

5 Villages Alive

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All change!!!



As we prepare for British Summer Time to come into effect on March 29th campaigners, including the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) and environmental campaigners, continue to argue that British Summer Time should be maintained during the winter months, and that a "double summertime" be applied to the current British Summer Time period, putting the UK one hour ahead of GMT during winter, and two hours ahead during summer. This proposal is referred to as "Single/Double Summer Time" (SDST), and would effectively mean the UK adopting the same time zone as European countries such as France, Germany, and mainland Spain (Central European Time and Central European Summer Time) but as we know, alignment between Britain and Europe is not always welcomed, nor are differences anything new.

Until September 1752 Britain had followed the Julian calendar, so called because it was first implemented by Julius Caesar in 46 BC. However, it had a flaw in its calculations which meant that by 1750 Britain and its colonies were 11 days ahead of the Gregorian calendar introduced in 1582 by Pope Gregory 13th and used by most of Europe. There had been attempts in the 16th and 17th centuries to make the change in Britain but the Church of England regarded it as a popish move and so it failed.

It was a keen astronomer and a Fellow of the Royal Society, George Parker, the second Earl of Macclesfield, who along with the assistance of the astronomer royal, persuaded a reluctant government to support the passage of the 'Act for Regulating the Commencement of the Year and for Correcting the Calendar now in Use'. Although its passage into law was relatively straightforward, the implications of the change were rather more complicated.

Wednesday, September 2nd, 1752 was to be followed by Thursday the 14th and New Year's Day to move from March 25th to January 1st, as already was the case in Scotland. Allegedly the City of London flatly refused to pay taxes early, so the financial year was altered to start on April 6th, and still does, although this explanation is open to debate.

The changes affected festivals, feast days and birthdays as well as the dates of payments of wages, rents and interest, contracts for delivery of goods, military discharges and prison releases. It was all carefully explained in the media of the day under the slogan 'The New Style the True Style'.

Some people deplored the change on religious grounds, disapproved of British ways being altered to conform with those of foreigners, or simply thought that eleven days had been taken out of their lives. It has been claimed that mobs gathered to bawl 'Give us back our eleven days', there were riots in some places and quite a few country people insisted on observing Old Christmas Day on January 5th.

Any of this seem familiar?

Kay Rea

(See more on www.historytoday.com/author/richard-cavendish)



There's always
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 Cromhall, followed by coffee. Please double check in the weekly pewsheets.

Join us for any of the services taking place in the benefice.



SUNDAY 1ST

9.30am Cromhall
11.15am Tortworth
11.00am Tytherington

LENT 1

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Joint service with Baptists

Falfield join with Tortworth

Thursday 5th

Said Holy Communion 9.30am at St James', Tytherington

Friday 6th

7.00pm Falfield Compline

SUNDAY 8TH

9.30am Cromhall
11.15am Falfield
11.15am Tortworth
11.15am Tytherington

LENT 2

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Morning Prayer
Holy Communion

Friday 13th

7.00pm Cromhall Compline

SUNDAY 15TH

9.30am Cromhall
11.15am Falfield
11.15am Tortworth
6.00pm Tytherington

LENT 3

Morning Prayer
Morning Prayer
Holy Communion
Evening Service

Friday 20th

7.00pm Rockhampton Compline



SUNDAY 22ND

LENT 4

MOTHERING SUNDAY

9.30am	Cromhall	} Mothering Sunday services
9.30am	Rockhampton	
11.15am	Tytherington	
11.15am	Tortworth	Holy Communion

Falfield join with Rockhampton

Tuesday 24th

Said Holy Communion 10.30am at St Andrew's, Cromhall, followed by coffee

Friday 27th

7.00pm Tortworth Compline

SUNDAY 29TH

LENT 5



UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE
10.30AM
AT ST GEORGE'S, FALFIELD

Friday 3rd April

7.00pm Tytherington Compline



SUNDAY APRIL 5TH

9.30am Cromhall
11.15am Tortworth
11.00am Tytherington

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Joint Service with Baptists

Falfield join with Tortworth

Bellringing in the Benefice

Monday:

Cromhall (from 7.30pm)

Thursday:

Tortworth (8.00 - 9.00pm)
Tytherington (7.45 - 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@croft.org.uk

CHAPLAINS:

Rev Sue: 01454 600674 or revsue@croft.org.uk

Rev. Frances: 01453 519099

revfrances@croft.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 holds 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 Cromhall, followed by coffee.**

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.



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St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support
Group

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Spring Flower Demonstration

Thornbury Methodist Church Hall

Thursday 2nd April at 2.30pm.

Demonstrator: Sally Taylor of Severnvalle Flower Club, who will be doing a seasonal demonstration.

Entrance £6.00 to include tea and cakes.

Tickets from the Town Hall from 5th March.

Vision West of England will no longer be coming to Thornbury Library

Instead there will be
**a Sight Loss Clinic to be held at
Age UK South Gloucestershire,
Thornbury, BS35 2AW**

**Runs the 4th Wednesday of the month
10am-1pm**



Charity no. 1106904

Annual Get-Together
Sat March 14th
7pm
In Cromhall Village hall

Speaker: Pat Chase
'The Vine Project'

Charity no. 1129718
 Supporting vulnerable children in
 Kwa Zulu Natal

Two course supper and sales tables
 Tickets £12.50

Bring your own drinks Raffle

Have You Read...?

Come and join our friendly library book group
 on 1st Friday of every month.

Friday 6th March at 2pm



This month's theme will be:
A book chosen randomly

Thornbury Horticultural Society Spring Show 2020

The Festive Season is now a distant
 memory, days are drawing out and snow-
 drops and daffodils already here. Our first
 show of the 2020 season is on

Saturday 14th of March at
the Armstrong Hall in
Thornbury at 1:30pm.



There will be displays of
 spring flowering bulbs and
 plants. If you prefer you
 could try our cookery or
 photographic classes and
 we also have classes for children to enter,
 e.g. a thank you card or a model made from
 recycled materials.

All classes both adult and children's are listed
 on our website and are open to members and
 non-members. See below for details or visit
 T.J. Owens, or the Garden Shop in the court-
 yard.

You can stock up on plants from our plant
 table, ask for advice from our experts and
 enjoy a beverage and cake.

See our website:
www.thornburyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk



Tytherington W1

**Trip to RHS Wisley
 Garden**

**Thursday 11th June
 2020**

Leaving Tytherington 8.15am

Cost: £30.50 (inclusive of coach fare and entry to
 the gardens)

For further details contact Mrs Valerie Niblett
 on 01454 417982



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AFTERNOON TEA *Tytherington Baptist Church*

The next 'Afternoon Tea' will be on
Wednesday 4th March
between 2:30 & 4:00 p.m.



Do come along then & meet your friends from Tytherington for a chat over a 'cuppa' & some savoury snacks & cake.

We normally meet on the first Wednesday of each month and it may be possible to arrange lifts for those who find difficulty attending.

Please contact Brian or Ren on **01179 793104**

FINDING A VOICE

*A Lent course based on
THE KING'S SPEECH*
HILARY BRAND



Lent course in the Benefice

There will be a Lent course on
Thursday mornings
on
March 5th, 12th,
19th, 26th and
April 2nd
at
10:30am - 12noon
in Leyhill Grounds
Café

Everyone is welcome.

The Tytherington Churpels will be presenting their annual pantomime:

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

By Bob Heather and Cheryl Barrett

on March 5th, 6th and 7th 2020 at 7.30 pm
with a Matinee on Saturday 7th at 2.30 pm

at Tytherington Village Hall

Adults £7.50 Child £5.50

Tickets will be on sale at the hall
from 6.30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday
evenings

Box Office - 01454 418553



Alveston Gardens Association

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

Monday 2nd March 2020

The Magic of PH, with Richard Baldwin

All welcome – Visitors (£3)

Full programme on www.alveston.org

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group

Annual Quiz



**Armstrong Hall on
Friday 6th 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**

Thornbury Citizens Advice Bureau

Contact Details: The Old Police Station,
35 High Street, Thornbury, BS35 2AR

Telephone Advice Service:

03444 111 444

Mon to Fri 10.00 - 14.00

Drop In and Appointments:

Tue & Thurs 10.00 – 13.00





TYTHERINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF ANY OF OUR SERVICES/ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT
Mr Brian Allen (Pastor)

Contact Number: - 01179 793104

Email:- allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk

SEE ALSO THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org

1st	JOINT SERVICE AT CHAPEL *	Brian
8th	"NICODEMUS" [JOHN 3 ¹⁻¹⁷] * ¶	Brian
15th	"THE SAMARITAN WOMAN" [JOHN 4 ¹⁻⁴]	Brian
22nd	"THE BLIND MAN" [JOHN 9 ¹⁻¹⁶] *	Brian
29th	"PREDICTION" [JOHN 12 ²⁰⁻³³]	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.

Fairtrade Fortnight 24th Feb - 8th March

There's still time to join in the annual campaign calling for call for cocoa farmers to earn a living income. Look out for places to buy Fairtrade chocolate because keeping up the demand for Fairtrade as consumers shows businesses that people in the UK expect them to go much further to support the farmers that grow our food. More businesses committing to Fairtrade means farmers will sell more of their cocoa on Fairtrade terms, increasing their income. Find out more at www.fairtrade.org.uk



Thanks from the Alveston Singers



During 2019 the Alveston Singers have been raising money for two local charities at their concerts and we would like to thank our generous audiences who helped us to raise £2,520. This will be divided equally between Brain Tumour Support and Made a Mark.

We will be choosing two new charities to support in 2020 and look forward to welcoming large audiences to help us with donations once again.

Our next concerts are on Saturday May 16th and Tuesday May 19th. More details of the programme and venues will be posted nearer the time.

Falfield Village Hall

Join any time - come when you can - pay as you go

Monday Music Classes - £5

Jigs, Reels, Polkas, Hornpipes

5.00pm - 5.30pm

For beginners on fiddle, mandolin, whistle etc

5.30pm - 7.00pm

All welcome - Play from music score or by ear

Monday Dance Class - £8

Irish Square Set Dancing - for fun and fitness

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Join any time no partner necessary

Just pop in any Monday to see
what we do !
or contact Jill

Jill Elliot - 07515 904 707

jillyelliot@gmail.com

www.jillelliotmusicanddance.com



The Armstrong Arts Group
presents

Phil Beer

"So much to Choose From"
at the Cossham Hall
Thursday 12th March at
7.30pm

"Phil is one of the most popular ambassadors of acoustic roots music also known as half of "A Show of Hands." A dazzling instrumentalist, he is perhaps best known as a top-flight fiddler." This is why his catchphrase is "Phil Beer, plays guitar and fiddle, sings a bit. Sums it up."

The solo shows for 2020 will be the last time Phil undertakes such a large number of performances, reflecting the body of work encapsulating the last 40 years of his songs and music. Very old songs, very new songs. So much to choose from after all this time.

Tickets: £15 from Thornbury Town Hall or ring 01454 412272.

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Sam Hutchinson

FITNESS

Back-Care Pilates

Back-Care Pilates is a 12-week Pilates-based course designed to help people with back pain. The next course starts on the 7th of April, 2020.

Only 10 places are available on the 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
Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00pm	St Helens Church, Alveston

TYTHERINGTON FACEBOOK PAGE

There is a Facebook group aimed at residents of Tytherington called Tytherington (Gloucs) Life. The link is [bit.ly/2JKDvxxw](https://www.facebook.com/TytheringtonLife/) or can be found by searching for **Tytherington Life** on Facebook.

There is also a Bristol to Thornbury taxi share group open to residents of Tytherington; also at [bit.ly/2JKL7Ak](https://www.facebook.com/TytheringtonTaxi/).

The Sewing Repair Hub at Thornbury Library

Sat 28th March 10am - 11.30am

Bring your small items of clothing or soft furnishings for repair.



TYTHERINGTON WI – January

This year Tytherington WI celebrates its centenary in company with a number of other WIs within the Mumbleys Hill Group. It seems that in the 1920s, just five years after the WI was established in Britain, the ladies of Gloucestershire were very keen to support this amazing organisation and indeed still do, as ongoing local centenary celebrations prove. We are very proud that our WI has survived for so long though sadly our headcount is now very low and we desperately need more members if we are to continue in the long term.

Our first meeting of 2020 was well attended by our regular members who were happy to register for this coming year.

Mrs Valerie Niblett confirmed that she has arranged a coach trip to Wisley on June 11th and urged members to sign up quickly as the trip will be open to everyone. (For details see page 4.)

On completion of the usual business, we were pleased to present our annual Competition Cup to Mrs Sheila Jones with joint second positions going to Mrs Isobel Clutterbuck and Mrs Janice Cornock.

We then welcomed Mr Andrew Mildren talking about 'Heaven on Lundy'. Accompanied by slides, he presented a fascinating insight into life on Lundy Island, both human and wild. This small island in the Bristol Channel certainly deserves a visit and many of us agreed, weather permitting, it would be a very worthwhile experience.

The winners of our January competition were 1st - Mrs Bette Norman, 2nd - Mrs Valerie Niblett and 3rd - Mrs Pam Shipp.

Lorna Day 1922 – 2019

Despite living in Thornbury for almost forty years, Lorna was very much a part of the Cromhall community for most of her married life. Born in Leeds, she grew up in Yorkshire and left school just as war loomed on the horizon. She joined the WRAF and became a radar operator, coming south to Gloucester for her training before being posted to Islay where she eventually met her husband, Charles, a fellow radar operator who was a printer in civilian life. They married in 1944 and after demobilisation, Charles found himself working with the prison service at the new open prison at Leyhill, teaching printing. Staff accommodation was provided and Lorna soon became involved in village life.

Lorna had a wide variety of interests, including cycling and camping which she shared with her husband and two sons, Tony and Clive. She ran the Cub Pack in Cromhall for several years with Mrs Golding. Peggy Collett, who was helping to run the Tytherington Cub Pack at the time, remembers meeting Lorna about 1961 when the two packs went on a joint holiday in Dorset and the leaders got to know one another well. Later Peggy and Lorna would work together to run the Cromhall Pack for a short while.

As an active member of St Andrew's Church, Lorna belonged to the Mothers' Union and was treasurer of the Cromhall branch when Ann Greenhalgh first met her in 1985. In 1992 Lorna became branch leader, organizing speakers for meetings and attending diocesan MU meetings; she was dedicated to the work of the organisation and remained as branch leader until 2006, after which she continued to be involved as much as possible, hosting the Wave of Prayer in 2007 at her home.

Lorna was a practical person who liked to keep busy. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, quilling; her handmade cards are fondly remembered and she was a very good dressmaker. However, she had a more reflective side to her character and enjoyed writing poetry. She was also keen to explore her faith and Mandy Bird remembers meeting her in the late 90s at a Bible discussion group where she soon learned that Lorna had a strong and unshakeable faith and a desire to know as much about the Bible as possible. Over several months the group focussed on St Paul's letters and there were often lively and in-depth debates - Lorna took no prisoners!

It wasn't until after her husband's death that Lorna learned to drive, first of all using a scooter and then a Robin Reliant, which became her trademark – it gave her independence but apparently the boys say she was a terrible driver! When Lorna's faithful old Reliant Robin could no longer be patched up and nursed through the MOT, she said she would have to stop coming to St Andrew's but knowing how much St Andrew's meant to her and what an important part of her life the church was, Mandy and John Bird ferried her to and from Thornbury until sadly the osteo-arthritis prevented even this. Loss of hearing led to communication being difficult and gradually she became more housebound.

Lorna is remembered by those who knew her as strong willed, resilient, and stoical, yet kind, thoughtful and loving; qualities we would all like to be remembered for.



THORNBURY AND DISTRICT U3A has nearly 1,800 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 interest range from Archaeology to Walking with all subjects in-between. Some meet weekly, other less often and they include physical activities, crafts, board and card games, organised visits to gardens and churches, concerts and theatre as well as purely

“educational” topics.

Details of all our groups, including Group Leader contact details, venue and times of meeting, can be found on our website – www.thornburyu3a.org.uk.

Our next Welcome Meeting will be held on **Monday 20 April at 3:30 p.m. in St Mary's Church Hall**, Eastbury Road, Thornbury, BS35 1DR. Please come along; we would love to meet you.

For further information visit our website or phone our Membership Secretary, Jackie Gitsham on 858438 or our Chairman, Norman Taylor on 418396.

Cromhall Senior Citizens

If you are a retired senior citizen living in or around Cromhall, you are invited to join our **Tat3** group.

There are no joining fees or monthly charges.

Twice a year we are entertained by St Andrew's Primary School and in the Spring and Autumn we go out for lunch, usually to one of our local garden centres.

For the remainder of the months, on the 3rd Thursday, we meet at 3pm in Cromhall Village Hall for tea, sandwiches, cakes and a chat.



**Our next meeting is
Thursday 19th
March**

You are welcome to
join us for

Tat3

Community



CHOIR

**Thornbury Community
Choir**

will be popping up in
Thornbury Library on
Saturday 14th March
11am - 11.30am

Mothering Sunday - March 22nd

Services are:

**9:30am Rockhampton and
Falfield
at Rockhampton**

9:30am Cromhall

11:15am Tytherington



There will also be a Holy Communion service at Tortworth for those who would prefer not to have a Mothering Sunday service.



**The Leprosy
Mission**

World Leprosy Sunday 2020

**A mission to provide
Hospital Heroes**

On 8th March at St Leonard's, Tortworth, we shall be remembering those around the world who suffer from leprosy. This is not a disease which died out in the Middle Ages or was confined to biblical times, but one which still exists today and is to be found mainly in areas of extreme poverty.

The focus this year is on 'Hospital Heroes'. Like those being treated in our own hospitals, people affected by leprosy also need heroes. They often live in extremely poor conditions and have very limited access to medical care. Patients are often rejected by their communities, including their families; they face suffering alone because of stigma which the disease carries. In such situations suicide can sometimes feel like the only option.

The staff working for The Leprosy Mission cure and treat thousands of people each year, providing unconditional love and skilled medical care at specialist leprosy hospitals. They work long hours because resources are so scarce. Because they have a religious commitment to their work, they work for a fraction of the salaries their clinical training enables them to earn.

Dr Saw is one such hero who works at a leprosy hospital in Myanmar. He chooses to live



alongside his patients as well as performing surgery and providing first-class medical care and on one occasion he trekked for two days to reach a leprosy patient needing urgent treatment in a remote part of the country. He is not alone in going beyond the call of duty; from diagnosing leprosy and giving the cure to providing surgery, physiotherapy and counselling to those who feel rejection and discrimination, the team helps people who otherwise have no support.

In 2017, 1,295 new cases of leprosy were diagnosed in India, 8,615 members joined local Civil Society Organisations and 1,468 individuals were given vocational training.

Find out more at www.worldleprosysunday.org.uk



Church? What on earth is that all about....?

Are church services structured ...or is it just however the vicar decides to 'play it on the day'??

Services are structured and for a reason! Each service has readings, hymns – chosen to fit in with the readings of the day...(or sometimes the vicar's favourite); prayers and some services have a sharing of bread and wine.

We gather together with a hymn and then we say sorry for the things we've done wrong – and no matter how good we think we have been, there is ALWAYS something to say sorry for – and so we 'get right' with God – and perhaps one another!

We listen to, and learn from, God's Word and a talk, after which we remind ourselves that Jesus died and rose again; we pray for the amazing world in which we live, people we know and some we don't, but who need the support of prayer.

Finally, we come to ask God to strengthen us for the days ahead and we receive this as we share in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

Then we receive God's blessing as we leave to begin the next week...! Why not come and experience it?

If something is puzzling you about what takes place in church, please feel free to send a note of it to the office: office@croftt.org.uk

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Computer volunteers to help with your IT and online questions



Please speak to a member of staff for dates and times.



5th Tytherington Village Fun Day, Dog Show and Beer Festival

Provisional date:

Saturday 15th August 2020

We need you to help us to make the Tytherington Fun Day, Dog Show and Beer Festival a great village event. Come and get involved and be part of the village community. Have fun and make new friendships whilst raising money for local good causes.

Planning has already started and we are looking for new, enthusiastic volunteers to help us with ideas for events and to help and run the day. If you are interested in being involved in any way or just want to make a suggestion please contact Sian by email: sian_mann@hotmail.com

Vacancy for Part Time Parish Clerk/ Responsible Financial Officer

Aust Parish Council is seeking to recruit a Part Time Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial officer working 22 hours per month.

Aust Parish Council covers the three villages of Aust, Littleton-upon-Severn and Elberton with an electoral roll of about 420.

Attendance is required at the Parish Council meetings held 10 times a year in the evening of the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except August and December), together with a small number of other extraordinary meetings and other meetings with South Gloucestershire Council. All other work can be carried out flexibly from home.

Salary will be calculated according to the National Joint Council Rates, dependent upon qualifications and experience.

More information and a full job description can be obtained from Catherine Collinson, Chairman of the Council: Email: cathe-rine.collinson@btinternet.com or telephone 07944 258162 for an informal discussion.

Closing Date Tuesday 31st March 2020

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Chatterbooks Group

Are you in years, 4, 5, or 6? Take part in book-themed and activity sessions every month at Thornbury Library



Saturday 7th March 10.30am-11.30am

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Falfield Parish Council


The highlights of the last Parish Council meeting held on 18th February were as follows:

- A member of the public voiced their concern over the loss of the grass verge outside the Village Hall due to heavy goods vehicles and farm vehicles mounting the kerb running over the grass resulting in a wide rut appearing. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should write to the Local Avon and Somerset Beat Team to bring this to their attention with a view of taking steps to prosecute drivers who drive over the verge which is an offence. At the same time the Parish Council would write to South Gloucestershire Council to request that they also inspect this issue with a view to installing bollards to stop this being repeated.
- In his report to the meeting Ward Councillor O'Neill confirmed that South Gloucestershire Council had withdrawn the Joint Spatial Plan and that it would be replaced by a new Local Plan. He informed the meeting that this plan is expected to take between two and four years before it was adopted.
- Work had now started on the replacement of the two-inch water main along a section of the A38 and at the top of Sundayshill Lane. This work was expected to be completed by 4th May. Also, Western Power Distribution will be installing a new mains cable to the Falfield Grange development in Sundayshill Lane commencing on 9th March for three weeks. This will result in the road being closed for approx. 3 days between 16th and 18th March.

A full report of the minutes of the meeting can be found on the Parish Council website www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk

Next Meeting: **Tuesday 17th March 2020 at 7.30 pm in Falfield Village Hall.**

James Carpenter, Clerk to Falfield Parish Council, parish.clerk@falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk

 FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS FOR JANUARY 2020			
	High	Low	Average
Temp	14.2 °C	-3.0 °C	7.3 °C
Dew Point	13.8 °C	-6.7 °C	3.5 °C
Humidity	99.0 %	43.0 %	80.0 %
Precipitation	107.94 mm		
Wettest Day	26.16 on Thursday 9th		
Wind Speed	30.9 km/h	--	2.0 km/h
Wind Gust	48.3 km/h		
Wind direction	SSW		
Pressure	1053.17 hPa	990.86 hPa	
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'They hold opinion in England, that if they meet with a Weasel in the morning, that they shall not speed well that day. There is nothing in this beast more strange, than their conception and generation: for Weasels do not couple in their hinder parts, but at their Ears, and bring forth their young at their mouths. Yet it is certain that they have places of conception under their tails: and therefore how it should come to pass that their young ones should come out of their mouths, I cannot easily learn.' *Edward Topsell: History of Four-footed Beasts 1607*
(And no more can we!)

Colin Arthur Smith

1933 – 2020



The sound of the hunting horn playing 'Gone Away' was a fitting end to the service of thanksgiving for the life of Colin Smith at St George's Church, Falfield, for hunting had played a key part in Colin's life from an early age when he and his friends from Rockhampton school had played Fox and Hounds, jumping the rhines as part of the 'chase', to his participation in the Countryside March in 1997 as a member of the Berkeley Hunt Supporters Club and the Countryside Alliance.

Growing up at Oakhall Farm, Sundayshill, where the family had farmed since 1900, surrounded by fields and beautiful countryside, Colin loved the natural world around him and enjoyed walking and working in it throughout his life; he also loved poetry which reflected this.

Before transferring to school in Thornbury at the age of eleven, along with his younger brother, Graham, Colin attended Rockhampton school where his fellow scholars became lifetime friends. He played cricket there and became involved with other village activities such as the annual Guy Fawkes Night bonfire on the village green, which became well-known in the vicinity as one of the highlights of village life.

In 1951 Colin was called up for National Service, serving with the 5th Gloucestershire Regiment. Following basic training, he was based at Warminster but narrowly missed going to war in Korea; however, he took part in the funeral parade for King George VI and was on duty, lining the streets of London, for Queen's coronation in 1953.

On completion of his National Service, Colin returned to Sundayshill and in 1957 married Lucy from the cottage across the lane, with whom he had grown up. Together they had two children: Pat and Steve.

Initially working for Mr Pullin at Pennywell Farm, Rockhampton, Colin then went on to work at Sunday's Hill Farm for Brigadier Treseder before going to work for the Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board. His new job took him the entire stretch of the Berkeley Vale, monitoring and improving rhines, streams and ditches, in fact any waterways that drained the land of the water running down from the hills, providing it with unhindered channelling into the River Severn. This was an interesting occupation which Colin continued until his retirement, despite having suffered a heart attack in 1993.

Colin was a countryman through and through; he loved being outdoors, whether in his garden or walking and studying the landscape. One of Colin's many contributions to village life in Falfield was the Boxing Day and May Day walks which he planned, organised and led for several years. Trees were another of his passions – referring to them by their Latin names and planting many in the locality. He also walked for miles around the village delivering copies of 5 Alive until ill health prevented him from doing so.

In the mid-1980's Colin and Lucy took over maintaining the churchyard, taking care to keep areas for wildflowers to grow and encouraging insects to flourish. He also supported Lucy in her work as caretaker at the village hall and when the church had a flagpole installed, he became responsible for ensuring the flag was hoisted for Sundays and commemorative occasions. Having become a regular church attender in later life, Colin was baptised and confirmed at the age of 81. He also became a member of the Parochial Church Council.

Colin's valuable contribution and dedication as a volunteer within the South Glos community was recognised in 2006 when he was given the South Gloucestershire Chair's Community Award.

Colin will be remembered as someone who was gentle and kind; he had cared for Lucy at the end of her life and the family speak of him as being an unassuming and loving father. He will be missed in many ways and we offer our sympathy to Pat, Steve and their families in their loss.



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15 th (10.30am)	David Frampton	(6.30pm)	Damon Ujvarosy
22 nd (10.30am)	David Frampton	(6.30pm)	Rory Jones
29 th (10.30am)	Steve Loader	(6.30pm)	Aaron Scott

Wednesdays at 7.30pm:

- 4th We meet in House Groups in various homes in the area
- 11th Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall
- 18th Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall
- 25th Area Bible Study with Phil Heaps

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 3rd March at 7.00pm. Join a friendly group of ladies to work on your own craft while we chat and enjoy a cup of tea.

Townwell Tots: Every Thursday in term time from 10.15am till 12 noon. A free stay and play for babies, pre-school children and their parents and carers. Enjoy a coffee and cake and catching up with each other while the children play. We finish with a time of singing and a Bible story.

Ladies Breakfast: Saturday 14th March at 9.15am. Join us for a delicious breakfast followed by a talk by Lucienne Ujvarosy, *Imitating the Master – from God's design to oil on canvas*.

Games Night: Friday 20th March: Join us for a fun-filled evening of board games with refreshments.

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 Saturday 18th April**

Easter Compton VH 10am to 12 noon

An annual Observer's Collectors' Book Fair
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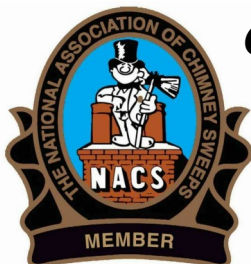
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Robert Killen, Parish Clerk
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Alistair McGowan to make an impression at Thornbury Arts Festival

IMPRESSIONIST, actor and stand-up comic Alistair McGowan will bring his more recently developed skills as a pianist to this year's Thornbury Arts Festival as part of a new UK tour. The Piano Show mixes classical music with comedy and impressions and is set to be one of the highlights of the annual festival, which runs from April 24th - May 2nd.

Amongst other performer will be Los Pacaminos, fronted by singer-songwriter Paul Young, for an evening of foot-stomping Tex-Mex music. Formed in 1992 when pop star Paul had some down-time, Los Pacaminos today continues to be one of the UK's most popular live touring bands.

Also appearing is cop-turned-comedian Alfie Moore. Alfie's 18 years on the beat provided him with a wealth of "you couldn't make it up" stories and he has appeared numerous times at the Edinburgh Fringe, while his BBC Radio 4 show *It's a Fair Cop* is a hit with listeners.

Other events include a murder mystery created on the spot in an improvised performance by Bristol-based Degrees of Error theatre company and an on-stage interview with postman-turned-Cabinet member and best selling author Alan Johnson.

Jazz singer Cate Cody and classical music ensemble the Vesta Trio will also be in concert, while lunchtime talks will feature guests such as David Slater, the photographer at the centre of a legal fight over a macaque monkey selfie picture, and Oscar-winning special effects supervisor and designer John Richardson.

Senior model maker Will Harding from Bristol's Aardman Animations - creators of Wallace and Gromit and Shaun the Sheep - has also been signed up to give a talk on the studio's work, to be followed by the screening of two 30-minute films, *Farmer's Llamas* and *A Grand Day Out*.

Meanwhile, a popular Sunday stroll to discover the history and features of a local area will return, this time taking festival-goers to Chepstow.

Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee



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TYTHERINGTON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Friday 13th March 7.30pm



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Falfield WI - February

A hush settled over our meeting when Ann Mair rang the bell for quiet. We sang Jerusalem and offered our good wishes to members with birthdays this month.

The speaker listed for the evening had to cry off at short notice because of illness so we were very grateful to our replacement speaker who stepped in at short notice. We listened with fascination to the talk given by Chris, husband of Gill Leaper, from Butterfly Space. Slides and talk gave us an overview of this project in Malawi which works with the local folk to create childcare and schools within their community.

There are two opportunities to visit the Energy from Waste site near Gloucester. We all wondered what this huge building alongside the M5 was going to be and now we will have a chance to see it in action.

Preparations are well under way for the Group Meeting on 19th March. The competition for a corsage in any medium should be interesting.

Micky Flight has asked for suggestions for outings for this year. A list has been placed in our Red Folder for ideas.

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