Benefice community newsletter for Cromhall, Falfield, Tortworth, Tytherington and Rockhampton



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Well there you go..... it's happened again



I'm always surprised but it happens at this time every year. The last week of April and the first week in May. The brown twiggy countryside gets swamped with a lush green sea. The trees suddenly change and cover the place with soft leaves. Look at a beech bud in late April and two weeks later it's produced a soft leafy shoot 10 inches long. (Tie a thin bit of wool round one if you don't believe me!). It's like a tide sweeping in and changing the world in which we live. Swallows appear, and a cuckoo if you're really lucky these days. If you know a few bird

songs there are other, far less aerodynamically designed birds, which have swept in with that tide; chiffchaffs, blackcaps, and whitethroats, taking advantage of the tiny hatching caterpillars around them. I always think it's not going to happen but it always does, give or take a few days. There might not be quite as many as there used to be but they always come.

I think we become more aware of these changes around us when we are restricted in where we can go. When I was ten I had to stay in hospital for two weeks at the end of April and the beginning of May. I was not allowed to move around. The only thing that I could see out of a high window was the top of a tree. I watched it change every day. How it changed! I couldn't tell you the type of tree (identifying something doesn't matter as much as just looking carefully) but it has stayed with me ever since. Feel an oak leaf in May: Look to see if the "oak really is before the ash" in coming into leaf: Look for (and smell) the May blossom so you can "cast a clout"! I believe that time in hospital really influenced my love of the countryside. It will be interesting to see if this pandemic leads to children becoming more aware and respectful of their immediate surroundings. Many already are, so let's encourage them. Hopefully it may have influenced a few older people too!

"Nature" Is What We See Emily Dickinson

"Nature" is what we see— The Hill—the Afternoon— Squirrel—Eclipse— the Bumble bee— Nay—Nature is Heaven—

Nature is what we hear— The Bobolink*—the Sea— Thunder—the Cricket— Nay—Nature is Harmony— Nature is what we know— Yet have no art to say— So impotent Our Wisdom is To her Simplicity.



*The bobolink is a small New World blackbird.

If you get the chance to just stand and use all your senses to appreciate this time of year, it makes you thankful to be alive and so fortunate to live in this great green sea.

I reckon it'll happen again next year.

Fen Marshall

There's always a reason to smile find it!



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Monday to Wednesday9am - 8pm,Thursday and Friday9am - 5pmSaturday and Sunday10am - 4pmor see our website:www.alzheimers.org.uk

*Please note: Alzheimer's Society has <u>temporarily suspended</u> all of our face-toface 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 - 4 pm.

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: Sponge puddings, Jelly (cubes please), Long life milk, Instant Mash, Tinned pulses e.g. chick peas, kidney/butter beans, Tins of custard, Angel delight, Chocolates/sweets, Laundry Tablets, Male & female deodorant

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.

FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 4th May 2021, which took place online, Cllr Jarvis gave her Annual Report and summarised the activities that had taken place since the previous Annual Parish Meeting in 2019. These included planning, environmental and ongoing highways issues. Since May 2021, due to the pandemic all meetings had taken place online, but it was hoped that from June meetings could return physically to being held in the Village Hall. The Clerk went on to give the financial report highlighting that the Parish Council had a total balance of £14,762 at the year-end which was appropriate for a small Parish Council with no other source of income.

The Annual Meeting of the Council followed and began with Cllr Jarvis being elected for another year as Chairperson and Cllr Gregory as Vice Chair. The Accounts and Annual Return for 2020/21 were reviewed and approved. Other business of the meeting included planning matters, finances, highways issues and representative appointments to external organisations and committees.

The next meeting will take place on 15th June 2021 at 7.30 pm in Falfield Village Hall.

James Carpenter, Clerk & RFO to Falfield Parish Council

parish.clerk@falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk



Falfield Village Hall Management Committee

Annual General Meeting date changed to:

Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 7.30pm

We are always looking for new members so if you would like to get involved or you have ideas about the hall's development, then please get in touch.

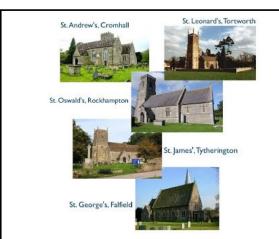
The Village Hall will be fully re-opened on 21st June 2021

(in accordance with Government guidelines) complete with up-graded facilities and decoration.

To book the hall for group meetings, events or a party then contact: <u>falfieldvh@gmail.com</u>



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



Benefice Services during June

We are beginning to move forward and we will be going slowly for your safety - and maybe that will be too slow for some and too fast for others! The 'in person service' is at 9:15am so that the Zoom service can continue at 10:30am.

10:30am Morning Worship 6:30pm Sunday Half hour

Zoom

'In person' services of Holy Communion:

6th	9:15am	Tortworth
13th	9:15am	Falfield and Cromhall
20th	9:15am	Tytherington
27th	9:15am	Rockhampton

These services at present require us to wear masks, maintain social distancing and there is no singing. We also need to keep a record of who joins our services, so you will be asked to sign in on arrival. These quidelines of course may change.



These guidelines of course may change, in which case we will re-assess how we go forward.

However, this will probably be the pattern for the next few months, so that everyone knows what is happening.

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We are delighted to announce that we have a new pastor! 20 months after Pastor Chris and Rebekah



left us, we welcome Pastor Simon Carey and his wife Melanie. Simon and Melanie are both Bristol-born but have served as missionaries in Thailand for over twenty years. They returned to the UK in 2020. They have two children at univer-

sity, Elliot and Jemima and look forward to being part of the chapel family and getting to know many people in the area.

After more than a year of meeting on Zoom, due to the pandemic, we hope to recommence services in the chapel building from 27th June, initially meeting just once at 10.30 am each Sunday. We hope this can be increased to our usual two services after a couple of months. We hope it won't be too long before we begin our Tots and Crafters groups and Men's and Ladies' Breakfasts, but this all depends on the roll-out of the roadmap.



TYTHERINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

There are no plans to recommence worship at the chapel before the 21st June restriction easement date. We

shall, of course, watch the latest Government guidelines very closely.

However, I intend continuing with the weekly 'E-Services' which I send to members of the Baptist and some St James' congregations each Saturday, to be read the following morning. In this way, although physically separated, we are together in worship of our Lord.

The 'E-Services' comprise prayers, a Bible passage and an address expanding upon that passage and how it reflects upon our Christian lives.

Anyone who wishes to be added to the 'mailing list' for these services is welcome to contact me with their email address.

Also, if anyone from Tytherington has any topic (or person) which they would like to be included in the prayers on a particular Sunday, please feel free to contact me (by the previous Friday).

My e-mail address is: allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk

Many blessings to you all, Brian

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Rogue Traders

A man from North Somerset has been sentenced to 150 hours of unpaid work at Bris-

tol Crown Court for rogue trading offences committed against an NHS worker from Thornbury, during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The offender, trading as Driveline Landscaping and previously Driveline Paving, pleaded guilty to four offences under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations, which were committed in May 2020. As part of the proceedings, South Glos Trading Standards was able to ensure that the victim received a full refund of £3,000 from the trader.

South Glos Council's Cabinet Member for Communities and Local Place, said: "We will not tolerate rogue traders here in South Glos and I'm pleased to see that justice has been served. This individual has been advised twice by Trading Standards about his practices and was seemingly determined not to comply with the law on doorstep selling.

"Residents should be aware that if any such agreement is made, they have to be provided with details of their 14-day cancellation rights and also to be wary of review sites, as they are not always what they seem. We will not hesitate to bring anyone who operates in this manner before the courts." Anyone suspecting that rogue traders are operating in their area is advised to contact Trading Standards on 0808 223 1133.

ROCKHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting on 5th May 2021 which took place online, Cllr Cullimore gave his Annual Report and summarised a number of activities that had taken place in the Parish during the previous 24 months although many had been curtailed or suspended due to Covid 19.

He then went on to report on the Parish Council's work during this period which included the purchase of a defibrillator and the Council's responses to the consultation on the Local Plan and the pedestrianisation of Thornbury High Street. The Clerk give the financial report highlighting that the Parish Council had a total balance of £3,754 at the year-end which was appropriate for a small Parish Council with no other source of income.

The Annual Meeting of the Council followed and began with Cllr Cullimore again being elected as Chairperson and Cllr Mitchell Skinner as Vice Chair. The Accounts and Annual Return for 2020/21 were reviewed and approved.

Other business of the meeting included a report from the Severn Vale Ward Cllr Matthew Riddle, subsidence on the Hill road, a further request for speed monitoring to be undertaken on the Lower Stone Road and the purchase of a new litter bin to be placed in the Village Hall Car Park.

Cllrs agreed a date of **Saturday 2nd October for the Autumn Litter Pick.** They also agreed that, following the installation of the Defibrillator at the Pavilion on the Common in 2021, the delayed Awareness training for parishioners should be arranged on a suitable Saturday during September.

Provisional date for next meeting: Monday 23rd August at 7.30 pm in Rockhampton Village Hall.

James Carpenter, Clerk & RFO to Rockhampton Parish Council <u>rockhamptonpc@gmail.com</u> <u>www.rockhamptonparishcouncil.co.uk</u>





How many churches could you visit in a single day?

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust has announced the annual Ride + Stride event will take place on Saturday 11th September 2021, assuming all goes to plan with the roadmap out of lock-down.

Ride+Stride is a nationwide event supported by the National Churches Trust and organised locally by the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT). Cyclists, walkers, and horse riders raise money by being sponsored to visit churches and chapels on any route of their choice. The money raised by Ride+Stride is then shared between GHCT and local churches of all Christian denominations in Gloucestershire and North Bristol.

Colin Senior, Chair of the Trust said: "2021 is a special year for GHCT as we are celebrating our 40th birthday and so we are hoping it will be a record year of fund-raising!"



The charity is hoping to welcome back lots of participants who could not take part last year due to covid restrictions. In 2020, an amazing figure of £44,000 was raised by participants despite the pandemic and unusual circumstances. Moreover, nationally, Ride+Stride raised over £1.2million, an incredible achievement!

GHCT has worked hard over the last 40 years to fund projects across the area and has made grants worth over £2 million for renovations and improvements to local historic buildings to ensure they are around for future generations to enjoy.



The Ride + Stride event is a brilliant way to get out to see the beautiful local churches and support this fantastic charity. Further information about getting involved in the 2021 Ride + Stride event can be found on the GHCT website at <u>www.ghct.org.uk/</u><u>ride-and-stride</u>.

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What's happening at the Tortworth arboretum?

Tortworth Forest Centre is a small not-for-profit organisation, working with volunteers to restore, replant and maintain the dell at the Tortworth arboretum. Previously a deer park, the arboretum was first designed and planted in the 19th Century by the third Earl of Ducie, Henry John Moreton.

After many years of neglect, the arboretum was left overgrown, suffo-

cating with bramble, bamboo and rhododendron, and largely inaccessible. In 2014 Woodlands.co.uk bought the land and offered us the unique opportunity to restore and open it for conservation, education and wellbeing. Through volunteering, wellbeing programmes, workshops and events we hope to create a welcoming woodland, where people and nature thrive alongside the botanic tree collection.

Currently funded by a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, we are making great strides in managing the site whilst also nurturing the amazing and unusual ecosystem there - including wildflowers, deer, bats, butterflies and dragonflies, and many bird types.



As well as creating paths, clearing space around trees, tackling invasive plants, and processing fallen branches and trees, we have been rediscovering the tree collection. Records and labelling of the trees were scant and patchy, but we have now mapped and listed over 600 trees on site, and created a range of visitor maps to help people learn about the tree collection. To further improve things on site, we are establishing a new numbering system, and putting up 50 new tree labels. Next on the list is better signage on the site, starting with a welcome board at the entrance to the public footpath.

Until 2019, there had been little or no planting in the arboretum for up to 20 years. This left a big gap in the woodland's structure.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our amazing volunteers over several years, we've cleared areas for planting and over the last two winters have put around 20 new trees and shrubs in the ground.

There are now monthly opportunities to visit and explore this unique place since the launch of our Visitor Days in February, and thanks to generous funding we have 2 free open days coming up on 17 July and 16 October. See our website for more information about events and other ways to get involved - tortwortharboretum.org/events

We'd love to hear from any local people who have memories or stories of the arboretum so that

we can build a better picture of the arboretum through time. If there's anything you'd like to share, please record your memories here - <u>tortwortharboretum.org/record-a-memory</u>

Amy Stone, Community Engagement Officer,

Tortworth Forest Centre CIC



Local youth music charity needs new Trustees and Treasurer

Thornbury Area Youth Music Trust, is urgently seeking new Trustees to join its board. The charity



provides high-quality music tuition and activities for children aged 4-18 through a successful music centre that sees more than 100 children coming together to have fun making music each week. The centre gives these young people the chance to play in small and large ensembles, with regular performances throughout the year.

The charity was set up by parents after the local authority closed the music centre that was run at Marlwood School, Alveston. In 2018 the centre moved to Manorbrook School, Thornbury and was meeting there every term-time Saturday morning until Covid hit. Since then the children have been receiving online tuition and coming together virtually to play ensemble pieces.

"TAYM is run by parents, trustees and volunteers," said Nadya Webster, a parent and a trustee. "With the decline in musical opportunities in primary and secondary schools, it's really important to us that all the young people of our area have access to music on their doorstep at affordable prices without having to travel further afield."

Several of the trustees have children that are now moving on to other things and so the charity is looking for new trustees to join the board. "Trustees do not need any music background and they do not need to be a parent of a child in the centre," says Kieran Donaghey, also a parent and trustee. "We are looking for anyone who can bring new ideas, help with the governance of the music centre and who believes it is important for young people to have access to music education."

A Head of Centre, Administrator and a Treasurer manage the centre along with our team of dedicated music tutors. Trustee board meetings take place around 8-10 times per year and are currently held on-line. The role of Trustee is a voluntary one, with trustees taking on a variety of shared responsibilities, dependent on their experience and preference.

The Trust is also currently recruiting for a Treasurer who is required to manage the TAYM bank accounts in accordance with the agreed activities of the trust. This is a paid, part-time position.

For more information about TAYM, please see www.thornbury-music.org. You can also search for Thornbury Area Youth Music on YouTube and see some of the children's online performances. If you are interested in either the Treasurer or Trustee roles please contact trustee.taym@gmail.com

Rhubarb Butterscotch Pie

Equally good with washed, topped and tailed gooseberries. The fruit sets in a toffee-like mixture.

Ingredients:

6ozs (150g) short crust pastry

1lb (450g) rhubarb 4ozs (100g) brown sugar 1oz (25g) flour 2 eggs 1 tablespoon water pinch of salt



Method:

- Line an 8" (20cm) flan tin with pastry and fill it with the chopped rhubarb.
- Mix the other ingredients together and pour over.
- Bake at Gas Mark 7 (425[°] F, 220[°]C) for 10 minutes, then at Gas Mark 3 (325[°]F, 170[°]C) for 30 minutes more. Serve hot or cold.

Harold Griffiths - Inaugural President of Thornbury & District Royal British Legion

From Korea to Thornbury (via London, Glasgow & Southmead)

At 93 years of age, Colonel (Retired) Harold Griffiths is one of our most "senior" members, and the only one of the branch to have served in the Korean War.



With roots in a military family, Harold was the first President of Thornbury RBL whose career began in medicine but was interrupted by National Service, serving in the Army in Korea where he was posted to the 11th Field Transfusion Team in the Commonwealth General Hospital in Kure, supporting the last big action in the sector, the Battle of the Hook involving the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, the Black Watch and the Royal Fusiliers. He also served at a casualty collecting post near the Imjin River.

After his time in the Army, Harold continued his surgical training in the London area at Stanmore, Mount Vernon and Harefield, and then to the Western Infirmary in Glasgow before coming south again as an orthopaedic consultant at Southmead and Frenchay hospitals.

Harold served in the Territorial Army until 1995, and at the end of his military career was honoured with a CBE (military) by HM The Queen.

As a member of Thornbury Royal British Legion he feels it is important to consider both the physical and mental welfare of HM Forces and veterans.



Thornbury & District Royal British Legion is proud and honoured to count Harold as one of its members; someone who has had such a distinguished military and medical career.



Contrary to popular belief, you do not have to be serving or a veteran of the Armed Forces. In fact anyone who shares our aims and values can join the RBL and will be very welcome. Our branch normally meets on the last Sunday of the month in the Black Horse on Gillingstool at 12 noon, subject to Covid restrictions.

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Update from Councillor John O'Neill

There are two speed reduction schemes outstanding in the area, the first is on the B4058 western approach to Cromhall to reduce the speed from the



Downs Road to the village boundary from 50mph to 40mph, the other scheme is on the A38 from the Gables Hotel to the county boundary to reduce the speed from 60mph to 40mph.

Both schemes have been outstanding for some time and have been victims of the backlog of work that the council has accumulated during the pandemic, we have had several dates that have been missed but given the issues of speeding in both areas I have been pressing for both schemes to be implemented, the new provisional date for both schemes is 24th May, when I am hoping they will both be implemented.

The 85-home development at Heneage Farm Falfield continues to progress at a quick rate, part of this development will be the extensive open spaces that will include the children's play area, multi-use games area and dog walking areas.

The Council policy is to no longer to adopt the open spaces on new developments and the maintenance for the open spaces is the responsibility of a management company appointed by the developer, the funding for the maintenance of the open spaces on new developments is met by service charges to the occupants of the homes on the new development.



Regardless of how the open spaces are funded, this is deemed to be public open space and is available for use by the general public; the open spaces are expected to be available for use from

August, meaning that residents and children in Falfield will have the use of the open space facilities when they are released.

John O'Neill John.oneill@southglos.gov.uk

Tytherington Village Shop



Shop opening hours

As we hoped, we have enough returning volunteers to open from 2.30-4.30pm every weekday afternoon except for Mondays. This is another really positive step towards normality and it is lovely to welcome back some old friends as well as new ones.

When the weather warms up, as well as the usual shopping, we want to be able to offer tea and cake, cold drinks and ice creams to people enjoying walks around Tytherington, to families using the play area in the Jubilee field, to cyclists or villagers wanting to meet up for a chat outside.

However, we could still do with an extra helper or two. In particular, we need help on Tuesday mornings 11.30-1.00pm and Thursday afternoons 2.30-4.30pm. If you can offer some time to support your shop, we should love to hear from you

Post Office hours – an update

As the shop is now open until 1.00pm each lunch time, PO hours are now:-:

Monday	9.00 - 1.00pm
Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30am
Wednesday	9.00 - 11.30am
Thursday	9.00 - 1.00pm
Friday	9.00 - 11.30am

Beat Surgeries

Another step in the right direction, Beat Surgeries are being re-established in the shop. If you are new to Tytherington, our Neighbourhood Constable is PC Lee Bainbridge and our Police Community Support Officer Kevin Jarvis.

One or both of them will make themselves available in the shop for an hour or so and residents can come to discuss any concerns with them or to get general advice about home security matters.

The next Beat Surgery will be on **WEDNESDAY JUNE 16, 2.30 - 3.30pm.**

WE'RE BACK - COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR FORCES VETERANS



At last, what seems like a lifetime in "lockdown", we are thrilled to be able to resume our drop-in coffee mornings for HM Forces and veterans. We want to say a huge Thank You to Bonds Estate Agents and Cadman

Wealth Planning, both in Thornbury who have very generously sponsored the programme – tangible support for the community from the community, and we are extremely grateful to them.

Since the launch of the Royal British Legion's monthly drop-in coffee mornings in Thornbury in June 2019, a significant number of local veterans (who were previously unknown to us) have joined us in Hawkes House for coffee, a chat, and the chance to get some specific advice and support from the team of professionals on a variety of issues. We are very grateful to the management and staff at Hawkes House for their support and for the warm welcome which we always receive.

Several of our drop-in visitors have also joined the Thornbury branch of the RBL which is a bonus. Some have only recently left the Forces, whilst others have been in "civvy street" for a number of years. Their challenges have included loneliness, isolation, depression, bereavement and posttraumatic stress, as well as some physical disabilities.

The opportunity for us to meet these veterans, to hear their stories and then to be able to offer some practical support and comradeship is a truly heartwarming and rewarding experience for all those involved and is making the monthly coffee mornings extremely worthwhile.

Provisional dates for the coffee mornings in June are:

- Hawkes House, Thursday 24th June
 9.30 11.30am
- The Swan, High Street, Saturday 26th June 9.30 11.30am

Look out for the A-Boards outside the venues which will confirm the dates.

If you are a serving member or a veteran of HM Forces, just drop in – you WILL be welcome !



Douglas Moreton 1958 - 2021

When you hear words like "legend"; "true gentleman"; "a quiet, but nice man…"; "he was a lovely man and he was caring towards the staff and other residents…"; "I loved him like a football brother ……" you start to really listen to the story behind the person. These are words and phrases used to describe Douglas Moreton at his funeral service in Tortworth on May 18th 2021.

Born in October 1958 when the family lived in School House, they moved to Tortworth House and then later Dougie moved to live independently at Woodend Farm – his home for the rest of his life. He enjoyed being outdoors and the outdoor life and so with schooldays over, he began work on the farm at Woodend while doing a day release course at Hartpury College.

He always loved his music, in younger days he belonged to Thornbury Young Farmers club, he was a beater for shoots at Tortworth, and as a young man played skittles in the Berkeley league but it was football that had his heart. He has travelled to many parts of the world following his beloved Liverpool FC and England teams – and on occasions the travel arrangements didn't always go to plan! However, this was his passion in life and every effort was made to get to every possible match. Locally he has had a long association with Kingswood AFC which began when he was a teenager, and members of KAFC were pallbearers at the funeral service.

His life may have been challenging at times, but within his routines and his need for consistency, together with the support of friends and family, he has faced those challenges. Dougie was a unique individual who touched the lives of many people and he has left, with those who knew him, perhaps insights and understandings that will continue to influence them in the years ahead. Dougie clearly kept people on their toes - he didn't always conform to what was expected of him, but he has made an impact on the lives of others in many different ways. One email said: "He was quite a unique person - intensely private, but when you gently broke through that exterior there was a friendly, funny and loyal soul."

RIP Douglas.



We are consulting with the community on a proposal to expand Lyde Green Primary School. We are keen to hear the views of parents, prospective parents, members of the local community and partner organisations.

Our consultation will run from Monday 17th May to Monday 28th June 2021. You can respond to the consultation by emailing your views, comments and questions to <u>consultation@cset.co.uk</u> or writing to CSET, Partnership Centre, Mangotsfield School, Rodway Hill, Bristol, BS16 9LH

Thornbury Radio launches on FM in June

Thornbury Radio – Your Choice, Your Voice! is preparing to launch on Monday 7th June when you can listen on 105.1 FM and 107.5 FM thanks to the transmitters the team have built.



Over the years, more than 300 local volunteers of all ages have delivered local radio programming on the station whose mission is to give a voice to Thornbury and the surrounding area.

Work is still needed to ensure the success of the station after launch, (e.g. training volunteer presenters, station admin and maintenance of the technical kit). If you are interested, please visit https://www.thornbury.radio and complete the volunteer form.

David Wrench, Director of the station said, "This is the culmination of a 16-year journey from the Thornbury FM and Gloss FM restricted service broadcasts to the launch of Thornbury Radio. Now everyone in the community of Thornbury and the surrounding villages will have their very own 24/7 FM service; this has only been possible through the efforts of many volunteers and supporters."

Thornbury Radio, run by Thornbury Media Community Interest Company, is funded by a combination of grants, donations and advertising and seeks to help support local organisations in getting their message on air via interviews, promoting messages on social media or creating information adverts and is a cost-effective way for local businesses to support social enterprise and advertise within South Gloucestershire.





Well-behaved dogs & responsible owners welcome

Unfortunately the site is not suitable for wheelchairs, and is only suitable for

Tickets: tortwortharboretum.org/events

1	FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS APRIL 2021		
	High	Low	Average
Temp	18.6 ⁰ C	-2.5 ⁰ C	7.8 ⁰ C
Dew Point	11.2 ⁰ C	-15.7 ⁰ C	-2.3 ⁰ C
Humidity	99.0 %	15 %	56 %
Precipita- tion	19.30 mm		
Wettest Day	11.43 mm or	n 28th. YTD 2	14.88 mm
Wind Speed	53.6 km/h		0.7 km/h
Wind Gust	72.4 km/h		
Wind direc- tion		East	
Pressure	1037.93 hPa	1008.47 hPa	

Go to www.wunderground.com/personal-weatherstation/dashboard?ID=IENGLAND1163 for live weather information from the Falfield weather station

Brain Tumour Support



Our priority, as it has been in every decision taken across the charity throughout the pandemic, is to keep those we support as well as our charity team, volun-

teers and all those who support us safe. We will continue to do this over the coming months. We also aim to take forward the positive changes which have come about as a result of having to deliver support virtually, and as always that is guided by what patients and families tell us they need. Our team of Support Professionals deliver individualised support and are a consistent point of contact for as long as support is needed. We shall continue to offer one-to-one zoom sessions, telephone, text and email support, and this is available for patients and their loved ones anywhere in the UK. If restrictions are lifted on 21st June as planned. we will also be able to offer one-to-one face to face support when it's practically viable and there is a particular need which cannot be met by online or phone contact.

We are planning to continue with our popular programme of Support Sessions via Zoom even after restrictions end. This means that our UK Friendship groups along with our Low Grade, High Grade and Specialist Information Sessions will still be available to people right across the country. Our local area Support Groups on Zoom will continue after 21st June, and we hope to also return to some physical Support Groups if the lifting of restrictions continues as planned.

Our counselling service will also continue, as it has throughout the pandemic, to offer an additional layer of specialist support via Zoom, phone and email for individuals, couples and families. We are constantly assessing the best way forward to ensure that we can reach as many people as possible and offer full support, whilst keeping everyone safe during the coming months.

If you or someone you love is affected by a brain tumour and looking for support please don't hesitate to get in touch. Contact Bay on support@braintumoursupport.co.uk / 01454 422701.

Fundraising events coming up:

The Hilly Helmet Challenge Join the 5th edition of this fun running event

organised specially in aid of Brain Tumour Support.

See The Hilly Helmet 5th Anniversary Challenge - EntryCentral.com for details



Your magazine: How to send copy or adverts for inclusion in '5 Alive':

NEWS COPY:

Where?

 News items should be sent to Kay Rea, The Bungalow, Moorslade, Falfield, GL12 8DJ Tel. 01454 260364 Email: kay.rea@btinternet.com

When?

• Copy date is **strictly before midnight on the 19th of each month** (but the earlier we receive material the better).

In what form?

- Please submit all copy by e-mail <u>(attachments should be in **Word or Publisher** format, **not** PDF). (We reserve the right of the editor to edit, and you may find that small changes are made for the sake of space etc)</u>
- If you want to submit an advertising poster or similar, black and white is preferable as it reproduces more clearly.
 Charities wishing to publicise events should quote their charity number.
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ADVERTISING:

- The deadline for inclusion of advertising in 5 Alive is the 12th of the month preceding publication.
- Enquiries about advertising should be directed to Kay Rea, The Bungalow, Moorslade, Falfield, Nr Wottonunder-Edge, Glos, GL12 8DJ. Tel. 01454 260364 Email: kay.rea@btinternet.com

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Cheques should be made out to 'Benefice Newsletter' and sent to Kay Rea (as above).

