

5 Villages VA Live

Volume 16 Issue 3



March brings breezes, loud and shrill,
Stirs the dancing daffodil.

March 2019

What is CLinC?

It all began in 1965 when I met Roy in my first teaching post in a large secondary modern school on the outskirts of Manchester. Just two years later we were married and planning to go to Zambia to broaden our teaching experience. We taught in a junior secondary boarding school for around 180 boys, most of whom were destined to go into 'white collar jobs' in the capital Lusaka. In rural areas many children received no formal education and girls were expected to marry at a young age.

Forty years later we returned to Zambia for a short visit to see again the school where we spent the first two years of married life and the place where our first daughter, Elizabeth, was born. We were delighted to see that 'our' school was now a primary school with 1800 boys and girls! At the same time we discovered that Lusaka was now surrounded by many poor townships. Over the years families from the rural areas had been drawn to Lusaka and other large towns in the hope of work and a better life. However there was little paid work available, food was scarce as they could no longer grow their own, water had to be collected from water stations and pit latrines dug near each house. Diseases such as malaria and diarrhoea meant that many children died before the age of five. In addition AIDS was prevalent in the townships and many children were brought



up by a single parent, grandparent or older sibling. The majority of children were not in school and families had no way of improving their standard of living.

In 2004, five members of St Andrew's Church, Cromhall visited Zambia, lived with a Zambian family and visited schools, farms and clinics. The needs we saw were so great that we decided to do what we could to improve the lives of some of these people and the charity 'Changing Lives in Chongwe District' (CLinC) was set up. In 2009 we helped with the setting up of two community schools in St Mark's and St Anne's Anglican churches, providing a basic education for about 150 of the poorest township

children. Ten years later we continue to support the schools now educating over 500 boys and girls. We also support the teachers through training and pay school fees to enable all pupils from our schools to continue their education for two years in a local government run secondary school.

We hope, that with an education, these children will be able to find work and improve their lives and the lives of their families and communities.

The work of CLinC is only possible because of the support and donations from our benefice and Mothers' Union friends all over the Diocese. Thank you 'Friends of CLinC'.

Ann Greenhalgh



Changing Lives in Chongwe
Charity No. 1106904

More information about the history and work of CLinC can be found at www.cromhall.com/clinc

a reason to
smile find it!



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

Midweek Eucharists in the Benefice
 There will normally be a said Eucharist at Tytherington on the first Thursday at 9.30am and on the fourth Tuesday at 10.30am, alternating between Falfield and Tortworth, followed by coffee either at The Huntsman or The Farmers' Table. Please double check in the weekly pewsheet.

You are invited to join us at any of the services taking place in the benefice.

SUNDAY 3RD SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
 9.30am Cromhall Holy Communion
 11.15am Falfield Morning Prayer
 11.15am Tortworth Holy Communion
 11.00am Tytherington Joint service with Baptists at Baptist Chapel



Wednesday 6th ASH WEDNESDAY
2.00pm. 'Plumbing the Depths' at Leyhill Grounds Café
7.00pm Holy Communion at St George's, Falfield



Thursday 7th N. B. NO MIDWEEK COMMUNION AT ST JAMES' THIS MONTH (The church path is being re-laid so access is unsafe.)

SUNDAY 10TH LENT 1
 9.30am Cromhall Holy Communion
 11.15am Falfield Holy Communion
 11.15am Tortworth Morning Prayer
 11.00am Tytherington Holy Communion

Wednesday 13th
7.00pm 'Embrace' at St George's, Falfield

SUNDAY 17TH LENT 2
 9.30am Cromhall Morning Prayer
 11.15am Falfield Morning Prayer
 11.15am Tortworth Holy Communion
 6.00pm Tytherington Evening Service

SUNDAY 24TH LENT 3
 9.30am Cromhall Holy Communion
 9.30am Rockhampton Holy Communion
 11.15am Tortworth Holy Communion
 11.00am Tytherington Holy Communion
 Falfield join with Rockhampton/Tortworth

Tuesday 26th
10.30am Said Holy Communion at St George's, Falfield, followed by coffee at 'The Huntsman'



SUNDAY 31ST LENT 4
MOTHERING SUNDAY
 9.30am Rockhampton Mothering Sunday Service
 11.15am Tortworth Mothering Sunday Service
Cromhall, Falfield, Tytherington join with Rockhampton and/or Tortworth

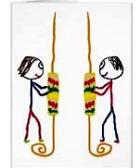


SUNDAY APRIL 7TH LENT 5
PASSION SUNDAY
 9.30am Cromhall Holy Communion
 11.15am Falfield Morning Prayer
 11.15am Tortworth Holy Communion
 11.00am Tytherington Joint Service with Baptists at St James'

Bellingring in the Benefice

Monday:
 Cromhall (from 7.30pm)

Thursday:
 Tortworth (8.00pm – 9.00pm)
 Tytherington (7.45pm – 9.00pm)



- If you wish to use any of our parish churches for an event, you should always check with the Churchwarden before making any arrangements, as services may be taking place of which you are unaware.
- ALL enquiries regarding Baptisms and Weddings must be made to the Benefice Office in the first instance.



BENEFICE PHONE: 01454 260096
E-MAIL ADDRESS: office@crofft.org.uk
CHAPLAINS:
 Rev Sue: 01454 600674 or revsue@crofft.org.uk
 Rev. Frances: 01453 519099
 revfrances@crofft.org.uk
Churchwardens:
 Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200
 Rockhampton: Liz Cullimore 01454 412208
 Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017
 Tortworth: Hilary Legg 01454 413234
 Tytherington: John Williams 01454 412515 or Phil Coward 01454 281444

Please contact the Chaplain, Rev Sue: 01454 600674 or revsue@crofft.org.uk, Churchwardens (details on page 2) or Benefice Office for matters concerning funerals and email the Benefice Office for enquiries about weddings and baptisms.

For all Benefice Business
Please ring 01454 260096
and leave a message
or email office@crofft.org.uk

The office will usually be open from 10.00am until 1:00pm on Fridays when messages and emails will be dealt with.



If you would like someone to bring Holy Communion to your home please ring 01454 260096 and leave a message. We are more than happy to do this.

- On the first Thursday of the month Tytherington are holding a Eucharist at 9.30am but please check by ringing 01454 417445
- On the fourth Tuesday at 10.30am there will be a Eucharist alternating between Falfield and Tortworth, followed by coffee either at The Huntsman or The Farmer's Table.

Visit the benefice website at www.crofft.org.uk to see the pewsheet or make a prayer request.

Please let the Churchwardens know if you wish us to keep someone in our prayers or use the prayer tree at St Leonard's.

Visiting



Visiting is part of the Church's Ministry. If you would like a visit from the church, please call the Benefice Office or contact the Chaplain: **Rev Sue: 01454 600674 or revsue@crofft.org.uk** and we will do our best to arrange it.

If you are going into or in hospital... You can help to make sure that the church team can respond as you would like us to when you are ill.

It's important that if you are admitted to hospital, you do three things:-

1. Make sure someone tells one of the ministry team that you are going into hospital – ask them to pass on the message as appropriate.
2. Make it plain to the hospital staff whether (or not!) you would like a visit. This means that when someone rings up, they won't have to spend time saying 'hang on, 'I'll just ask him/her...'
3. Make it plain what sort of visit you would like: would you prefer a friend from the church or one of the visiting team or would you particularly like a clergy visit? If you want to be certain of a private, one to one chat, don't be afraid to ask the hospital staff if they will allow your minister to come outside normal visiting hours, so that they don't take up precious time and space from your family.



Thank you for a donation to our costs from Cromhall Parish Council,

Each 20-page edition costs £360 to print, so we are always grateful for donations as our funding depends on advertising and the generosity of our readers.

One of the ways of making regular donations is by standing order. If you would like to make a payment using this method please contact our Treasurer, Mr Geoff Crosthwaite

- by telephone on 01454 294140
- by email at: geoffrey.crosthwaite@outlook.com
- or write to him at The Barn, Townwell, Cromhall, Wotton-Under-Edge, GL12 8AQ.

Cheques, payable to **Benefice Newsletter**, may also be sent to our treasurer, Geoff Crosthwaite, The Barn, Townwell, Cromhall, W-U-E, GL12 8AQ or the editor.

Sight Loss Information Advice and Support

**First Thursday of the month
10.30am - 12.30pm at Thornbury Library**

Vision West of England are offering information, advice and support to anyone living with sight loss. If you, or anyone you know would like more information on services for people with sight loss, then drop in any time between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Thursday 7th March

FIFE AND STRUM

a Celtic folk trio play at
**Rockhampton Village Hall on
Saturday 30th March**



Featuring
Nicki Barnes on flutes and vocals,
Ron Phelon on bass and
Sam Stennett on guitar.

Concert at 7.30pm. Doors and bar open 7pm.
£10 on the door only.



**Cancer Research UK
QUIZ NIGHT
with Fish and Chip supper**

**Friday 22nd March
Manorbrook Primary School,
Thornbury**

*commencing at 7.30pm sharp - so please be
there at 7.15pm*

Tickets: £10 per a person (includes both ad-
mission and a fish and chip supper).

Licenced Bar Raffle

Tickets from Gill Blackborough on 07866580608 or
any Committee Member

**Cromhall Senior Citizens
are all welcome at**



**Tat3
3pm
on**

Thursday 21st March

Come and join us for tea and a chat in
Cromhall Village Hall

Ring Ann 01454 294200 or Eva 01454
299251 to be picked up

Rockhampton VH 100 Club

Rockhampton Village Hall 100 club .The new
year starts 1st.April. If you would like to join
the 100 club please contact Roger Watkins,
01454 260530. Membership fee is £12 per
number, cheques payable to Rockhampton
Village Hall 100 club.

Prizes this year were monthly, £15 ,£10, £5 and £5
with December bonus draw £75 ,£50 ,£25 and
£25.Many thanks to everyone who joined the club
this current year.

February winners were -

- £15 Tony England
- £10 Richard Child
- £5 Brian Knapp
- £5 Judith Case & Graham Cook



St James' Church, Tytherington

**Coffee
Morning**

Saturday 6th April 10:30am – 12:30pm

Everyone Welcome

Please come and join us for coffee
or tea and a slice of cake in the church

**Bell Tower Open
Meet the ringers, have a go?**

**Produce Sale: cakes,
plants, preserves, etc.**



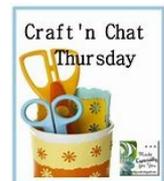
(Contributions Welcome)
Proceeds to Church funds



**Craft & Chat at
Thornbury Library**

First Thursday of the month
2pm - 4pm.

A chance for people who love craft-
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tion. No charge and no booking re-
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Mr Brian Allen (Pastor)

Contact Number: - 01179 793104

Email:- allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk

SEE ALSO THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org

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| 3rd | Joint Service at Chapel {"The Lord Is My Salvation" [Psalm62:5 – 12]} | Brian |
| 10th | Lent 1 – 'Fasting' [Matthew 6:16 – 18]* ¶ | Brian |
| 17th | Lent 2 – 'Sharing' [Isaiah 58:6, 7]* | Brian |
| 24th | Lent 3 – 'Temptations' [Luke 4:1 – 13]* | Brian |

* SERVICE WILL INCLUDE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR OUR YOUNGER PEOPLE

¶ SERVICE WILL INCLUDE HOLY COMMUNION

N.B. ALL SERVICES COMMENCE AT 11:00 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

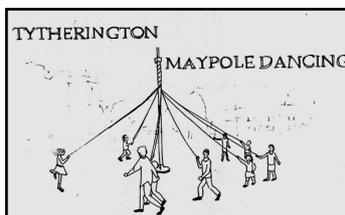
Everyone is welcome to join us.

Tytherington WI outing to Bletchley Park on Thursday 6th June 2019



For further details ring
Val Niblett on
01454 417982

*This is trip is open to
everyone*



Maypole dancing is a very long-standing tradition in many countries, associated with celebrating summer. There are

pictures of people dancing round English maypoles back in Elizabethan times. The maypoles then were enormously tall and don't appear to have had any ribbons. The puritans disapproved and banned the practice in 1644, but it was reintroduced with the restoration of the monarchy. Maypoles as we know them and the dances with ribbons only date from Victorian times and were introduced by John Ruskin at a May pageant in 1881. Teaching of the dances spread rapidly and by the mid 20th century they had been established as a firm part of the English tradition.

In danger of dying out at one time, as there was nobody to remember and teach the dances, maypole dancing has had something of a revival more recently. It is much enjoyed on many village greens by participants and audiences alike.

The tradition remains alive and well in Tytherington. You will find us rehearsing on the Jubilee Field at 4pm on Saturdays from 23rd March and performing at the May Day Fair on the 6th May. All primary school children are welcome to come along and join us in keeping this great British tradition alive. To find out more join our Facebook group Tytherington Maypole Dancing or call 07905 237259.

Florence Pearce, Val Castell

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Plumbing the Depths

Wednesday 6th March
Grounds Café, Leyhill at 2.00pm

A chance to explore and deepen your understanding of Christianity



FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

To book the village hall, please email falfieldvh@gmail.com or visit the Falfield village website www.falfield.org.uk to complete a booking form online.

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Parkinson's Local support group in Thornbury

Our self-help group meets at the Chantry on the last Friday in every month, from 10.00 to 12 noon.

We offer a friendly welcome and the chance to chat with people with Parkinson's and their family carers in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

We have quite a wide spread of group knowledge with varying levels of experience of the disease and the local support available from the NHS and Parkinson's UK. So, if you fancy a chat with people in a similar position as you, come and have a coffee and meet us.

For further information contact Sally Derham on 01454 632910 or email sally.derham@btinternet.com

Memorial Service for Judy Poole

There will be a memorial service for Judy Poole at St Leonard's Church, Tortworth, on Tuesday April 9th at 3pm.



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AFTERNOON TEA IN TYTHERINGTON

We normally meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

Come to the Schoolroom at the rear of the Baptist Chapel on Wednesday March 6th between 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Meet your friends from Tytherington for a chat over a 'cuppa' & some savoury snacks & cake.



Lifts may be arranged for those who find difficulty attending.

Please contact Brian or Ren on 01179 793104

FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

It's that time of year again



THE ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

(Sponsored by South Glos Council)
SATURDAY 30th MARCH 2019

9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Please come along and help clean up the village.

Meet at **St George's Church** at 9.30 am

Black sacks, recycling sacks gloves and litter pickers are provided.

Please wear suitable clothing.

All will be rewarded with a drink and a hotdog or bacon butty on completion.

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For more details please contact Cllr Ian Salt on 07787 428614 or email iansalt2002@yahoo.co.uk



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 Email: tortworth.leisure@devere.com

Owls need your help!

Did you know that there is an active group of volunteer conservationists in the benefice area? The Hawk and Owl Trust (South Gloucestershire and North Bristol group) work tirelessly in your area to conserve the iconic Barn Owl, Tawny Owl, Little Owl and other Birds of Prey.



Barn owl (*tyto alba*)

Barn owls have suffered dramatically over the years from intensive farming practices with the loss of hunting habitat and breeding sites. It is estimated that 90% of breeding Barn Owls now use a nest box to rear its young. (Barn owls are a schedule 1 bird and can only be disturbed under licence).

The group works with Farmers, Landowners and Landlords to advise on habitat management and creation for these magnificent owls and other birds of prey. We have installed numerous boxes in the area for these birds to be able to breed where natural sites have been lost.

The group is made up of a small number of volunteers who make, install, maintain and monitor these nest boxes. With over 300 boxes in South Gloucestershire we desperately need help to enable to continue with the above work. We are looking for anyone with an interest in conservation and a little spare time to help maintain and monitor our boxes in South Gloucestershire.

If you would like to help with our monitoring and conservation work or would just like to find out more about the Trust then please contact Paul Golledge, Chairman, email: paul_golledge@hotmail.com or visit www.hawkandowl.org



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ADVANCE NOTICE
Falfield Village Hall Management Committee

BARN DANCE

Featuring:

Sargent's Mess Band

Buckover Farm,
Near Thornbury GL12 8DZ
SATURDAY 29th June 2019
7.30pm — Midnight



THORNBURY AND DISTRICT

U3A has nearly 1,900 members and around 90 different interest groups meeting at various venues throughout the area but there is always room for more! The groups mainly meet during the day and interests range from Archaeology to Walking. Some meet weekly, others less often and they include physical activities, crafts, board and card games, organised visits to garden, concert and theatre as well as purely "educational" topics. Detail of all our groups can be found on our website – www.thornburyu3a.org.uk.

We will be holding our next Welcome Meeting for new and prospective members on **Monday, 4th March from 3:30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Road, Thornbury, BS35 1DR**. Please come along; we would love to meet you and bring your friends.

For further information visit our website or phone our Membership Secretary, Jackie Gitsham on 01454 858438 or Chairman, Alison Makepeace on 01454 415019.

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Telephone Advice Service:

03444 111 444

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Drop In and Appointments:

Tue & Thurs 10.00 – 13.00



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RedCross**

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at The Chantry, Thornbury

The British Red Cross offer regular courses here for work-place training. For more details call 08452872015

Computer Support Volunteers at Thornbury Library

Drop-in without an appointment on Monday mornings 10-12 to see Mike, our computer volunteer who can help with quick enquiries.

If you need more intensive support, book in to see our computer volunteer Chris on Thursday mornings at 9.30, 10.30 or 11.30. Sessions with Chris must be booked in advance – enquire in person at Thornbury Library or email thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk.

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Back-Care Pilates

Back-Care Pilates is a 12-week Pilates -based course designed to help people with back pain. The next courses start on the 8th & 9th of April, 2019. Only 8 places are available on each course, so please book early.

For more information, or to book your place, please contact:
 sam@samhutchinsonfitness.com
 07977 632003
 www.samhutchinsonfitness.com

| Day & Time | Location |
|---------------------------|---|
| Mondays, 10:30-11:30am | Christ the King Social Club, Thornbury |
| Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00pm | St Helen's Church, Alveston |

March News from the Chantry

As Spring approaches, the Chantry garden is looking beautiful. A chestnut fence has been erected to protect the wildlife garden. An array of bulbs cover the ground under the trees. And now more planting can be done around the fence. Please come in and have a look.

We are now also in the process of completing our history room. Meg from the Museum is kindly working on this for us and it will provide information of the history of the Chantry back to the Tudor times.



FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS FOR JANUARY 2019

| | High | Low | Average |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Temp | 12.0 °C | -6.5 °C | 4.3 °C |
| Dew Point | 10.3 °C | -7.2 °C | 1.7 °C |
| Humidity | 99.0 % | 40.0 % | 83.4 % |
| Precipitation | 26.2 mm | Year to Date | 26.2 mm |
| Wettest Day | 6.1 mm of Saturday 26th | | |
| Wind Speed | 30.6 km/h | -- | 1.2 km/h |
| Wind Gust | 44.2 km/h | | |
| Wind direction | SOUTH | | |
| Pressure | 1048.6 hPa | 987.7 hPa | |

Go to www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=IENGLAND1163 for live weather information from the Falfield weather station. For the highs and lows during 2018 go to: www.falfield.org.uk/weather.html

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group



Spring Flower Demonstration FUN WITH FLOWERS

Demonstrator Hilary Legg will show us how to have fun with a bunch of supermarket flowers and how to make the best of them.

Thornbury Methodist Church Hall
Tuesday 2nd April at 2.30pm

Books, Bring and Buy Table, and Raffle.

Entrance £5.00 to include cream tea.

Tickets available from the Town Hall from 4th March.

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Graham Felix Smith 1935 – 2019

A packed church with standing room only was testament to the life of a man who was one of a disappearing breed. Graham had lived his whole life at Oakhall Farm, Falfield, where his family have farmed since 1900 and he continued in the way that his predecessors had done – in harmony with Nature. He was proud of the fact that the farm retained its ponds and wildflower meadows along with the hedges that so clearly demonstrated his hedge-laying skills in the winter months. He and Linda farmed organically before the term had been invented.

After his marriage to Linda in 1970 the farm became a regular haunt of new faces and friends who appreciated the kindness offered there. Visitors of all ages were warmly welcomed; and many new generations continue to find this a loving and fun place to be.

Educated at Rockhampton and later in Thornbury, Graham spent his life doing what he enjoyed most but he had wider interests including Formula One and motor-cycle racing as well as aircraft. Castle Combe and Fairford were amongst his regular haunts when the opportunity arose and two flights on Concorde must surely have completed the dream!

Once the demands of the milking parlour had faded and Graham and Linda retired, wider horizons beckoned with visits to Canada and a variety of European countries.

This quiet and unassuming man found life more difficult to cope with in recent years as physical frailty and vascular dementia took their toll, but he commanded much respect and affection right to the end and will be sorely missed.

We offer our sympathy to his wife, Linda, his brother, Colin, and all the family.



Spring is here !

Thornbury Horticultural Society

Thornbury Horticultural Society will start their season with the first of two shows with the Spring Flower Show on 16th March 2019 in the Armstrong Hall 13:30 to 16:00.

There are classes that you can enter, e.g. flowering bulbs and plants, floral art, cooking, photography and children's classes and a plant sales table. Refreshments will be available.



Show schedules available from the Thornbury Garden Shop, Owen's on the Plain, Town Hall and Library and on our website: <http://www.thornburyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk>

Also make a note in your diary for our Summer Show on 10th August 2019 at the Armstrong Hall.

If not competing, then why not visit the show for taste of Spring?

TYTHERINGTON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Over the years Tytherington has lost much of its past. Cottages, large houses, shops, farms, barns, roads, Roman Villas, the railway station have all disappeared. Find out about what's gone, where they were located and why did Squire Hardwicke want so many cottages demolished and the occupants moved out?



At our next meeting on **Friday March 8th** at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church School Room, Roger Howell will be giving a presentation on **'THE LOST BUILDINGS OF TYTHERINGTON'**.

Visitors are always welcome, admission £2 (including tea and biscuits!!) For more information on the history of our village have a look at www.tytheringtonroots.co.uk



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Autumn Concert in Tytherington

On Saturday September 21st, St James' Church will welcome the band "Rockpipes" to perform their unique brand of Celtic Rock.

'Rockpipes' is a mix of classically-trained musicians and pipe band members, together presenting a fantastic fusion of styles. Encouraging loads of audience participation, they mix



rock classics from the likes of Pink Floyd, the Stones and even Abba and Coldplay with traditional Scottish and Celtic numbers.

Churchwarden John Williams said: "This is something new for us at St James'. We are looking to bring together an audience from right across all sections of the community in Tytherington, and those of surrounding villages. We believe that our beautiful 850-year old church provides a wonderful venue for this kind of event."

The concert will start at 7.30pm, and there will be an interval with drinks and nibbles and time for chat.

Tickets will go on sale in early July. Look out for posters and further pieces in 5 Alive. Hear snippets of their music at www.rockpipes.co.uk

TORTWORTH PARISH MEETING

TUESDAY 5th MARCH

Parish Meeting and AGM at 7.30pm

at The Estate Office

All welcome.



SPRING CLEAN

SATURDAY 23rd MARCH

Parish Spring Clean

Meet at The Estate Office at 10am

EVERYONE WELCOME however young or old.

Please come along and help out – we will be finished after an hour or so.

Bacon butties and hot drinks will be served afterwards!

Robert Killen, Parish Clerk
(Tel: 01454260268/07778895803)



Another Story Must Begin

Read the book? Seen the film? Sung the songs from the musical?

This year's Lent course is based on the film, the novel and the stage adaptation of Victor Hugo's

Les Misérables

Tuesday afternoons from 2.00 - 3.30pm on

March 12th, 19th, 26 and April 2nd & 9th

(Venue to be advised; please see pewsheet for further details or ring the office 01454 260096)

Through discussion of some of the themes and principal characters of this epic narrative, the course explores the grace of God, alongside our fallen state and opportunities for redemption. It asks us to reassess what we can do with our lives, both for ourselves and for those around us.

Everyone is welcome to join us

Refusing to Conform

Thornbury Museum's current exhibition, **The Story of Non-Conformity in South Gloucestershire**, has arisen out of a collaboration with colleagues at Kingswood, Yate and Frenchay museums.

An Act of Charles II first identified groups who refused to conform to the rules and ceremonies of the Church of England as non-conformists: Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptists and Calvinists. Later, other groups - including Methodists, Unitarians, Quakers, Plymouth Brethren and English Moravians - were also called non-conformists and all were often denied access to public office and university degrees.

The collaborative element of this exhibition tells the broad story of South Gloucestershire's non-conformity but the museum in Thornbury has added many of its own, locally specific details.

E.g. did you know that Handel Cossham - non-conformist lay preacher, coal-mining entrepreneur, largest employer in the West of England, public benefactor and builder of several schools, JP, MP for Bristol

East, twice Mayor of Bath - was born in the tiny, now rather dilapidated, cottage situated next to Age UK in Thornbury High Street? **This FREE exhibition runs until 27th April; Tues to Fri 1 - 4, Sat 10 - 4. Thornbury & District Museum, Chapel Street (next to the Armstrong Hall)**



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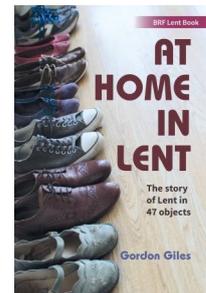
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Looking for a book for Lent?

What does a radio, a salt-shaker, a toothbrush, shoes and a clock all have in common?

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Helping you see the spiritual lessons all around you, **At Home in Lent** is a great devotional for transforming how you see the rhythms of life all around you. **Paperback- £8.99**



The Alveston Singers

The Alveston Singers performed four concerts in 2018 singing a wide variety of music, also helping shoppers to get into the Christmas spirit by singing carols at the Tesco's in Thornbury.

Our charities for the year were Cancer Research UK and the Children's Hospice South West for which we raised £2,400 to be divided equally between the two charities. We don't sell tickets for our concerts but are very grateful to audiences for their generous donations. Every penny donated goes directly to the charities, nothing is taken out for choir funds.

We look forward to welcoming many of you to our next concerts on **Saturday May 18th and Tuesday May 21st**. Details in later editions of the magazine.

Oscar Wilde's "Lady Windemere's Fan"
Friday March 8th

Cossham Hall, Thornbury

Following the successful presentation of "The Importance of Being Earnest" last March Thornbury Picture House in association with More2Screen will be screening "Lady Windemere's Fan" on Friday March 8th in the Cossham Hall.



TPH in the Cossham Hall enjoys Surround Sound, an 18 foot screen and high definition projection. Tickets at £10 (£8 for over 65 or under 18) are available from Thornbury Town Hall, or call 412272 for details, or visit www.thornburypicturehouse.org.

**TYTHERINGTON
 VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE
 ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING**

**TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2019
 VILLAGE HALL ANNEX**

**Light refreshment available from 7.15pm
 Meeting commences 7.30pm**

All Members, Volunteers and Customers welcome

Come along to find out

- *how your shop and post office are performing*
- *about plans for the future*
- *have your say, although only members are entitled to vote*

THORNBURY JAZZ FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 6pm 23 MARCH
ARMSTRONG HALL THORNBURY

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By Mark Lasleanu

Starting from Scratch: Creating a New Museum at Slimbridge

Wed. 6th March, 7.30 pm. Olveston Methodist Church, The Street BS35 4DR

You are probably familiar with Slimbridge, with the Rushy Pen where the wild swans arrive every winter, and with the family home of Sir Peter Scott, overlooking the lake. Curator Helen McConnell Simpson has the task of turning the Scott family home into a museum which retains the feel of the place where Peter Scott pursued his many varied interests and which looks as if the family has just popped out for a while.

In this talk, Helen will share with us how she is going about the task of creating the new museum, due to open in 2020. Come and hear a behind-the-scenes insight into what needs to be considered and how the project is progressing.



All welcome...just turn up. Visitors: £2.

Olveston Parish Historical Society
www.olvoston.com/historical-society

PRIORITIES

**Email to all contacts:
 Subject: FA Cup Final opportunity**

Hullo All,

I know it's late notice, but a friend of mine has two tickets for the FA Cup at Wembley, on Saturday, May 18th. They are exec seats and he paid £1,000 per ticket, which includes the ride from Portsmouth to and from Waterloo, lunch, dinner plus a £400.00 bar tab.

What my friend didn't realize when he bought them last year was that it's on the same day as his wedding.

If you are interested, he is looking for someone to take his place.

It's at St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Portsmouth at 3 pm. Her name is Wendy. She's 5' 8", about 8 stone, blonde and is an excellent cook.

She can be creative if in the right mood and will golf and ski if that's what it takes to make you happy.

She'll be the one in the white dress.



Regards to all.

ART EXHIBITION and FOOD TASTING

MARCH 7th at LEYHILL CAFÉ from 11am - 4pm



PRODIGAL
ARTS

PRODIGAL ARTS working in partnership with "Releasing New Potential, HMP Leyhill" will be holding an ARTS EXHIBITIONwith some FOOD TASTING! Come and see some high quality original art work and prints produced by HMP Leyhill Prison as part of their rehabilitation programme. Prints and cards can be bought...with a 10% discount!

....at the same time... chef's from different parts of the world will bring you some FREE 'nibbles' made with flavours from their own cuisine. Drinks and other items will be available for purchase in the increasingly popular Café, where you will be well looked after. The café provides a high standard of refreshment for all its customers – and a very warm welcome!

Prodigal Arts is a charity providing opportunities for talented prisoners and ex-offenders to produce and sell their artwork. Created in their own time as part of their ongoing rehabilitation. Prodigal Arts helps these people to use their creative potential to give a positive sense of self-worth and aims to reduce the chance of re-offending. For more information go to /www.prodigalarts.org

Comeand see....and taste....and, if you would like, buy a piece of artwork. By doing this you are helping to positively change lives of individuals and helping to create a better society for us all.

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&

HELEN WILKINS (PIANO)

SATURDAY 29TH JUNE 2019

AT

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, TORTWORTH
7.00PM

Put the date in your diary NOW!

More details in next month's 5Alive



The Tytherington Churpels will be presenting their annual pantomime:

PETER PAN

by Emma Houldershaw,
Samantha Cartwright & Louise Archer

on March 7th, 8th, 9th 2019
at 7.30 pm
with a matinee on Saturday 9th
at 2.30 pm
at Tytherington Village Hall
Adults £7.50 Child £5.50

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group Annual Quiz Armstrong Hall on Friday 8th March at 7.15pm

Tables of four, to include a light supper,
£30.00 per table.

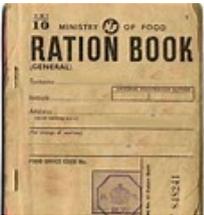


Excellent raffle prizes Bar available.

Please come along and help us to support the vital work of the Hospice within our community.

For further information please ring Mary on 01454 412567

South Gloucestershire Second World War Stories project



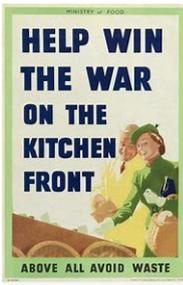
We are delighted to have been awarded funding by the Heritage Lottery Fund for our South Gloucestershire Second World War Stories project. Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, the project aims to explore the impact of the Second World War in South Gloucestershire, both during and in the post-war years.

Come and see our new touring exhibition which focuses on the impact of the Second World War on the lives of the people of South Gloucestershire. The themes of the exhibition include 'At Home', 'Civil Defence', 'Under Attack', 'Changing places' and 'Front line'. The exhibition will be at Thornbury Library from 4th – 16th March.

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Reminiscence Tea Party Thursday 14th March 2 - 4pm



To complement the exhibition Thornbury Library are holding a reminiscence tea party. Come along and share your stories and memories, bring along your photos and enjoy the wartime music. Tea and cakes provided 1940's style!

Free tickets available now from Thornbury Library.

Tower Open Day

Visit the tower and find out what **bell ringing** is like:

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- the world's heaviest and lightest musical instruments - self-playing!
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At: **St James Church, Tytherington**

On: **Saturday 6th April.**

Time: **Any time between 10:30 and 12:15**

More information

Also available in the church: Coffee and cakes and local produce

For further info contact Val Johnson: 01454 417445, val475@gmail.com

Miss Johnson's bellringing

CROMHALL VILLAGE HALL
(Registered Charity No. 287244)



The committee management warmly invite local residents to the hall's

AGM

Wednesday 20th March, 7.30pm.

On the Agenda:

- Report of past year activities
- Financial report
- 2019 planned events and developments
- Nomination and vote for new chairperson and confirmation of designated committee roles
- Trustee membership

TRUSTEES:- current Trustees wishing to continue their association to the charity are requested to attend. If you are unable to attend but wish to continue as a Trustee member, please email:- veradubworth@gmail.com by 20th March 2019.

New Trustee members and committee management members welcome, please email your interest to the email address above.

Alveston Gardens Association

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall
on

Monday 4th March 2019



“The National Garden Scheme & the Gardens of Gloucestershire”

Colin Ollie

All welcome – Visitors (£3)
Full programme on www.alveston.org



WELLBEING EVENT AT THE CHANTRY, THORNBURY

An exciting new venture happening in the Chantry in Thornbury on 30th March 2019. 10.00a.m. - 3.00p.m. Bar/soft drinks/sandwiches. Unusual gifts.

Feelings of wellbeing are fundamental to the overall health of an individual, enabling them to successfully overcome difficulties and achieve what they want out of life. Past experiences, attitudes, outlook and normal stresses of life can all impact wellbeing.

Stallholders will include therapists/nutritionists among others who will be conducting talks, selling products, treatments and information on their specialist subject and explain what help they can offer in these busy and often stressful times.

Contact details for The Chantry: email office@thechantry.org.uk or telephone 01454 414268



The 4th Tytherington Fun Day, Dog Show and Beer Festival

This will take place on Saturday 24th August 2019, so please put the date on your calendar now.

We really need more volunteers to help us plan and run the day.

Our next planning meeting is on **11th March 7.30pm** at the **Tytherington Rocks Pavilion, Hardwicke field.**

Support the village, do something for the community, have fun and make new friends.

If you can help us out or just want to make a suggestion please contact Sian Mann on sian_mann@hotmail.com



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Sunday Worship Services for March:

Join us as we worship the Lord at 10.30am and 6.30pm each Sunday, followed by refreshments

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| 3 rd (am) Roger Chilvers | (pm) Alan Tarling |
| 10 th (am) Steve Loader | (pm) Pastor Chris |
| 17 th (am) Pastor Chris | (pm) Mike Ogborne |
| 24 th (am) Pastor Chris | (pm) David Frampton |
| 31 st (am) Robert Simpkins | (pm) Pastor Chris |

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer at 7.30pm:

6th Bible Study and Prayer in various homes in the area
 13th Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall
 20th Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall
 27th Christ in the Passover – a café style event with Ben Midgley investigating Christ in the Passover.
 7.00pm for 7.30pm - starting with coffee and cake.

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 12th at 7.00pm

Townwell Tots: Every Thursday in term-time from 10.15am to 12.00 noon. A free stay and play for children and their parents or carers. Lots of toys, coffee and homemade cake plus singing and a Bible story.

Ladies's Breakfast: Saturday 9th at 9.30 am – Join us for a delicious cooked breakfast followed by a talk by Sue Hatton who works with autistic children: **'When a shove in the back leads to a life's work'**

*"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, who makes the Lord his hope, for he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of living water."
(Jeremiah 17: 7-9 - 2019 Chapel Theme Verse)*

CALLING ALL CHRISTIAN CREATIVES

I am looking to launch a brand-new network for Creative Christians in Gloucestershire and am currently exploring the level of interest. Whether you are an artist, performer, designer, sculptor, crafter, musician, film maker, photographer or writer...

If you would be interested in connecting with other creative Christians in Gloucestershire, to be equipped, encouraged and resourced on your journey to creative maturity, then please complete the questionnaire at this link - www.tom-elliott.org/CCN

We would seek to build community both online and in person, with helpful events and workshops organised regularly. For more info, contact Tom Elliott on tom@tom-Elliott.org/ 07716997153

Tom Elliott

Comedian & Magician

TYTHERINGTON VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE Volunteering

A big thank you to all our volunteers, both established and new helpers. We are very grateful to you all.

Sadly, we have lost one or two of our regular volunteers due to ill health, so we now need some help for the following shifts:

- Monday mornings 8.30 – 11.00am, every other week, to work alternate weeks with our established volunteer
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- Friday afternoons 2.30-4.00pm

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Tytherington



TO ALL LADIES IN TYTHERINGTON WI and LOCALITY

We are very proud to announce that Tytherington WI has now entered its 99th year within the organisation and we plan to make 2020 a year of celebration. Many local ladies in the locality are past members and we are asking them to kindly come forward with any memories/anecdotes to help us plan for our centenary year.

We are a happy and friendly group who meet on the 3rd Monday of each month (except August and December) and welcome new members as well as past ones who may be interested in rejoining. Perhaps you might like to come along as a visitor(s) to try us out — we promise a big welcome!

We hope we may see you soon.

2019 PROGRAMME

18 MARCH 2pm

Speaker: Shaun McCormack

Subject: The Queen's Bodyguard & Yeoman of the Guard

15 APRIL 7.30pm

Speaker: Mike Perry **Subject:** "Sausages"

20 MAY 7.30pm Resolutions Evening and Fun Quiz Night

15 JUNE 7.30pm

Speaker: John Barnett **Subject:** RNLI

15 JULY 7.30pm Members' Evening

AUGUST Summer Recess (no meeting)

16 SEPTEMBER 7.30pm

Speaker: Members from Thornbury Museum

Subject: Local History

21 OCTOBER 7.30pm

Speaker: Sue Williams

Subject: "Butchard Gardens"

15 NOVEMBER 7.30pm Subject: A.G.M. /Social

9 DECEMBER 6pm Christmas Party



Events at The Chantry, Thornbury

FUNDRAISER QUIZ NIGHT will **not** be taking place in March but will return again on the **18th April**.

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Cossham Hall on Saturday 13 April at 7.30pm.

Tickets: £8.00 including 'interval nibbles' from
Thornbury Town Hall or Tel: 01454 412272



Lynne Gibson BEd, MA, lecturer and artist gives fascinating insights into understanding art to many wide-ranging organisations. She addresses how the term 'Old Masters' has, in the 21st Century, encompassed 'Modern Mistresses' too; from a male dominated profession in the Renaissance to women holding successful positions in the art world today; from a period when even universities were exclusively male to women's progress in education, rights, the vote and greater recognition today. In the creative world has the battle been won? Explore the challenges and successes of women artists who have paved the way in this Modern Art Revolution!

This is the inaugural event under the new Armstrong Arts Group organisation supporting The Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Fund.

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