

# 5 Villages Alive



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## Do we really need to celebrate brioche?



A message popped up on my iPad today reminding me it was International Brioche Day!

This set me down a rabbit hole to discover that every day in June there is a United Nations recognised special day for something or other from 1<sup>st</sup> June Global Day of Parents to 30<sup>th</sup> International Day of Children, with sundry others including Yoga, Widow's, Women in Diplomacy, Seafarers days in between. There are, as far as I could see, 365 designated Days. Who knew about all this going on? I had to find out who decides these days and more importantly why.

International days, observed by the United Nations, are typically decided upon by UN Member States proposing them to the General Assembly, which then votes on the establishment of a Day. Once ratified by the General Council, International days are said to serve various purposes, including raising awareness about global issues, mobilizing political will and resources, and celebrating achievements of humanity. Well, that makes it clear, or does it?

Do you hear about any of these activities? I don't seem to have come across them and I read several newspapers, scan the internet for news, watch TV or am I living under a stone? It's probably a little provocative to wonder if the effort of establishing quite so many, with all the resources obviously needed for doing 'something' on the day, perhaps detracts from some of the core issues afflicting our world.

On a lighter note, national days seem to mark less serious topics; I also found that apart from my brioche day, there are in June: Flip a Coin, Go Barefoot, Dinosaur, Leave the Office Early, Cider Day - and these are just the ones that made me smile. There are plenty more, some perhaps worthy of thought, but it begs the question are they really seriously designated days somewhere or just a hook for yet another publicity stunt? Many of them seem to originate in the USA and perhaps we can forgive them, they need such distractions at the moment. (*How much longer before we have a Donald Trump Day?*)



No, I have not forgotten that there are days which really are important to acknowledge and that has been clear to us all in May, the remembrances around VE Day and later in the year VJ Day as well as other days when we remember those who have given their lives for a cause.

What Day would you instigate?

Hilary Legg

There's always  
a reason to  
smile .... find it!

Rhymetime at Thornbury  
Library

FREE



Every Monday and Friday 9.30am-10am

NB The Library opens early especially for this event.

### PLEASE NOTE

All enquiries about advertising in 5 Alive should be addressed to Bridget Collett  
Tel: 07773 397080 or Email: [bridgetcollett@live.co.uk](mailto:bridgetcollett@live.co.uk)

Alveston Gardens Association

Monday 2nd June

The Salvia Family  
Robert Champion



Jubilee Hall, Alveston 7.30pm

All welcome - Visitors (£3)

### Tytherington Village Shop Association

#### Annual Members Meeting

will be held on

**Wednesday June 18th 2025 at  
7.30pm**

**in the Village Hall Annexe**

All welcome but only TVSA members will be able to vote.

Membership forms are available on request at the shop.



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you  
read?

### Have You Read...?"

A book group for everyone  
at Thornbury Library

Come and enjoy an open book group with a difference. No set novel to read. Just drop in for an hour for refreshments and a chat.

Friday 6th June 2pm - 3pm

### St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group



#### GARDEN PARTY

SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025

Grove House, The Street,  
Alveston BS35 3SX

By kind permission of Geoff & Carol Durston

Entrance: £5 includes tea and cake

Books Raffle

*Bring a picnic chair and enjoy the garden and listen to the music of*

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## Falfield Parish Council Report

The Annual Parish meeting took place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May which was chaired by the outgoing Chair of the Parish Council Emma Jarvis along with three other Councillors in attendance, the Clerk and one parishioner. The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were approved. This was followed by Cllr Jarvis providing a report on the activities of the Parish Council over the preceding 12 months. The Clerk also provided a financial report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. There were no items raised by electors of the parish.

This meeting was followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting (APCM) at which Cllr Emma Jarvis was re-elected as Chair.

As usual at each APCM, it was noted that the Council's various policies had been reviewed and were up to date. The Council's Financial Receipts and Expenditure Statement for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 were approved and it was noted that the internal audit had been completed without any issues being reported. Councillors also approved Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 which would be forwarded on to the External Auditors for examination and would also be published on the Council's website from early June onwards.

Two planning applications had been received since the April meeting and these were considered and observations made. The planned alterations to the A38 northbound between Sundayshill Lane and the Village Hall along with the relocation of the Bus Shelter adjacent to the War Memorial was again discussed. The Clerk informed Councillors that after making several attempts since the last meeting to obtain further information on the proposals from the Engineer responsible for this project at South Gloucestershire Council, no response had been forthcoming. It was agreed to ask our Ward Councillor if he could assist the Parish Council in obtaining details on this proposal.

The Parish Council currently have two Councillor vacancies of its total allowance of seven. For anyone who may be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor more information can be found on the Council's website home page or by contacting the Clerk.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June** in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

J. Carpenter, Clerk & RFO [parish.clerk@falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)  
[www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)

### Date for your diaries:-

**St. Mary's Church, Thornbury :**

**"A Week of Flowers and Music."**

Sunday September 14th - September 20th

**September 14th in the afternoon a  
"Come and Sing" event**

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**Friday, September 19th at 7.30pm**

**Festival concert given by  
the international, award-winning Ensemble  
"The Gesualdo Six".**

This concert will be a paid event.

Tickets, including refreshments: £17  
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**Not for profit: £8 full day, £5 half day  
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**Contact: Cathy Alexander  
0798 015 0069  
[quiltingwithcathy@gmail.com](mailto:quiltingwithcathy@gmail.com)**



St Andrew's Church,  
Cromhall

**Come and join us for  
Teas at the Lake on 1st June**




We need you  
- and  
St. Andrew's  
certainly  
needs any  
money raised!

**Enjoy a free hot drink in Thornbury library!**

**Available Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri**

**10.30am - 4.00pm**

Use the computers or use your own iPad, phone etc. (wifi available) Read a book, a newspaper, browse the shelves, enjoy a communal puzzle or just relax

### View 5 Alive online

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

- [www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)
- <https://cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrews-church>
- [www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk)



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Call Sally: 07510516050

### Climate Action

The way we produce and use energy needs to change. We need a lot more energy from renewable sources like wind and solar to meet the UK's climate targets. At the same time, it's difficult for many people to keep their homes warm in winter, even though it's essential for health and wellbeing. Staying warm in winter is a basic right for everyone.

Community-led energy projects keep benefits local – from cheaper energy bills to investment in local facilities. When communities lead energy projects, they create solutions that work for everyone – tackling both climate change and rising energy costs.

Climate Action Thornbury and Surrounding Areas (CATSA) are hosting an interactive workshop, which will be a space for local people to share thoughts on community energy in the area. CATSA has partnered with the Centre for Sustainable Energy who will help deliver this workshop.

The workshop will explore how Falfield, Cromhall and Tortworth can play a role in the UK's national efforts to take climate action – thinking about what renewable energy could happen in your area and how it could benefit the local community.

The workshop is aimed at anyone who lives or works in the Falfield, Cromhall and Tortworth area. Everyone is welcome - if you have an opinion on community energy, we want to hear it. You don't need to know anything about community energy as there will be information provided during the workshop. Get a free spot by following this link <http://shorturl.at/QhpfZ>, contacting [communities@cse.org.uk](mailto:communities@cse.org.uk), or calling 0117 363 4248.

## Community energy in the Falfield, Cromhall and Tortworth area

Join this interactive workshop to share your thoughts on community energy in the Falfield, Cromhall and Tortworth area.

**8th July 2025**  
**6.30pm - 8.30pm**

Falfield Village Hall

Workshop is **free to join**  
and a **complimentary**  
**buffet** will be provided

For more event info contact  
[communities@cse.org.uk](mailto:communities@cse.org.uk)  
or call 0117 363 4248.

Scan to book or visit  
[shorturl.at/QhpfZ](http://shorturl.at/QhpfZ)







Many thanks to everyone who has completed the survey.

If you have not found time yet, please take a blank copy from the counter in the Village Shop and post it into the green box by the photocopier or use the QR code below to access the same questions electronically.



You have till the 16<sup>th</sup> June.  
Your opinion really matters.  
We will feedback the results in the August edition of 5Alive.  
Many thanks from the Neighbourhood Planning Group



### Coward at Sea: a nautical musical comedy

Actor, pianist and singer Michael Lunts presents a little-known Noël Coward comedy, 'P&O 1930', brought to the stage for the first time. This one-man musical evokes the golden age of the

ocean-going liner, complete with on-stage ship, a cast of eccentric passengers, (all portrayed in classic Coward style) alongside some equally classic Coward songs, including 'Mad Dogs and Englishmen', 'Marvellous Party' and, of course, 'Sail Away'.

"A rare gem evoking the genuine spirit of Noël Coward" **Michael Coveney, Daily Mail.**

Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Thornbury, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.30pm. Tickets: £15 and interval drinks. [AAGThornbury@gmail.com](mailto:AAGThornbury@gmail.com) or 01454 850933.



## The Unexpected Encore: How Performing Arts Shape Tomorrow's Leaders



JAYNEE POOLEY

PRINCIPAL - COTSWOLDS



Confidence, communication, creativity—these qualities increasingly define success in today's workplace. Yet, they are often overlooked in traditional education. *The Unexpected Encore* explores the transformative power of performing arts in developing these essential skills, equipping young people with the ability to present confidently, collaborate effectively, and think creatively.

With arts education declining, GCSE Expressive Arts entries have dropped significantly—children risk missing out on formative experiences that build resilience and leadership. The performing arts cultivate problem-solving, empathy, and adaptability—traits critical in any career. As a lifelong advocate, I've seen firsthand how drama and singing help children, particularly those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), flourish.

This passion led me to launch *Little Voices Cotswolds*, offering structured, nurturing drama and singing lessons tailored to enhance confidence and creative thinking. We offer in-school programs, after-school clubs, and workshops that complement formal education, making the performing arts accessible to all children.

With our Malmesbury Centre launching on June 2nd we are also actively seeking to **expand across the Cotswolds through new centres and school partnerships**—hopefully bringing *Little Voices* to your area soon!

[www.littlevoices.org.uk/cotswolds](http://www.littlevoices.org.uk/cotswolds).



### Ukrainian Storytime Mondays at 4pm at Thornbury Library

Tell your Ukrainian family, friends, and colleagues, about Zoya, a Ukrainian teacher, who will be in the library to share stories, reading, etc, from the Ukraine.

THORNBURY  
**Art Club**

**June Club Night is  
Tues 24th  
at  
St Mary's Church Hall  
Matt Williams – Achieving Atmosphere  
with oils**



Matt will talk about and demonstrate how to achieve depth, movement and drama in your landscape painting. Matt's work connects the beauty of the natural landscape of Wales with the lived human experience of the Welsh. He is a self-taught artist, influenced by local artists and landscapes, and interested in early 20th Century British Impressionists.

Don't miss this fantastic chance to learn, socialize, and enjoy an evening of art, whether you're just starting out or looking to refine your skills.

**Members free, non-members very welcome  
- £6 on the door, cash or card. 7.15 for  
7.30pm until 9.30pm. Free parking on-site.**

For more details visit [www.thornburyartclub.co.uk](http://www.thornburyartclub.co.uk),  
[www.facebook.com/ThornburyArtClub](https://www.facebook.com/ThornburyArtClub) Email [publicrelations.tac@gmail.com](mailto:publicrelations.tac@gmail.com)



**TYTHERINGTON  
2026 CALENDAR**

Please keep taking  
suitable photos for  
next year's calendar.



**Thornbury Orchestra - Concert  
Saturday 7th June 2025 at  
7.30pm**

**St Mary's Church, Berkeley**

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

Programme includes Brahms's Hungarian Dances, Borodin's Prince Igor, Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet overture, Elgar's Bavarian Dances, Le Cid Ballet by Massenet and Janacek's Lachian Dances.

The concert is in aid of St Mary's Church, Berkeley. For more details, contact  
[info@thornburyorchestra.org.uk](mailto:info@thornburyorchestra.org.uk).

**Cromhall Village**

**Tat3**

**Wednesday**

**June 18th**



In June we will be going out for  
our summer lunch outing.

If you would like to join us for  
this, please let Zena Whitefield  
or me know.

We will leave Cromhall at 11.30am  
and be back by 4pm

Contact Zena on 01454 294324  
or Ann on 01454 294200 to book  
your place.

**Falfield**

baby & toddler group



from birth - school age



**Falfield Village Hall**

**Wednesday mornings**



**South Glos School Terms**

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**9.30 - 11.30am**



**£2 cash for  
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**50p for each additional child**

**50p for each additional adult**





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

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Email: [geoffrey.crosthwaite@gmail.com](mailto:geoffrey.crosthwaite@gmail.com)  
or write to him at The Barn, Townwell, Cromhall,  
Wotton-Under-Edge, GL12 8AQ.

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You are invited to join us for a  
**Summer Supper Evening**  
on  
**Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm**  
in  
**Cromhall Village Hall**  
Tickets £15 each

Enjoy a two-course summer supper  
and an illustrated account of our  
May visit to Zambia.

There will also be an opportunity to help us  
**'Buy a school'!**

Raffle

**Tickets available from Ann 01454 294200  
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## Creative Needlers Coffee Morning

To include an exhibition  
of some of our crafts

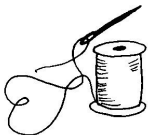
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**10.00am – 12.30pm**

**at Cromhall Village Hall**

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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.

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

If they are unavailable, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. Whilst they may not be available instantly, leave a message and they will deal with it as soon as they can. Failing that, contact **Rev. Graham Stacey, the Area Dean** on [areadean@wottondeanery.org.uk](mailto:areadean@wottondeanery.org.uk) or Tel. **01453 709859**

### Cromhall

Sun 8th	9.30am	Holy Communion led by Rev. Richard Morgan
Sun 22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion led by Rev. Rob Axford

### Falfield

Sun 8th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 15th	10.30am	Morning Prayer (Also Hook Family Christening ) Led by Area Dean, Graham Stacey

### Rockhampton

Sun 22nd	10.30am	Holy Communion
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### Tortworth

Sun 1st	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 15th	10.30am	Church open for a coffee and cake, but no service.
Sun 6th July	10.30am	Holy Communion

### Tytherington

Sun 1st	10.30am	Joint service at St James'
Thurs 5th	9.30am	Said Communion
Sun 15th	10.30am	Holy Communion

**SUNDAY 29TH JUNE**  
**10.30am**  
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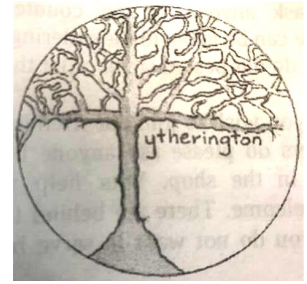
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## Tytherington Village Shop

As requested by a customer here is a reminder of our opening hours:

Monday	7.30am - 1.00pm	<b>Closed pm</b>
Tuesday	7.30am - 1.00pm	and 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday	7.30am - 1.00pm	and 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday	7.30am - 1.00pm	and 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday	7.30am - 1.00pm	and 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Saturday	7.30am – 10.30am	
Sunday	8.30am – 10.30am	



### **Annual Members Meeting – Wednesday June 18th 2025 at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall Annexe**

We hope that as many customers, friends and supporters of the shop, whether members or non-members of TVSA, will come along to hear about the shop's activities during the past year and to have your say on how things are going.

We are hoping to have some extra volunteers to join the Management Committee, to undertake a specific area of responsibility such as publicity, premises or health and safety.

So there are plenty of opportunities to get involved for 'old hands' and newcomers alike. Hope to see you there.



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The Conservatory and Window Company  
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Crossways Lane  
Thornbury  
BS35 3UE



**Visit our website**



**Mon 2nd – Sun 8th June**

## **VOLUNTEERS' WEEK**

Volunteers are the backbone of our community, driving countless activities and initiatives. That's why Volunteers' Week is dedicated to honouring and recognising their hard work and invaluable contributions each year.

Thornbury Volunteer Centre aims to build support from all members of the Thornbury and district community by showcasing volunteering opportunities and inspiring positive change.

As well as helping others, volunteering has been shown to improve volunteers' wellbeing. It's human nature to feel good after helping someone out. Volunteering can also help you gain valuable new skills and experiences, and boost your confidence.

Want to volunteer but don't know where to start? Chat with Thornbury Volunteer Centre and let us know what you're interested in, we have local volunteering opportunities to suit all levels of commitment, experience, time availability with each contributing to many different causes.

To contact Thornbury Volunteer Centre you can call in to our offices in Thornbury Town Hall, open 10.30am-12 noon Monday – Friday, no appointment necessary.

Alternatively visit our website at [www.volunteer-thornbury.co.uk](http://www.volunteer-thornbury.co.uk) and search our database of volunteering opportunities, follow us on Facebook or X: /thornburyvolunteers or drop us an email at [mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk](mailto:mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk) We look forward to hearing from you.



## **Rockhampton Festival**

**Saturday 14 June 2025 from 2pm**

Have you seen our friendly scarecrows smiling in the local lanes?



It's not long now until the Rockhampton Festival on Saturday 14 June.

Get ready for a day of fab music and lively dancing, in a relaxed family-friendly atmosphere – all topped off with delicious local food and drink.

This year's line-up is packed with musical gems from across the world, from the smooth swing of The Schmoozenbergs, to Kitty Stewart & Rohan Black, Yara, and Karen Pfeiffer & Paul Walker. Add in the rhythms of Hungarian and African dance, and wrap it all up with a high energy Bavarian-style oompah band to end the evening.

There's something for everyone – kids' activities, and free music workshops for all ages.

More information and great value tickets from [rockhamptonfolkfest.org.uk](http://rockhamptonfolkfest.org.uk).



## **Village Games Night**

**Tytherington Village Hall**

**All proceeds to the hall  
Bring your own drink**

**Contact: TVHevents@outlook.com**

### **LEGO CLUB at Thornbury Library**

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



**FREE Every Saturday 9.30am  
no booking required**

**Remember this date for your diary .....**

**Sunday 13th July at 2.30pm**

**Panache Steel Band at  
Boys Farm,  
Tytherington  
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Please contact John Williams for further information.

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### **Tytherington Film Club 2025**

- Friday June 27 - Crossing
- Friday July 18 - Small things like these
- Friday Aug 15 - Arthur the King
- No Sept. date but a showing of the Last Night of the Proms. Date is booked. More information to follow.
- Friday Oct 24 - TBA
- Friday Nov 21 - TBA
- Friday Dec 19 - TBA



Two more dates will be arranged for Jan- Feb 26, which will complete the first membership cycle

These films have been chosen in response to feedback so far. Keep your thoughts coming.

Information about titles above is available in the shop and can be sent on request.

Evenings will start at 7.00pm for refreshments and the film will follow at about 7.30pm. There will not be an intermission unless the film is particularly long.

Hope to see you there!





If you would be interested in helping to produce this magazine, please contact the editor.

Tel. 01454 260364  
Email: [kay.rea@btinternet.com](mailto:kay.rea@btinternet.com)



### Falfield WI - News

The May Day fair on the bank holiday Monday was very successful. It became busier as the afternoon rolled on and many cups of tea and cakes were served. It was lovely to see some of the Fennells Alpacas join in and they created much interest. It was also interesting to see the annual Tug of War as the rope snapped and both teams landed on the ground.

We were sorry to hear that Micky Flight was in hospital and a card was signed by members at the monthly meeting.

The Dabble Day, where members could have a go at felting, proved very successful too. Jenny and Alex Jones were great teachers and there was a lot of chatter as well. I don't know if anyone finished but we all know how to complete our projects

Our speaker for the evening was Julia, the Environmental Health Officer for Northumberland CC and the daughter of Ann Mair. She talked to us about nuisance neighbours both commercial and next door housing.

There will be a trip to Acton Court on 26th June. Our next meeting will be the picnic. Please remember to bring a chair, plate, cutlery and a cup or mug and wear sensible shoes.

### Tytherington Baptist Church



Our next 'Afternoon Tea' will be held on  
**Wednesday 4th June**  
commencing at 2.30pm

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Octopus Drama Group's comedy  
**'The Village Hall'**

will be performed in  
**Christ the King Church Hall,  
Castle Street, Thornbury  
11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7.30pm**



Written by Ashley Burgoyne and directed by Sue Smith, 'The Village Hall' promises to be a real hoot!

The 9 cast members (including 4 new members) are having immense fun playing their roles, with so many amusing moments to enjoy within this imaginative script.

Derek, Chairman of the Parish Committee, is determined to win back the coveted 'Village Games' crown for Upper Kingham, which they lost for the first time in a decade to their local rivals, Lower Kingham. Laura's determined to get her own play produced, so she starts an Amateur Theatre Group. Between the Village Games and the Theatre Group there's a constant hive of activity but there's also a dark undercurrent. Something unpleasant is attempting to disrupt the daily events that exist in The Village Hall.

**Tickets: £8** on sale at Rosie & Rex gift shop, 32, High Street, Thornbury, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9am – 4.30pm and Saturdays 9am – 4pm.

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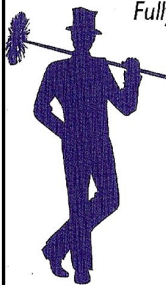
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## Thornbury Foodbank Shopping list

**We have a good stock of these items and not in need of them at the moment, thank you:**

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**We are also running our stock down in preparation for the move back to Thornbury Baptist church in the near future**

**Stock is running low on the following items:**

- Fruit Juice
- Coffee
- UHT milk
- Washing up liquid

**Can you please make sure all items are in date and unopened?**

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- Tesco
- Co-op at Thornbury Fields
- Morrisons, Oakleaze Road
- **Turnberrie's every Wednesday between 9.30 and 11.00am** (Please do not leave donations at Turnberrie's outside these times)

**Donations may also be left at Thornbury Baptist Church in the 4-drawer cabinet when the church is open**

**NB Due to the unavailability of Turnberries on a Friday, our day of opening Foodbank to clients has changed to a Thursday. This will continue until we move back to Thornbury Baptist church**



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## Tytherington & Itchington Parish Council

Thank you to all the residents who completed the recent Consultation on a possible new pavilion/Community Hub on the Hardwicke Field/Tytherington Recreation Ground. The complete results are on the Parish Council website [www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk). A brief summary is that 93% would like to see a new pavilion/Community Hub on the Hardwicke Field. 95% said they would use the pavilion/community hub, 68% said they would consider hiring the facility, 51% would like to see more play equipment on the site and 60% would like to see an adult gym on the field. Therefore, on this result the Parish Council will be forming a pavilion committee and would like to welcome residents of Tytherington & Itchington who would be willing to join this committee and help with the planning. Please contact the clerk on [clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk) if you would like to be involved.

Tytherington & Itchington Parish Council currently has four Councillors in office, with three vacancies remaining. A full council enables more comprehensive support for Parishioners throughout the year.

The Council's responsibility is to represent the interests of all residents of the Parish, including environmental issues, planning applications, the maintenance and enhancement of open spaces, community facilities, and recreational matters.

Our priority is to reflect the wishes of the electorate. Monthly meetings are open to all Parish residents and include a public participation session. Attend the meetings or contact the Council via the Clerk through our website if you have issues to raise.

Engage with us to ensure your voice is heard. Follow our Facebook page, join our email list, visit our website, or check the notice board at the Village Hall.

The Parish offers a variety of public open spaces and numerous public rights of way. The Parish Council collaborates with volunteers to maintain these areas for everyone's enjoyment. Appreciation is extended to all volunteer wardens for their essential support. The Council is considering ways to better support volunteers and increase parishioners' interest in green spaces.

The sign at the end of New Road designates the green triangle of land as Kings Meadow. This area, along with sections of the verge along Stowell Hill Road, has been enhanced with wildflower plants and seeds. As part of the Local Climate and Nature Action Plan, the aim is to continue improving these areas to create a bee corridor leading into the village.

Our LCNAP renewal is approaching, and we seek community involvement to address our climate and nature emergencies. If you are interested and knowledgeable in these areas, please contact us at [clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk). We aim to create an ambitious plan for renewable energy expansion in our village and to make our community more wildlife-friendly, especially for our rapidly declining hedgehog population. We hope to run a bat walk and a glow worm walk soon and if anyone would like to organise a walk or help in anyway please contact our clerk at [clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk)

After several months of providing South Glos Council with numerous reports, the MUGA has been approved with certain conditions attached. The Parish Council will need to fulfil these conditions before the construction of the MUGA can take place.

### THORNBURY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE OF FRIENDS (TADLOF)

TADLOF will be holding their annual FREE afternoon tea event, 2-4pm on 12<sup>th</sup> July at St. Mary's Hall, Eastbury Rd, Thornbury.

Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments and maybe join in a sing along of old favourites

TADLOF makes financial donations to local organisations who support health and well-being in the local community

If you feel that your group could qualify and benefit from such help, please contact our Secretary, Andrea Bates at [abates1011@msn.com](mailto:abates1011@msn.com)



**“I do not want to be a burden”** It is surprising how many people say “I do not want to be a burden to my family as I get older”.

John Baden-Daintree at local experts Simpson Solicitors says he hears it most days from clients. He thinks they mean that as they get older, most people hope that they will be supported by those they feel closest to. But at the same time they don't want to make the lives of those people even more busy and stressful than they already are.



So how do you get the support you will need, without being a hassle to your friends and family?

John thinks it is all about some taking some simple steps now:-

**1: Make sure your Will is up to date and any gifts are clearly described (be it items or amounts of money).**

- A professionally prepared Will is always the best way to make sure there will not be any legal problems left behind for your family to sort out.
- Your legal advisor will make sure the Will is legally valid and has clear descriptions of gifts – to avoid family disputes over what is meant.
- They will also make sure that if you are leaving someone out of your Will, you have prepared a clear statement as to what you are doing and why. This will then make it hard for your Will to be successfully challenged.

**2: Appoint the people you trust in Lasting Powers of Attorney.**

- Whilst you may not want to be a burden, these are also the people that are most likely to want to be able to help and support you as you get older. Especially if you became seriously ill.
- The greatest help you can be to them is to formally appoint them now in Lasting Powers of Attorney. Even your husband or wife or partner or adult children will need to be formally appointed to be able to help you in such a situation. Otherwise, they will feel helpless and shut out from providing the support you need.
- Worse, if not properly appointed they will face a long and expensive court process to be appointed by a judge to help you, rather than just being able to step in and provide the support you need. Now that really is a burden.

Martin Lewis (money saving expert) has highlighted on his TV show, that last year alone 51,000 applications were rejected as not properly made. Often this is only found out when it is too late and the person has lost mental capacity. That is why he says the gold standard is to use a law firm to draw up and register your Lasting Powers of Attorney at Court (Office of the Public guardian). This is to make it as smooth a process as possible for those you trust to be legally able to step in and speak up for you and help you over medical matters and managing your money.

**3: Have a safe place at home where you keep the information your family will need to help you.**

- Your family may need details of all the places where you keep or invest your money.
- An up-to-date list of the names and addresses of all the people or organisations you would want contacted if you became seriously ill or died.
- Key documents such as a photocopy of your Will and Powers of Attorney, property deeds (or Land Registry title numbers) and birth and marriage certificates.

John advises that if you keep them under lock and key or in a safe, then it is important that those you most trust know where you keep that key or the safe code.

**Simpson Solicitors can help you with all of these issues. For a free review meeting where they will take as long as you need just call their friendly team or email [message@simpsonslawuk.com](mailto:message@simpsonslawuk.com) Better still, right now if you ask them to put 2 Powers of Attorney in place they will give you 20% off the full price.**



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8 <sup>th</sup> (10.30am)	Simon Carey	(6.30pm)	Nick Durston
15 <sup>th</sup> (10.30am)	Tom Brown	(6.30pm)	Simon Carey
22 <sup>nd</sup> (10.30am)	David Newman	(6.30pm)	Simon Carey
29 <sup>th</sup> (10.30am)	Trevor Ranger	(6.30pm)	Simon Carey

**Tuesday half hour of prayer on zoom:** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

**Wednesdays at 7.30pm:** 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> we meet for Bible Study and Prayer in various homes in the area. 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> we meet in the hall and on zoom for Bible Study and Prayer.

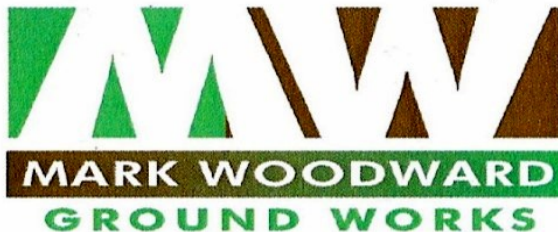
**Thursday Coffee Mornings:** Come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee with homemade cake each Thursday from 10.00am-12noon.

**Ladies Summer Special:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15 for 7.30 start – Art with activity. Join us for refreshments and *Chalk Pastel Drawing* with Nicola Clark-Smith.

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## THORNBURY CARNIVAL - 90 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG!



Thornbury Carnival's line-up for this year's event over the weekend of Friday 4th and Saturday 5th July on the Mundy Playing Fields.

It's 90 years since the first ever Thornbury Carnival which took place in 1935 as part of the official celebrations of

King George V's Silver Jubilee. The event has evolved over the years but the one constant is that it's always been organised and delivered entirely by volunteers.

As in recent years, there will be two events over the first weekend in July. Friday's 'Swing in the Park' kicks off the Carnival weekend with some fantastic music from the 1930s, '40s, '50s, and '60s performed by Panache Steel Band and Thornbury Swing Band. Thornbury Musical Theatre Group will also be running a Grease Sing-a-Long and people are encouraged to dig out their Pink Lady and biker jackets and dress up as their favourite Rydell High character. It's sure to be an electrifying evening!


Saturday's 'Main Event' also promises to be a day full of fun and laughter with main stage entertainment from midday until 11pm. The programme starts with an interactive performance by DJ Kool Kids, specifically aimed at the Carnival's youngest visitors, followed by a local talent show featuring a range of singing and dancing. Much-loved local bands The Narwhal Monument and Tattsyrup will be taking to the stage, interspersed with several high-energy sets from young up-and-coming DJ KitKat. The headline act this year is Louis & The Love Cats who guarantee to "get you shakin' your keister and groovin' 'till your knees hurt" with their diverse repertoire of rock, pop, and soul classics.

Liam Williams, Chair of Thornbury Carnival's current committee said, "*This year we've continued the theme of increasing the KidZone offer and have added activities to keep younger children entertained throughout the day. Activities will run between 11am and 5pm and as has been the case in recent years, most of the entertainment is included in the ticket price, for example, face painting, balloon modelling, puppet shows, mascots, and a wandering magician.*"

There will also be a bar and food concessions, stalls selling local products, a Show 'n' Shine featuring a range of vehicles, fairground and donkey rides.

Further information about both events is available on the Thornbury Carnival website: [www.thornburycarnival.co.uk](http://www.thornburycarnival.co.uk). Early Bird tickets can also be purchased via the website.





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Apologies to anyone who has not had their item included this month but there were serious problems with my computer (it died) just at the point when it was most needed. I'm hoping that things will be sorted in time for next month's edition.



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## A great achievement for Olveston Young Farmers

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Gloucestershire YFC held their Rally – a competition day for all clubs within the county to compete in a range of competitions and strive to be the main winner of the county. With weeks and weeks of preparation, Olveston YFC attended this day

and competed in a large handful of competitions, including flower arranging, photography, cooking, bake off, cake decorating, Poultry boning, YFC does Mamma Mia, and much more! Some competitions are completed at home and judged on the day, and some are carried out on site and judged. Lots of family and friends attended the day, making the atmosphere truly incredible.

Not only did we all have a great day, but Olveston young farmers had many placings, including 2<sup>nd</sup> place in our main exhibit, which means we will take it up to The Royal Three Counties Show to compete against Herefordshire and Worcestershire. At the end of the day, the prize-giving took place which included many trophies, some of which date back to the very start of the club! Olveston won the Kingscote Stockjudging Cup, A N Wakefield Rally Progress Cup, Fun Cup, and Fairford Carcase Stockjudging Cup, along with several individual cups for stock judging... .. If you couldn't tell already, we do love our stock judging!

Following on from the prize-giving, the main winners of the rally were announced and I am very pleased to say that Olveston came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 11 clubs in the county! Our club has not been placed in the top 3 for many years, so this is a huge achievement and something to be very proud of. As chairman, I could not be prouder of the members who put their all into the club.



Other than many of us attending the Royal Three Counties Show to compete in several competitions, we will now have a well-deserved break over the summer months and will start our new year at the end of September.

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