

5 Villages Alive



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March 2023

Spring into action

March is the official start of spring, a three-month period when the days get longer and warmer after winter and the countryside starts to burst into life. However, there will be unseasonable cold patches ahead before summer.



Most of us will agree that our weather patterns have changed, even during our lifetimes, caused by the everyday activities of man. We hear a lot about 'climate change' and 'global warming' on the news and see the effect it is having all over the world. The "Beast from the East", droughts, wildfires, and extreme rainfall are happening faster than scientists previously predicted.

It is easy to feel that the problem is out of our control but there are many small ways in which we are encouraged to help:- walk, bike, or take public transport when possible; throw away less food; repair and recycle goods; change our home's source of energy or switch to an electric vehicle. Even the smallest of changes helps!

Years ago people lived, worked and brought up their families within our villages without travelling very far away. Social events around the year would have been held on the village greens. Families would have attended the local church for worship, weddings, baptisms, and funerals. Everyone would have known everyone!



Times have changed and our five villages have grown larger. The beautiful Gloucestershire countryside is attracting people from far and wide and more new houses are being built every year. All families now have their own transport and we all travel out of the village for work, social life and holidays. However, there are many ways in which we can become involved in village life and help maintain the communities in which we live.



Two of our villages, Cromhall and Tytherington, have community run shops with Post Office counters, both staffed by volunteers. Without the support of local people, these will disappear in the future.

Social events are still held in our village halls and on village greens. Your support and help is essential for their success.

Our lovely village churches are still valued for weddings, baptisms, and funerals but sadly the worshipping community is small. Fundraising each year is essential if we are to keep these historic buildings open and in good condition.

Have a look through this copy of '5Villages Alive' and see if there is a small way in which you can support your community as well as live within it.

You will be made very welcome wherever you go.

Ann Greenhalgh

There's always
a reason to
smile find it!

Tytherington Local History Group

All meetings take place at 7.30pm in the School-room, which is located at the rear of the Baptist Church on Itchington Road. Talks last about an hour and are followed by refreshments. There is a small charge for admission: Members £2, Visitors £3 and everyone is welcome to join us for any of the talks.



Friday 10th March
From Liverpool Street
Station to
Hong Kong via the
Trans-Siberian Railway

with Patrick Howell

Thornbury Library Have You Read...?"

A book group for everyone

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 3rd March 2pm - 3pm

Falfield WI



At the February meeting we congratulated Betty on her 80th birthday and sent good wishes to members who are unwell.

We did not have a speaker this month but asked volunteer members to present the Resolutions that had been listed this year for voting.

Each of the 4 resolutions was put forward and the pros and cons of each were discussed, these included online gambling and water quality and supply.

Interesting points were raised. It is always good to hear another point of view. At the end it was clear that the evening had proved informative to those attending and we were then able to fill out our choice on the forms and give these to the secretary to go to the Avon Federation.

The resolution eventually selected will be voted on at the AGM for NFWI to act upon. The arrival of the Swap Sheds was highlighted.

Our meeting next month will include a chance to have a go at decorative icing. We were asked to bring along an apron and a small plastic tub.

View 5 Alive online

Remember that 5 Alive is available online at www.falfield.org.uk, <https://cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrews-church> and www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk



Tat3

will meet
 in **Cromhall Village hall**
at 3pm
on Wednesday 15th March
 for tea and a chat.

All senior citizens living in and around Cromhall are welcome.

*For more information
 call Ann on 01454 294200*

Computer Support 1-1 at Thornbury Library

Book a session with our computer volunteer for IT and digital support

Every Thursday 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am



Thornbury Volunteer Centre
Charity Easter Table Top Sale & pop up café

Saturday 1 April 10am - 12.30pm

at Thornbury Methodist Church Hall

Local community groups and charities will be selling a large variety of goods; cards, produce, crafts, vintage items.

Join us for tea, coffee and delicious home-made cakes, enter our Easter raffle and help raise valuable funds for local community groups and charities.

Easter at St Leonard's, Tortworth



This year we once again invite all who join us for worship on Easter Day to bring a single bloom in memory of a loved one to be added to the floral cross which has become an important feature of our Easter worship at St Leonard's.

If anyone is unable to join us in this special celebration but would like to make a floral contribution, please contact Ruth Dixon on 01454 228288

Jean Grudgings 1928 – 2023



Jean was a well-known resident of Tytherington from 1967 until her death on 1st January this year. She and her husband, Peter, moved to the village when he became head of the local school.

Jean's strong belief in non-violence and commitment to peace and disarmament movements was reinforced by her Quaker faith; she saw for herself the effects of the gas attack which had led to her father being invalided out of the trenches in WW1 and the devastation of bombing in post-war London when she worked as a housing officer in the East End. As an early member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and a Greenham Common protestor in the 1980s, Jean was one of the founders of the Thornbury Peace Group and Women to Women for Peace.

Jean understood the importance of education in creating co-operative and caring communities and as the loving mother of four children she was one of the founders of the Tytherington Play Group. Later she would take her grandchildren to the annual Quaker Camp week where the emphasis was on living together as a community. In the 1970s she retrained as a teacher and worked at Failand School for many years.

Other village organisations also played a part in Jean's life, including the establishment of the Village Shop and the Local History Group. She was also a member of the Tytherington Countryside Group and served as a warden for the common land on Tytherington Hill. Her deafness led her to help with the setting-up and hosting of local hard of hearing and lip-reading groups, but her interests were wide-ranging and she also served as a director of Thornbury and District Heritage Trust as well as supporting her son Steve's work with South Gloucestershire Mines Research Group.

In 1979 Jean and Peter moved to Townsend Orchard where they put their passion for nature into action by replanting one of the few remaining local cider orchards. Sheep, goats, chickens and geese also found their way to Townsend Orchard at various times and hedgerows and trees were replanted across their land and wells brought back into use.

Jean was an active member of the Gloucestershire Orchards Trust working with others locally to restore orchards and protect trees and an invitation for people to come to visit the orchard and enjoy the apple blossom in May was a regular feature of the local magazine. The resulting harvest of the apples may be found in locally produced ciders and apple juices.

Jean was a woman of principle who lived a full and active life with many wide ranging interests but most importantly she did so with enduring good humour, humility, honesty and integrity; she will be missed by all who knew her.



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5Alive – The Future of the Newsletter

As the Benefice Newsletter Treasurer, I have been keeping a wary eye on the income (donations and advertising) versus outgoings (printing costs) and for 2022 we are running at a deficit of just under £600. This is a situation that cannot continue as inflation and increases in housing in the Benefice will only exacerbate the problem. I have discussed this matter with my colleagues who run the production and distribution of the magazine.

We have reluctantly decided to increase our charges for advertising by 5% from April to help offset any potential increase in our outgoings. I hope our advertisers understand the reason for the increase.*

A number of our readers have advised that they would be happy to only receive the online version of the newsletter. This would help us to better control the production costs but in order to do so the distribution team will need data on those households which do not wish to receive a paper copy.

Are you happy to only receive the online copy and be willing to provide your name and address for storage on an excel file? If so, could you please email the information to me using email crosthwaitega@outlook.com.

A copy of 5 Alive (in colour) can be downloaded from:

- www.falfield.org.uk
- cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrews-church
- www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk

Geoff Crosthwaite,

Benefice Newsletter Treasurer

* The new rates may be seen on the back page of the magazine.

Coffee and cake with #1 bestselling author, Katie Fforde

Yate Library Saturday 11 March, 3pm

Meet the 'Queen of Feel-Good Romance' for coffee and inspiring conversation.

Tickets: £5 - book your tickets now

Tickets for this and all our events can be booked at sglibraries.eventbrite.co.uk



Fridays in Lent
(3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st March)

Home-made soup & roll: £5
at
Tortworth Church
12.30 - 2.00pm

All proceeds to DEC Turkey-Syria appeal.

Please come and join us.



FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS

JANUARY 2023

	High	Low	Average
Temperature	13.3 °C	-5.5 °C	5.8 °C
Dew Point	13.1 °C	-9.8 °C	4.3 °C
Humidity	99 %	38 %	91 %

Precipitation	106.44 mm	Year to Date	106.44
Wettest Day	Sunday 14th 18.03 mm		
Wind direction	South West		
Pressure	1,043.36 hPa	987.81 hPa	

PREVIOUS YEARS

RAINFALL	2020	2021	2022
JANUARY	107.94 mm	103.89 mm	33.01 mm

St. Andrew's, Cromhall



St. Leonard's, Tortworth



St. Oswald's, Rockhampton



St. James', Tytherington



St. George's, Falfield



Church services and important information

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

Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200
Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017 or
 Sian Hogg 07986699986/sianhogg@gmx.com
Rockhampton: Liz Cullimore 01454 412208
Tortworth: Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or
 Fen Marshall 01454 260821
Tytherington: John Williams 01454 412515 or
 Phil Coward 01454 281444

If they are unavailable, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. Please bear in mind they do have other lives and may not be available instantly. However, leave a message and they will deal with it as soon as they can. Failing that, contact David .Russell, the Area Dean on davidrussell@gmx.com or phone. (01454) 294267.

Services for March

Cromhall

Sun 12th 9.30am, Holy Communion led by Rev. David Powe
Sun 19th 9.30am, Morning Prayer

Falfield

Sun 5th 3.30pm Café Church
Sun 12th 10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 19th 10.30am Morning Prayer
Sun 26th 10.30am Join Rockhampton

Rockhampton

Sun 26th 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev David Powe

Tortworth

Sun 5th 10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 19th 10.30am Mothering Sunday look around the churchyard

Tytherington

Thurs 2nd 9.30am Said Holy Communion
Sun 5th 10.30am Joint service with Baptist Church at Baptist Church
Sun 19th 10.30am Mothering Sunday Holy Communion with Rev David Powe

You are welcome to join us at any of these services

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WHY: If you lost the mental capacity to make decisions on your own, then bank accounts / savings can be frozen. And family can be left powerless to help you. So you need **Lasting Powers of Attorney to be already in place** that legally appoint those you trust to act for you.

WHEN: If you had a serious accident or perhaps a routine operation went wrong or you had a stroke or developed dementia.

WHAT: Most people need 2 LPAs, 1 for Money issues and 1 for Health issues – so they are fully covered.

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Michael Llewellyn at Simpson Solicitors adds "But most of all we give you peace of mind as we include our after care service of future support and guidance to those you trust, in activating and using your LPAs – so they don't feel burdened"

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St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group



**Spring Forward
Coffee Morning
Falfield Village Hall
Saturday March 25th at 10.00am**

Home-made Cake stall, Books and Raffle
Entrance £3.00 to include tea/coffee and cake.

Please come along and support St Peter's, your local Hospice, and celebrate the start of Spring.



St James, Tytherington 2022/2023 100+ Club



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2nd No 68 A Stovold

Joint 3rd

No 46 R Ponting; No 20 R J Williams
No 204 B Livall.

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INTRODUCTION OF VOTER ID IN MAY 2023

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. **This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.**

Which forms of ID you can use: You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable. You can use any of the following:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional licence)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards



For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

If you do not have an accepted form of photo ID If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. You can apply for this at voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk.

Alternatively, you can complete a paper application form and send this to the electoral services team at your local council.

If you need any help with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request an application form, contact your local council. To find their contact details visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

Find out more. If you have any questions or would like to find out more, go to electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID, or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.



Thank you for a donation towards our printing costs from Rockhampton Parish Council and Tytherington Rocks Football Club.

As you will see from the article on page 4, donations are always welcome, particularly from those organisations which use this magazine to publicise their events. We accept payments by BACS. Regular donations may be made by standing order.

For further details please contact our Treasurer, Mr Geoff Crosthwaite telephone 01454 294140

Email: 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 or the editor.

Alveston Gardens Association

The Spring Garden
with Duncan Coombes

Monday March 6th

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

All welcome - Visitors (£3)



Falfield Treasure Hunt

Sunday 2nd April

2pm from the Village Hall

Enjoy a walk around the village whilst gathering clues and treasure! (Approx. 2 miles)

£1 per entry sheet.

Tea and cake will be served in the hall.

Route will be dog friendly.

For more details contact

Louise 07800776998

or Liz 07765377539



Falfield Village Hall
Management Committee



SAXOPHONE CONCERT WITH 'THE STANDING STONES'

at

**ST JAMES' CHURCH,
TYTHERINGTON**



**SATURDAY
22 APRIL 2023
7.30pm**

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or Rita Ponting (01454 417848)



Presents a Michael Lunts
musical drama

The Enigma of Edward Elgar

**The United Reformed Church,
Chapel Street, Thornbury at
7.30 on Saturday 22nd April 2023**



**Tickets: £12 from
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Actor and pianist Michael Lunts has written and performed a number of acclaimed one-man shows about key moments in the lives of composers such as Chopin, Schubert and Rachmaninov, in all of which he has integrated the music that emerged from these critical events into the action. "The Enigma of Edward Elgar" is the latest of these dramas and the first in which Michael has portrayed a British composer, one whose music, and the enigmatic character reflected in it, have long fascinated him.

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A BIG THANK YOU

I hope you all enjoyed the front page of the last 5Alive charting the life of this magazine, written by Kay.

What was not immediately apparent is the amount of work it takes to get the magazine out on time each month. It is an enormous task and we are frankly all guilty of expecting it to happen, month by month for years, without much thought about what is actually involved to make it happen.

We do not thank you often enough Kay, you more often hear about the very occasional omission, or moan, usually the result of us getting the item scrambled or missing deadlines. Having to nag some of us to 'do the front of 5Alive' is no mean feat in itself, without assembling the adverts and other notices. I am not sure how you do it and stay your sunny self!

Long may you continue to do this vital job keeping us all informed and nudging us to be aware of the needs of those at home and throughout the world.....I hope you know we really do appreciate you.

Hilary L, on behalf of all your readers.

Please see the Treasurer's article on page 4 our time may be running out!

EASTER COFFEE MORNING



**Saturday April 1st
9.30am - 12.30pm
Cromhall Village Hall**

Easter cards and gifts
Simnel cake raffle
Children's colouring competition –
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Display of the work of CLinC 2022
Free entry



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5 th	Joint Service at Chapel {'The Gospel Message' [John 3:1 – 17]}	Brian
12 th	'Prayer' [Daniel 9:4 – 19] §	Brian
19 th	'Seventy 70's' [Daniel 9:20 - 25]	Brian
26 th	'Faith & Healing' [Mark 7:24 – 37]	Brian

§ Service includes Holy Communion



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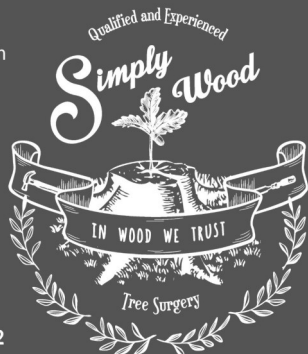
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Support Group's
30th and final Annual Quiz

**Tytherington Village Hall
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Friday 3rd March at 7.15pm

Tables of four £32.00 per table
(to include a light supper)

No bar but please bring your own drinks and we
will provide glasses.

Plenty of parking available.

For further information ring Mary on
01454 412567.

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

**CHILLI & QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER
Saturday 11th March 2023**

Cromhall Village Hall (Doors open 7pm)

**Fun quiz night, raising funds for an Expedition
to Borneo in 2023.**

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Team size 2-8

*Pre-book on or before Wednesday 8th March
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of booking, additional tickets may be available on
the night.*

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY –

**TYTHERINGTON
MAYDAY FAIR
MONDAY 1st MAY 2023**

**FROM 2pm
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Wednesday 1st March

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5th (10.30am) Aaron Scott	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
12th (10.30am) Paul Young	(6.30pm) Paul Young
19th (10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Alan Thomas
26th (10.30am) Damon Ujvarosy	(6.30pm) Simon Carey

Wednesdays at 7.30pm:

1st and 15th we meet in various homes in the area; 8th we meet on zoom (for the winter months)
22nd we are having a café style event, see below.

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom): 7th and 21st at 7.00pm; 14th and 28th at 9.30 am

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 14th 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: Thursday 9th and 23rd, and alternate weeks during term time from 10.15am -12.00. This is a free stay and play for parents/carers and their babies and pre-school children. It's a great place to meet others in the community. Enjoy coffee and cake while the children play with a wide range of toys. We finish with a time of singing and a Bible story aimed at the very young.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 18th March at 9.00am. Enjoy a hearty cooked breakfast followed by an interesting talk by Alan Bond, "It's a carve up!"

The Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures: Wednesday 22nd March at 7.15 for 7.30pm. Join us at 7.00pm for coffee and cake before an interesting talk by Geraint Howells, starting at 7.15.

Games Night: Friday 24th at 7.00pm. All welcome!

Verse of the year for 2023:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:16 and 17

Everyone welcome.

TYTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Thursday 13th April 2023
7.30pm VILLAGE HALL**

Have your say in how Tytherington is run

**Also a Talk by Matthew Lipton, Biodiversity
Office at South Gloucestershire Council on
Hedgehog Heroes**

Copies of the 2022 minutes will be available on the night or are obtainable from the Council's website www.tytheringtonpc-pc.org.uk

Copies of all statutory documents are also available on the website or from the clerk at clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk

White Wine Tasting at

Rockhampton Village Hall

Single grape variety: Chardonnay to include an English Sparkling Wine

Saturday April 22nd 2023

7:00pm start

£20 per ticket.

Limited tickets available.

Price includes Wine Tasting and Supper

Telephone booking : 01454 260377 or
07503 185603



Raffle in aid of Rockhampton Village Hall



TYTHERINGTON WI

We ladies in Tytherington WI held our first meeting for 2023 in the Village Hall on Monday afternoon 16th of January. Attendance was good and it was really nice to meet up again after the Christmas break. Our last meeting had been our 'Christmas Party', held on the freezing evening of December 12, when we enjoyed a festive sit down meal with entertainment by Dan Budd and his Ukulele band who proved to be great fun.

At our meeting in January we welcomed Vivien Craig who gave us a fascinating presentation on Dolls Houses and Miniatures supported by a varied selection of Dolls Houses and their contents. The workmanship involved in crafting these items was extremely impressive with particular emphasis on the fine needlework in making coverlets for furnishings and clothing for the miniature dolls. The detail was so fine it was hard to comprehend how such exquisite work could be done by hand. We followed this with afternoon tea and a raffle.

Vivien kindly judged our competition of miniature ornaments. First prize Valerie Vizard, second prize Ann Bennett, Third prize Rosa Taylor.

Our meeting in February welcomed Penny Dommett who talked about and demonstrated the making of a winter wreath.

Guests are always welcomed.

Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Committee



QUIZ NIGHT with Fish & Chip Supper



SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2023

7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start
at Manorbroom Primary School
Park Road, Thornbury, BS35 1JW

Tickets: £12.50 (includes food and entrance)
from Gill Blackburn on 07866580608
or any other committee member

THERE WILL BE NO BAR –

Please bring your own drink (Glasses will be provided)



Raffle

CROMHALL PARISH COUNCIL

In January we had an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting regarding the planning application for a 25MW solar farm at Varley Farm, Talbot's End. This was a well-attended meeting, and members of the public were given time to express their support or objection to the proposal.

The planning application at the time of writing has seen 100 objecting and 10 supporting comments. By far the largest response I have seen for a local planning application.

Parish Council Clerk We find ourselves in a position where we are again looking for a Parish Clerk, one long-standing clerk left in November. And a new clerk was appointed at the start of December, but sadly this appointment did not work out..

The role of Parish Clerk & RFO is key in enabling the Parish Council to function. Without the clerk in position, for instance, we will not have as many regular monthly meetings.

If you or someone you know is interested in this role, please check the Parish Council website for details of how to apply.

Parish Council Meetings We now have a new regular slot for the Parish Council Meetings, from January they will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm in Cromhall Village Hall. The reason for the change was to allow the hall to be used weekly on a Wednesday for another event.

Parish Council Member There is a need for new members to join the Parish Council, we are being increasingly targeted for large site housing schemes, solar farms and other such applications, as well as increased pressure on amenities, bus routes etc. The parish Council cannot help defend these issues without a diverse and a robust number of Councillors.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, there is highly likely to be 1 position vacant at the upcoming elections in May, please contact myself to discuss.

If you have any feedback, or concerns about the village please, come along to the next Parish Council meeting on 28th March where members of the public are welcome to attend and raise issues during public participation.

Mark Daniel

<http://www.cromhallpc.org.uk>

South Gloucestershire Hedgehog Heroes

Tytherington Parish Council declared a Climate and Nature Emergency on 25th October 2021. As part of this declaration, we have joined in with South Gloucestershire Councils (SGC) Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP) initiative and the first project this year is South Gloucestershire Hedgehog Heroes.



This is a joint project between up to 15 Town and Parish Councils alongside SGC to help our much beloved native hedgehog thrive. Hedgehogs have suffered very dramatic declines over the last 30 years, recently being added to the UK red list for British mammals as 'Vulnerable to Extinction'.

There is a very real risk that our next generation could grow up without experiencing this wonderful animal. Hedgehogs are our only spiny animal, having up to 6000 spines in their coat. These spines are made of Keratin the same substance as our hair and nails. The spines act as a defensive mechanism against predators as hedgehogs can roll themselves up into a tight ball when threatened.

Hedgehogs thrive in hedges, field edges, woodlands and gardens. They are nocturnal animals mainly relying on their sense of smell and hearing to get around safely. Unfortunately there are many man made threats which have contributed to their decline such as:

- **Roads** – traffic collisions and habitat fragmentation
- **Habitat loss** – intensive farming, tidy gardens, garden fences
- **Chemicals** – insecticides and slug pellets
- **Drowning** – unguarded swimming pools and ponds

How can you help?

We need as many residents as possible to open up their gardens to nature, in particular hedgehogs. The project seeks to secure access to over 3000 gardens across South Gloucestershire for our spiny little friends.

- Make a 13cm hole in the base of your garden fence
- Raise your garden gate so there is a 13cm gap beneath it
- Ensure your garden pond has a ramp to escape it
- Leave a wild corner in your garden for nature
- Make a log pile in your garden
- Go chemical free
- Install a hedgehog house



Record your hedgehog hole and any sightings on The Big Hedgehog Map at www.bighedgehogmap.org and record it on the South Gloucestershire Hedgehog Heroes regional layer.

Contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk or telephone 416637 for your free hedgehog hole sign and be entered into our competition to win a hedgehog care package. There will be 3 prizes which will include a hedgehog house, a food and water bowl and a bag of delicious hedgehog food. The Parish Council will also be running a drawing competition. More details later.

Alveston History Society

at Alveston Methodist Church

Roy Ackerill will talk about printing and
'Gutenberg to Gates'

Weds March 22nd at 7.30pm

Admission: £5 including coffee or tea and biscuits.



Thornbury Library

**BFG's (Book Focus Group)
for Year 7 and upwards**

Thursday 9th March 4pm - 5pm

Come and spend an hour discussing books with others. A great way of finding brilliant new authors for you

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

NEWS COPY:

Where?

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

When?

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

In what form?

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

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

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