviour data capture equipment on the A38 as it had been some time since any speed monitoring had taken place.

The next meeting of the Council is to be held on **Monday 20th January 2024 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm**



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Thornbury Orchestra Concert 19th January 2025 Drama Hall Marlwood School, Alveston at 3.00pm

The music will include:

- Dvorak's Slavonic Dances Op 46,
- Gabriel Faure's "Elegie" Op 24 and
- Glazunov's "The Seasons" Op 67.

As always, the concert will be in aid of a charity based in or around Thornbury.

Tickets, available on our website or at the door: £10 for adults, children free.

For more details, contact
info@thornburyorchestra.org.uk

The orchestra was founded in 2002 and draws players from across South Gloucestershire and beyond. We rehearse regularly in St Helen's, Alveston and normally give two or three concerts a year, all in support of local charities. We are always keen to hear from interested players and currently have a number of vacancies. For more details, visit our website www.thornburyorchestra.org.uk

THORNBURY Art Club

January Club Night
is Tues 28th with
Tom Hughes

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



Members free, non-members very welcome
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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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For more details visit www.thornburyartclub.co.uk,
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St. Andrew's, Cromhall



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St. Oswald's, Rockhampton



St. James', Tytherington

St. George's, Falfield



Church services and information

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

Cromhall:	Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200 or Stephen Youngs 01454 300260, 07735 396775 churchwarden@saintandrewscromhall.org.uk
Falfield:	Headley Pain 01454 269017
Rockhampton:	Liz Cullimore 01454 412208
Tortworth:	Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or Fen Marshall 07875 560988
Tytherington:	John Williams 01454 412515 or Phil Coward 01454 281444

If they are unavailable, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. Please bear in mind they do have other lives and may not be available instantly. However, leave a message and they will deal with it as soon as they can. Failing that, contact **Rev. Graham Stacey, the Area Dean** on areadean@wottondeanery.org.uk or Tel. **01453 709859**

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

Sun 12th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 26th	9.30am	Holy Communion

Falfield

Sun 12th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 19th	10.30am	Morning Prayer

Rockhampton

Sun 26th	10.30am	Holy Communion
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Tortworth

Sun 5th	10.30am	Carol Service
Sun 19th	10.30am	Morning Prayer with a speaker from the Leprosy Mission
Sun 2nd Feb	10.30am	Holy Communion

Tytherington

Thurs 2nd	9.30am	Said Communion
Sun 5th	10.30am	Joint service at the Baptist church
Sun 19th	10.30am	Holy Communion



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Make a difference this New Year

With Christmas a distant memory and the long dark nights stretching out in front of you, why not consider volunteering in your local community? Not only will you improve your health and happiness but by giving just an hour a week of your time you can make a huge difference to those that you help.

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Thornbury Volunteer Centre can provide you with information and support on volunteering opportunities in the local area which best suit your needs, skills and time available, whilst making sure that you find volunteering an enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

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Age, gender or disability is not a barrier to volunteering. Anyone, who is able to spare some time, from an hour a week to once a month or just on a one-off basis, would be warmly welcomed by someone in the community. Volunteering is a valuable experience that benefits all parties.

To find out more please contact Thornbury Volunteer Centre on 01454 413392;

email; mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk website; www.volunteer-thornbury.co.uk;

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Making connections!

Amongst the many and varied duties of a churchwarden is dealing with queries about those who have been baptised, married and buried at the church for which they have responsibility. At the beginning of July 2024, Fen Marshall received an email enquiring about relatives of Lieutenant Commander John Arthur Smith (Royal Naval Reserve). The enquiry came from a gentleman named George Dunnett who explained that his family had a telescope in their possession which he believed was originally the property of Lt Cdr Smith and that he believed it had come into their possession following his death on the 28th January 1918 on board the SS Keelung.



Lieutenant Commander John Arthur Smith
(Royal Naval Reserve).

George was keen to return the telescope to members of John Arthur Smith's family and, since a memorial stone to him was to be found in Tortworth churchyard, enquired as to whether Fen could provide any useful information regarding surviving members of the Smith family. Strangely enough, Fen passed this enquiry on to me.

I knew that the Smith family had lived in Tortworth for many years and were contemporaries of my great grandparents; indeed, Daniel Smith, who was the father of John Arthur, had originated from Iron

Acton, which was also the birthplace of my great grandmother, whose daughter had worked for the Smith family at Crockleys when she was a young girl. (I was later to discover that other family members had worked for them over many years, some in tragic circumstances.)

Daniel Smith and his wife, Sarah, farmed at Crockleys Farm for almost fifty years before retiring to Marsten Lodge on the estate. They produced eleven children of whom, according to the 1911 census, nine survived. However, they were to lose two more sons in the fighting of WW1, both of whose names appear on Tortworth's war memorial

The Smith family were influential members of the Tortworth community. Daniel was one of the Guardians of the Thornbury Union (Workhouse) representing Tortworth, as well as being a churchwarden for forty years.

Another of Daniel and Sarah's sons was the headmaster of Tortworth School after having first becoming a pupil in 1883. He went on to be a pupil teacher in 1894, then after becoming certificated, an assistant teacher from 1902. His rise continued and he became Headmaster in 1908, a post in which he remained, (with the exception of three years when he served in WW1 and his wife became Acting Head) until 1947.

George's determination to find living relatives led him to discover that, although Arthur had married, he and his wife had not had children, so the search continued until he found a surviving relative, Chris Honeyborne, who was able to tell him more about the family and to whom he will hand over the items which of which he has been the custodian.



Algernon Smith, head-
master of Tortworth
School 1908 - 1947

This handover will take place at St Leonard's Church, Tortworth, on 28th January 2025 and George is keen for anyone who wishes to come along to share in this remarkable event and find out more. (As we go to print, I'm not sure of the timing of this event, so please contact the churchwardens for more details.)

K Rea



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For anyone who may have an old orchard who might want more than one tree Sally can discuss the generous Forest of Avon grants that are available for larger scale orchard planting.

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 AAGThornbury@gmail.com or 01454 850933



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Ukrainian Storytime - Mondays at 4pm at Thornbury Library

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ROCKHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Rockhampton Parish Council seeks to appoint a new Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). This post is part-time, working from home for 3 hours per week and involves attending four quarterly evening meetings normally in February, May, August and November. The post is paid per the National Salary Scale and will be an hourly between £12.85 (SP5) & £14.36 (SP12) per hour, depending on qualifications and experience.

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For further information or a job description please contact:

Chair to Rockhampton Parish Council,
Mr Tom Cullimore at 3 Yew Tree Farm,
Newton, Thornbury

South Gloucestershire

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Tel: 01454 412208 or 07899 925224

Email: tjcullimore@aol.com

**The closing date to submit a CV is Friday
7th February 2025**

Thank you to everyone who has offered and delivered help and support, sent good wishes and in other ways shown kindness during my recent operation and recovery.

At this particular moment, I'm waiting to be convinced that it was worth all the hassle but time will tell, no doubt!

Kay



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Dick Bryant 1949 – 2024



Dick was born at Woodleaze Farm Itchington to Eric and Frances, and loved the outdoor life. From about the age of three he had a trusty tricycle that went virtually everywhere with him, if he couldn't physically ride it then he would drag it around the farm. He often said it served him well riding it round and around the manure heap trying to escape from his mother.

His freedom was curtailed once he started his education at primary school and later passing the 11+ eventually following his older sisters Peggy and Bridget to Thornbury Grammar school as did Ivor his younger brother, Dick however always said he was only there to make up the numbers. It was considered an honour when he was selected to join the school rugby team, he was not so convinced especially when he had to play a match on a Saturday! He thought it bad enough attending school in the week! But! as an adult he revealed a secret, that at least once he succeeded in skipping school by taking an away day to London on the train with a friend.

At 16 years he continued his education in the department of engineering at Filton Technical College followed by a five year apprenticeship at Dando's, a local garage in Chipping Sodbury. During that time, besides learning a good trade there were many high jinks and camaraderie with his fellow apprentices. Seeing his van one morning in the yard they thought he had come in early but no, he was sound asleep in it after being out together the night before.

When fully qualified as a fitter he worked at various local transport firms and a plant firm before deciding to work for himself, his customers and jobs were interesting and various. Transporting polo ponies to Spain and Scotland was a particular highlight. The identity of one pony on board to Scotland was very hush hush, in reality probably the worst kept secret, belonging to a certain royal very keen on polo at that time. An HGV fitter is young mans career, so in time he worked at a van hire company and finally became an HGV inspector and tester for the DVLA.

An incidental job, or rather a favour, cropped up a couple of times when he was asked to be a wine waiter for the then Earl of Ducie. In Dick's unique style if anyone couldn't decide if they wanted white or red he told them, "When you've made up your mind let me know and I'll come back".

Around the age of 13, Dick took part in the village nativity in Tytherington where he met Sue. It was the really hard winter of 62/63 so the nativity was temporarily abandoned. Although their paths crossed a few times it was approximately 10 years later they met up again at another village function the Tytherington gymkhana dance. They married in 1978 and set up home in Brookside Cottage, Cromhall, working and developing the garden from a jungle to its present state. Dick enjoyed his garden; building and making many features as well as growing vegetables, and entering his sunflowers in Cromhall village flower and produce show, winning the sunflower cup several times. He often won the cup for two consecutive years but his ambition was to win it for three consecutive years and finally this year he succeeded. Dick would also help run the bar at the Flower Show, wearing his distinctive bowler hat and colourful braces or a waistcoat.

Besides gardening, Dick had many hobbies and interests throughout his life, jalopy racing, All Wheel Drive trials competing in his landrover and also setting up the trials, he was a member of the first British team to take part in the Baja 1000 race in Mexico as one of their mechanical support. A landrover chassis had been sitting in the roof of Dick's garage for many, many years, intending to rebuild it, this he achieved only very recently, it is a beast of a thing to drive but he congratulated his brother Ivor in keeping out of the cycle lanes on a recent drive out. He participated in many historic vehicle road runs over the years, including the London to Brighton run for commercial vehicles, also tractor runs, he took part in earth moving demonstrations at Welland where he met and made friends with numerous people who say they loved listening to his amusing stories and anecdotes. Another hobby was wood, coppicing, felling trees, and subsequent cutting and splitting, also helping Hugh with his racksaw at shows. Some of that wood was for the wood burner or to build their "plant palace" and green room in the garden.



Dick was also very successful at... sleeping. Sue always said he could sleep on a washing line, for example; Dick maintained a QC's landrover, and they were invited to "a bit of a do" at his house; later in the evening Dick was found fast asleep under his antique dresser. On another occasion at an event at the village hall, Dick went outside for a breath of fresh air and promptly fell asleep in the field next door, much to the amusement of the children who kept going out to check on him. Then there was the time when they were in Hong Kong, he seemed to have disappeared at the end of Boxing Day evening, after a mini search he was found fast asleep in a land drain in the courtyard. Most recently at Sue's god-daughter's wedding, he was sleeping peacefully after the speeches, which greatly amused the younger ones on their table.

They were fortunate to have many friends and relations worldwide, which enabled them to visit Hong Kong, Cyprus, several visits to The States, and New Zealand a fond favourite of Dicks. They also drove to Switzerland in a 20+ year old landrover and visited Canada with Peggy and Doug.



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The Armstrong Hall reopening project - December 2024 update

Planning for The Armstrong Hall reopening project is intensifying and becoming more detailed as more information becomes available.

What's happening?

We expect to have a significant update for everyone early in 2025 setting out the re-

opening plans.

Our thoughts are to have a public meeting supported with a brochure that addresses many of the key matters we are sure you are all asking about.

- When will we re-open?
- What shows and activities will be on offer?
- What will the refurbishment look like?

Community questionnaire results

The feedback from our recent community questionnaire has been invaluable, confirming many of our thoughts and offering new insights. We're grateful to everyone who contributed. It's clear that Thornbury, as a town, needs this venue, which should serve as a space for large group meetings, a theatre for local and visiting audiences, and a hub for amateur dramatic and musical performances.

We also want it to be an inclusive, creative space at the heart of the town, offering a welcoming environment for a range of social activities.

Fitting in with the local area

It is also very important for us to be aware of how it will fit into the town, in terms of avoiding competition with the other businesses. We must try to support those businesses, not increase their problems, and want to bring more footfall into the centre, despite the impending parking charges. We're looking forward to speaking to the Chamber of Commerce in January, and hope to work in partnership with all local organisations for mutual benefit.

One such organisation is The Castle School. A meeting with the Headteacher indicates that there are fantastic opportunities for working with them, especially to help our local young people access the arts and learn about the strength of our fabulous community. This meeting confirmed how special Thornbury already is in terms of community engagement.

The building

The team is working hard on determining the necessary building work. It is essential to be compliant with regulations including those relating to improved energy efficiency. The complete focus remains on reopening the venue as soon as possible, while heeding all the professional advice we are receiving. We're also working to improve the foyer for better accessibility, as indicated by the questionnaire.

There is still juggling to be done to finalise a sound and achievable plan, but our intention is to gather all the final pieces of information and advice needed in order to complete it.

The jigsaw is coming together!

Armstrong Hall Trust We are grateful to the Thornbury Town Council representatives of the Trustee who continue to provide us with lots of help and encouragement.

Thank you for your support in 2024. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!



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

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

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

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The Parish Players is a local theatre group, with members from right across the local area. We stage a musical at Olveston and Tockington Parish Hall every February. If you'd like to help back stage or front of house it's not too late to get involved this year - do get in touch.

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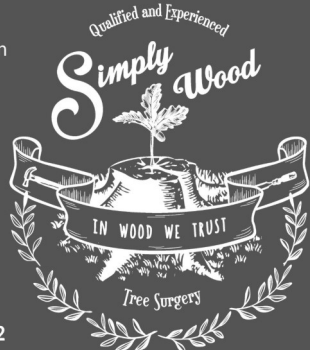
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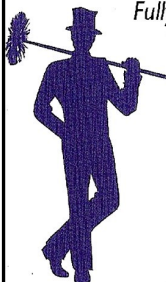
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Gloucestershire renewables company scoops business award



A leading renewable energy company has been awarded Solar Panel Installer of the Year 2024 for Gloucestershire, in recognition of their expertise and outstanding service to customers.

Green Team One, based near Wotton-under-Edge and serving Gloucestershire, neighbouring counties, and south-east Wales, secured the win at the Southern Enterprise Awards 2024.

Now in their seventh year, the Southern Enterprise Awards celebrate businesses and individuals who are ultimately altering the trajectory of their industries.

Creag Louttit-Vermaat, from Green Team One, said the team were delighted, as the award recognised their expertise in renewables, dedication to customer service, and commitment to excellence and quality.

“Our primary mission is always to deliver the best possible outcome, ensuring our customers receive the most suitable solution for their needs,” said Creag.

“There are many decisions involved in designing a renewable energy system, and due to its complexity, homeowners and businesses can easily be misled by rogue traders cutting corners for profit. Our promise is to offer the best advice, backed by our experience as engineers, and install to the highest standard.”

Awards Coordinator Melissa Bramall commented: “I want to applaud each one of our winners for their steadfast devotion to improving their industries and elevating their customers’ overall experience.”

Green Team One specialises in the installation of solar panels, solar batteries, heat pumps, EV chargers, and air conditioning both for residential and commercial customers. For more information about Green Team One, visit <https://www.greenteamone.co.uk/>.

ROCKHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

The last quarterly meeting took place on Monday 11th November 2024 at which Cllr Tina Mitchel Skinner took the Chair in the absence of Cllr Tom Cullimore.

During Public participation, the Secretary of the Village Hall gave a brief outline regarding the Village Hall’s current financial position and the efforts the Committee were making to increase the hiring returns going forward. Later in the meeting Councillors discussed an application from the Village Hall Committee for a grant to help with its ongoing costs and future improvements where it was agreed that the Village Hall Committee be asked to provide details on its current year’s budget and more detailed information on its proposals for improvements before making any final decision.

Ward Councillor Riddle confirmed that speed checks had been completed during August and September on the Lower Stone Road which reported that between 20% and 25% of traffic was within the 30-mph speed limit. A request had been made for the Speed Visor to come back for a further three weeks for more checks to be completed and that the Police had also been asked to undertake further speed monitoring.

Under Financial Matters the Council’s budget for 2025/26 was agreed along with the Parish Precept, which was set at £3,850.00, an increase of £150.00 on the current financial year.

The next quarterly meeting is due to take place on **Monday 24th February in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.**

New Year – New Power of Attorney

“**Lasting Powers of Attorney are now even more important than Wills**” according to Martin Lewis on his recent ITV show.

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26 th	(10.30am) Derek Cleave	(6.30pm) Alan Tarling

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Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 1st and 15th – we meet for Bible Study and Prayer in various homes in the area. 8th we meet all together on zoom for Bible Study and Prayer. 22nd Members' Meeting. 29th Communion and Prayer.

Thursday Coffee Mornings: Come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee with homemade cake each Thursday from 10.00am-12noon.

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 14th at 7.00pm. Come along and join a friendly group of ladies as we work on our own crafts and chat over a cup of tea.



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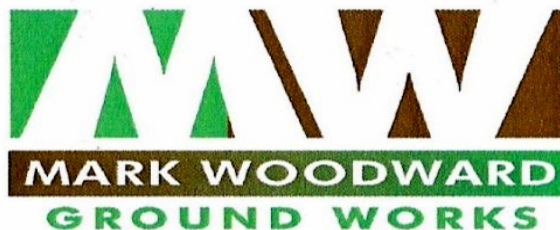
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Volunteers were required for the skittles tournament, and a request was made for up to date details for any member who had changed address or phone number.

The coffee morning on the 30th November raised £238 for the new Toddler Group at the village hall.

Our January meeting will be a New Year Party. Members may bring along a guest. A board was circulated for volunteers to bring food for a buffet.

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The committee has decided that **The Shop will cease trading on 28th February 2025.**

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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.

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Cromhall 100 Club

It's that time of year again.... to renew, or perhaps buy for the first time, numbers for Cromhall's 100 Club. The year runs from January to December with four ordinary draws taking place in February, May, August and November where prizes of £30, £20 and £10 are drawn and two special draws at Easter and Christmas with one prize of £50. So, you have several chances of winning something every year!

Money raised from the club goes to support St. Andrew's Church, Cromhall, boosting much needed funds to help with general running and maintenance of the building. This year, more than ever, your support will be greatly appreciated as we face expensive repairs and rising costs.

You can have any number of club numbers, for 2024, at £10 each and you can buy them at any time but to be in for all of the chances to win we would like to receive all applications by the end of this year, December 2024.

Once the club is complete you can confirm your number/s which will be displayed in Cromhall Village shop and the Church Porch (where winning numbers will be advertised too).

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A Visit to Milbury Heath

The current Dobies Garden Centre has grown out of an original horticultural business started on this junction of the Milbury Heath Road in between the two world wars. It was called The Forest and Orchard Nursery and their office was an attractive little bungalow facing the A38 where a rather less attractive modern building has recently been constructed. This road leads along to the little hamlet of Milbury Heath with its now disused Methodist Chapel dominating the landscape. Clustered around it are various houses and cottages. Until fairly recent times, there was a little general store situated here, also a sub-Post Office. The area has the appearance of a little village green which has recently been enhanced by two local residents who have created a small village pond on the site where one used to exist. These two men live in a short row of semi-detached houses which were built after the war to accommodate agricultural workers.

From this high point is a most attractive view towards the north of the parish and beyond to Stone and the River Severn. A bench has been placed here, where those who choose to, can enjoy this panorama. Although it is very small, the hamlet has a friendly and inviting aura. There is another little road to enter or exit the hamlet. It stretches just a short distance down a steep pitch from the chapel to the A38. There is also a set of stone steps which can be used to access the area from the main road. At this spot, existed, until the widening of the A38 in the 1950s, an old blacksmith's workshop. It had originally been worked by the Clark family who lived in the house perched on the top of the high ground, commanding a wonderful view over the Severn Estuary. Between this house and the chapel stands another house called 'The Keepers'. This is an old word for 'Keepers' and probably has some association anciently with the gamekeepers who would have guarded the Thornbury Estate lands in this area. It is also very close to the Tortworth Estate lands. 'The Keepers' was apparently, many years ago, an inn. Reportedly, it would appear to have features which would provide evidence to verify this. Possibly, it closed and The White Horse was built to replace it. This is not necessarily the case but it is something that frequently happened. The licence from one ale-house was granted to another close by.

The name of this lane is Chapel Lane and it connects directly across the main road with Whitewall Lane. This is a very narrow hollow way (signifying an ancient, well-used route) dropping down into Clay Lane and the general Crossways area. The other road out of the hamlet, which goes past the Dobies Garden Centre, connects across the main road with Hackett Lane which again drops down eventually to Crossways. Again, the lane appears to be a hollow way.

In centuries past, Milbury Heath and Buckover would have been rather remote communities. Life would have been bleak, physically perched upon such high ground. The fact has emerged during the compiling of this book that a tight-knit community existed here and this is probably the reason. In order to survive, the families would be inter-dependent.

Before leaving the hamlet of Milbury Heath, there are two other features worthy of mention. One is the Green Lane. This lane is a no through road, but leads to official, established footpaths with stone slab stiles which are a feature of the Thornbury area. The main footpath goes through to The Hill at Tytherington. Another one goes across to the water tower near the old Abadan Garage.

The other feature near by no longer exists, but the site does. Where two modern homes are now built, originally stood two (or three?) wooden bungalows. These comprised a small isolation hospital for use in the early twentieth century. Later on, they were turned into homes, but circa 1980 they were demolished and new houses were built.

Shortly after this location, the traveller can choose to branch left, passing the top of Brinkmarsh Lane, and then continue over the motorway bridge, past Hope Farm to the beautiful wooded lanes leading to Cromhall. This area was anciently a small separate manor called Hope. The meaning of 'Hope' is, 'Valley of thieves'. One is tempted to imagine that his may refer to highwaymen or other vagabonds, who lay in wait on this remote terrain of heath and woodland to surprise and rob their victims. Sweeping up in the direction of the higher ground, one arrives at Cutts Heath and on old maps it shows that a turnpike gate existed here. There are scattered cottages, and the road links up with Baden Hill. This is another remote hamlet consisting of only a few houses. I am always tempted to think that his location holds some mystery because of its strange 'unmade' appearance. This is the outpost of Falfield Parish and the various lanes lead off steeply down into Tytherington Parish. The Falfield postman in years gone by, reportedly, walked from Falfield Post Office to Tytherington by this route. He walked there in the morning delivering on his way, collected the mail from the post boxes and made his way back in the afternoon. I remember someone once telling me, that somewhere in the location of Baden Hill there was a purpose-built little hut where he could stop for a rest and to have his refreshments.

Far away in this quiet, remote location, the central village of Falfield appears to have little relevance. The quickest way to return would be through Brinkmarsh Lane. Apparently, there was an old coach route from Tytherington, via Brinkmarsh to Whitfield. Once back down in the village, there are lanes and hamlets we have not yet explored.

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