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Lent lily, Daffodowndilly or Narcissus?

St David's Day 1st March, daffodils, the national flower of Wales (together curiously with the leek) are showing off their golden blooms everywhere, pushing the humble snowdrop, the first heralds of spring out of the picture, announcing the beginning of spring and signifying the end of the cold, dark days.



The botanical name for the daffodil is Narcissus, named after a young man known for his beauty in Greek mythology who was tricked into falling in love with his own reflection. The drooping flowers that characterise most daffodils are said to represent Narcissus bending over to catch his reflection in a pool of water.

The name derives from the Greek 'narco', which is the root of the word narcotic. The etymology probably relates to the daffodil's toxicity - all parts of the plant are poisonous....beware... but this may account for them being so prolific in the wild as they are not foraged by animals.

The Romans are known to have planted daffodils in memory of loved ones or comrades fallen in battle. It's likely they brought them to Britain from the Iberian Peninsula, predominantly Spain and Portugal, where the largest variety of daffodil species are found. It can take five years for a daffodil to flower from a seed and until the 19th century, daffodils were either wild species or natural hybrids that had slowly increased in number over time.

The modern daffodil evolved during the 1800s when plant cultivators began to select flowers for different aesthetic qualities. The Rev. George Herbert Engleheart is often credited as the father of the modern daffodil. He registered 720 new daffodil varieties between 1882 and 1923, although only around 30 are still commercially available. The N. poeticus species is the most well-known.

Daffodils have inspired writers, poets and artists through the centuries. A favourite flower among the Romantic poets, they were immortalised by Wordsworth in his poem Daffodils, one of the most famous poems in the English language. The poet's line 'A host of golden daffodils' recalls the swathes of wild flowers discovered on a walk with his sister Dorothy along the shore of Ullswater in the Lake District in early April



The Rev. George Herbert Engleheart

Over the centuries, daffodils have been given many common or local names, including the 'daffodowndilly', 'yellow maiden' and 'Lent lily', which is a reference to their flowering season coinciding with the period leading up to Easter.

Personally, I love all varieties but would love to see more of the 'native wild' ones growing along roadsides rather than the brassy King Alfred's. But any of the cheerful yellow blooms and they are only shades of yellow, are a bonus on a gloomy day.

PS.in this area a Daffodil Weekend is held annually near Newent, at Kempley and is a great day out. There are wonderful walks through thousands of the real wild daffodils, lunches, teas and tours. And it is free apart from the delicious bacon butties and homemade cakes! I recommend checking online for the dates and activities this year. as on to

1802.

PLEASE NOTE

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Rhymetime at Thornbury Library



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Every Monday and Friday 9.30am-10am NB The Library opens early especially for this event.

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- www.www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk
- https://cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrewschurch
- www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk



St Peter's Hospice Severnside **Support Group**

Spring Coffee Morning

Falfield Village Hall

Saturday March 29th 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.



Tortworth Bells



We no longer have a band of ringers in Tortworth. Would you like to learn? If you're between 12 and 70 and can climb a spiral staircase, then maybe you could have a go.

On Sunday 16th March from 2.30 until 4 pm come and see what it's all about. You don't have to be musical or religious. It's more about exercise and wanting to learn a new skill. It's a cheap way of getting a bit of activity, meeting a few local people, and making a lot of noise! Even if you don't want to learn. but would like to find out more about this ancient art, you'd be very welcome.

If you can't manage that day, get in touch and I'll meet vou at some other time.

Your tower needs you!

Fen Marshall (both.fenandi@gmail.com) If you're fairly agile, like ladders, and wear old clothes, there may even be a chance to go up among the bells and out onto the tower roof!

Alveston Gardens Association



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A brief stop in Carlisle (subject to timings) precedes our journey through Scotland via Dumfries and the Nith Valley, with a four-course dinner served en route. Arrive at Paisley Gilmour Street for transfer to the Golden Jubilee Hotel.

SATURDAY

After breakfast on board, travel the stunning West Highland Line to Oban. Choose from:

Option A | Sail to Tobermory
Ferry to the Isle of Mull, guided tour, and free time in Tobermory.

Option B | Oban & Dunstaffnage

Sightseeing in Oban, then a guided visit to Dunstaffnage Castle and Chapel.

Option C | Explore Oban Leisure time to visit the distillery, McCaigs Tower, or Dunollie Castle.

Return journey features a four-course dinner, followed by hotel transfer.

Begin with a full Scottish Breakfast en route to Stirling. Gleneagles, and the Highland mainline. At Aviemore, select:

Option E | Rails of Aviemore
Steam train ride along Strathspey Railway and funicular ascent
of Cairngorm Mountain. Continue by train to Inverness for:

Option F | Cruise Loch Ness Guided tour and boat trip on the famous loch.

Option G | Highlanders' Museum & Culloden Battlefield

Explore Scotlands history.

Option H | Explore Inverness

Free time in the capital of the Highlands.

Dinner is served as we return south via Perth, with road coach transfers to the hotel.

MONDAY

Enjoy a hotel buffet breakfast before rejoining our train for the journey home via Edinburgh, Berwick-upon-Tweed, and Newcastle.

Savour a four-course lunch as stunning scenery passes by. We bid you a fond farewell after a memorable weekend. Mar Sin Leibh!

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Thornbury & District u3a New Members' Welcome Meeting Monday 17th March from 3.30 - 4:30pm St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, BS35 1DR

This meeting is to welcome new and prospective members of Thornbury u3a. Following a short talk about Thornbury u3a, tea and coffee will be available and some of the interest groups will illustrate their activities.

If you have just joined do come along. Please also encourage anyone who is thinking of joining us to come along to find out more.

For more information visit our website https://thornbury.u3asite.uk/ or contact the membership secretary: membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk



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50p for each additional child and 50p for each additional adult who comes with you.

Remember Covid-19 at St George's Church on Sunday 9th March at 10.30am

All over the nation from March 5th to March 9th there will be communities dedicating some time to remembering Covid-19 and the effects it had on their lives and the lives of their loved ones and the community as a whole.

Many of us may prefer to forget it, but there are also many of us for whom scars of the pandemic are still uppermost in our minds, especially as we remember the restrictions that were imposed on the nation as a whole. We still talk of the sacrifices we had to endure as we remember loved ones lost and the impact it had on individuals as they could not visit family and friends in nursing homes or care homes. The effect of losing loved ones in this life, the restrictions imposed on relatives and friends to say 'goodbye'.

But others were affected too:

- Those who were told to shield and the impact it had on their families and friends. The children missing out on social life at school.
- The act of gong shopping at the supermarket, which caused people to be fearful.
- The supermarket staff who constantly had to work around troubled shoppers as the 2-metre distance was enforced. There are so many examples.
- We must also remember the people that were looking after the nation at this time as their skills were put to the test.
- We remember the 8pm claps outside of our homes as we thank the NHS for looking after us.

The effects of the Pandemic on individuals was endless. So, the question now is 'How has Covid -19 and the pandemic affected you? Do you still talk about it? Or are you silently grieving about the loss of loved ones, the loss of freedom and the effect that it has had on you, your family and your friends?

On Sunday 9th March, we will be devoting some of our time together in Church, remembering the Pandemic and the effect it had on us. There will be an opportunity to hold a candle, that can be lit before we spend time in prayer. The candles will be a sign of peace and calm, a time for personal reflection, a time to remember how we looked after each other during the pandemic.

All are welcome at this service, even if you do not attend Church on a regular basis, everyone has a spiritual need of some kind, come and share your reflections with others from the community. *Jane Hathway*



End of year update Thornbury Foodbank January 2025

The number of clients coming to us has remained fairly constant over the past 6 months. From 1 July to 20 December 2024, we fed 345 adults and 244 children and received 6.3 tonnes of donations. Compared with the same period last year, number are down slightly which is always good. Donations

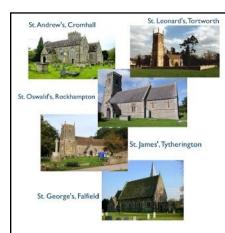
for the same period, are up by over 1 tonne, which is wonderful.

Harvest donations exceeded 2 tonnes and were gladly accepted as evidence of the support of the local community, including churches, schools, local organisations and individuals. This was followed by our 3-day stint at Tesco, at the end of November, where total donations exceeded 3 tonnes. We have drawn less stock from the warehouse as a result; and were able to support other foodbanks who are not as well supported as we are.

We were very busy during December, but because of the amazing donations, we were able to make up over 70 Christmas parcels for our clients, when last Christmas we gave out 42 parcels. We also gave everyone in the family a gift with the usual Christmas items. Financial donations also allowed us to give an Aldi voucher to each client. It was such a joy to see their surprise when they saw the bags, for which they were so thankful.

Your continuing financial donations enable us to buy fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, bread, spread, baby milk, nappies and essentials when our stocks are low, and especially to purchase items for the Christmas parcels which we lacked.

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Church services and information

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

Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200 or

Stephen Youngs 01454 300260, 07735 396775 churchwarden@saintandrewscromhall.org.uk

Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017
Rockhampton: Liz Cullimore 01454 412208
Tortworth: Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or Fen Marshall 07875 560988

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. Whilst they may not be available instantly, leave a message and they will deal with it as soon as they can. Failing that, contact Rev. Graham Stacey, the Area Dean on areadean@wottondeanery.org.uk or Tel. 01453 709859

Cromhall
Sun 9th
Sun 23rd

NB Services at Cromhall are now on 2nd & 4th Sundays
9.30am Holy Communion (Rev David Powe)
9.30am Holy Communion (Rev. Richard Morgan)

Falfield

Sun 9th 10.30am Holy Communion & Remembering Covid -19

Sun 16th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Rockhampton

Sun 23rd 10.30am Holy Communion

Tortworth

Sun 2nd 10.30am Holy Communion Sun 16th 10.30am Morning Prayer

2.30pm until 4pm Tortworth bells open session to see what's involved in learning to ring.

Sun 6th April 10.30am Holy Communion

Tytherington

Sun 2nd 10.30am Joint service at the Baptist Church

Thurs 6th 9.30am Said Communion

Sun 16th 10.30am Holy Communion & Baptism

Sun 23rd 10.30am UNITED BENEFICE

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

Everyone welcome



Foodbank update continued

Thank you to those who invited us to share with your groups about Foodbank, and the donations we received as a result. Please feel free to contact us if there are others of you who would like us to do this.

We have been pleased to welcome some new volunteers over the past couple of months, who have fitted in well to our existing team of faithful volunteers. We continue to be so grateful for the time they are willing to give to help others.

It has, once again, been good to work with other organisations who can help our clients out of their difficult situations. Citizens Advice, New Start Debt Advice, Warm and Well to name just a few. It is always so good to have clients tell us that they have received help and their circumstances have improved

On behalf of all of those who benefit from your kindness, generosity, concern, and always in the hope that one day Foodbanks will no longer be needed, we want to thank you again for making life a little easier for those in need of our help. We couldn't do it without your support.

Wishing you all continued health, peace and hope in the coming days.

Mair Vaughan, on Behalf of Thornbury Foodbank Management Team.

Sunday 16th March St. Mary's Church, Thornbury 4.00pm - 5.00pm

NotaBene

(Bristol-based a cappella group)
Singing a wide range from medieval partsong to modern jazz and pop.

Followed by refreshments.

Admission: Free.

There will be a retiring collection.



Computer Support 1-1 at Thornbury Library

SMARY'S

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

Every Thursday 10am, 11am, 12 noon

Tytherington Baptist Church

Our next Afternoon Tea will be held on Wednesday 5th March commencing at 2:30 p.m. in the Schoolroom.

Everyone welcome

Sandwiches, Savouries, Cakes 'Bottomless' Coffee/Tea pots - only £3 pp

Cromhall Village Hall

Saturday April 5th

10.00am - 1.00pm

Easter Coffee Morning

with crafts

Free entry



Knights of Magic: A Spectacular Evening of the Magical Arts.
Sat 5th April 2025 7.30 at Methodist Church Hall, High Street,
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APCMs and new Electoral Rolls

Every year each parish church holds an Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the equivalent of an AGM) at which reports are given of the parish church's activities during the past year, its finances and various other formalities. Everyone who lives in a given parish is entitled to attend this meeting but only those who are listed on the electoral roll are able to participate fully.

This year the rolls will be updated. The preparation of a new roll is an opportunity to encourage those new to church life, or to the community, to join the roll, as a practical symbol of commitment to the church. It allows us to take part in decisions which affect the church and parish, to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), and to stand for the Parochial Church Council. The APCM held after the new roll has been formed can be an occasion to welcome new-comers

The procedure is governed by the 2022 edition of the Church Representation Rules, available either through Church House Publishing, or online: https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/legalresources/ church-representation-rules

The section directly relating to the Church Electoral Roll and the process of a new Roll can be found here - https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-andgovernance/legal-services/church-representation-rules/part-1

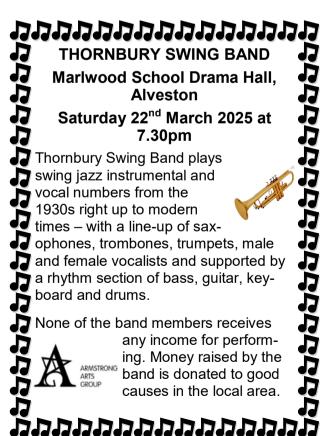
Every person wishing to be included on the new electoral roll (including those on the existing roll), should complete an application form and return it to the Church Electoral Roll Officer, whose name and contact details should be listed in the parish church.

NB Applications for Tytherington's roll need to be completed by 14th March and returned to Steve Goodenough at The Old Post Office or left in church - there are some application forms in church.

Cromhall APCM: Friday 4th April 7.00pm at St. Andrew's Church, Cromhall.

Tortworth APCM: Sunday 6th April following the 10.30am service at St Leonard's, Tortworth. Deadline for electoral roll completion & return is 16th March.

Tytherington APCM: Tuesday 2nd April 7.30pm at St James, Tytherington.







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The Children's Society There will be a collection for The Children's Society and the Gurkha Welfare Trust.





CROMHALL FLOWER SHOW 6th SEPTEMBER 2025



CLASS LIST

SPECIAL MASTER CLASS

1. Decorate a welly/Boot

SUNFLOWERS

2. Largest sunflower head 3. Longest sunflower

VEGETABLES & FRUIT

- 4. 2 Squashes
- 5. 4 Potatoes, white
- 6. 3 Carrots, trimmed
- 7. 3 Onions, dressed sets
- 3 spring sown onions, dressed
- 9. 1 Onion for weight, dressed
 - 10. 4 Courgettes
 - 11. 6 French beans
 - 12. 6 Runner beans
 - 13. 1 Longest runner bean
 - 14. 3 Tomatoes
- 15. 9 Cherry tomatoes on a dish
 - 16. 1 Tomato for weight
- 17. 3 Beetroots, round, trimmed
- 18. 1 Longest stick of rhubarb
- 19. 1 Unusual shaped vegetable
 - 20. 4 Apples, culinary
 - 21. 4 Apples, dessert
 - 22. 3 Pears, dessert
- 23. 3 Different Vegetables, small tray
 - 24. Vase of mixed herbs
 - 25. 3 Salad items, small tray

FLOWERS

- 26. Vase of flowers in pink and white
 - 27. Vase of roses
 - 28. Vase of perennials
- 29. Vase of mixed foliage for colour
- 30. Vase of mixed garden flowers in any colour
 - 31. Container of dahlias
 - 32. 5 Fuchsia heads set out singly

33. 5 Sweet peas 34. Foliage pot plant - pot not to exceed 18cm diameter

35. Fuchsia in a pot pot not to exceed 18cm diameter

FLORAL ART

- 36. Exhibit depicting a book title
- 37. Exhibit entitled 'Carnival' (table centrepiece)
- 38. Arrangement entitled 'Fairy Tale'
- 39. Arrangement, not to exceed 9 inches

FOOD & DRINK

- 40. Homemade loaf of bread, white or brown, handmade
 - 41. Victoria Sandwich
 - 42. Family fruit cake, 18cm diameter
 - 43. Apple pie, not less than 16cm diameter
 - 44. Lemon drizzle cake
 - 45. Bakewell tart 46. 4 Cookies
 - 47. 4 Cheese scones
 - 48. Savoury quiche, not to exceed 23cm diameter
 - 49. Jar of jam
 - 50. Jar of lemon curd
 - 51. Jar of marmalade
 - 52. Jar of honey
 - 53. Four eggs on a plate
 - 54. Bottle of flavoured gin

HOMECRAFTS

- 55. Item knitted or Crocheted 56. Item sewn, can also be
 - patchwork or quilted
- 57. Item from resistant materials (wood, metal or plastic)

PHOTOGRAPHY

- 58. 1 Print 'Wildlife'
- 59. 1 Print 'Local Scene'
- 60. 4 Prints together 'Food and Drink'
 - 61. 2 Prints together "Gardening"

CHILDREN'S CLASSES PRE-SCHOOL

- 62. Any painting, collage or potato print, not to exceed A3
- 63. 3 Decorated rich tea biscuits
- 64. Create a mask from a paper plate
- 65. Coloured picture (outline provided)

7 YEARS AND UNDER

- 66. Drawing or painting, not to exceed A3
 - 67. Paint/decorate a welly
- 68. Plate of wild blackberries not to exceed 20cm dia.
- 69. Coloured picture (outline provided)

8 TO 11 YEARS

- 70. Drawing or painting, not to exceed A3
 - 71. Photograph 'Pet'
 - 72. Any other handicraft
- 73. Free form Lego model of your
 - own design

12 TO 16 YEARS

74. Drawing or painting, not to exceed **A3**

75. Photograph - 'Sport' 76. 4 Fairy Cakes

77. School Design & Technology item



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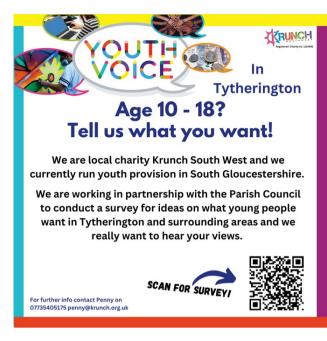
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- Do you want more activities in the area?
- Would you like somewhere to go for support?

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Tinned tomatoes Tinned vegetables

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

Donations can be placed in the basket at

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

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

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

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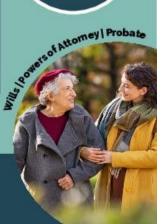
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Join us as we worship the Lord each Sunday, followed by refreshments.

(10.30am) David Morrell (6.30pm) Simon Carey 9th (10.30am) Paul Young (6.30pm) Paul Young 16th (10.30am) Hamish Douglas (6.30pm) Simon Carey 23^{rd} (10.30am) Simon Carev (6.30pm) Nick Durston 30^{th} (10.30am) Ray Coates (6.30) Adrian Pike

Tuesday half hour of prayer on zoom: 4th and 18th at 7.00pm, 11th and 25th at 9.30am.

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 5th and 19th – we meet for Bible Study and Prayer in various homes in the area. 12th and 26th we meet in the hall and on zoom for Bible Study and Prayer.

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

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 11th at 7.00pm. Come along and join a friendly group of ladies as we work on our own crafts and chat over a cup of tea.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 1st March at 9.15am – Join us for a delicious breakfast followed by a talk on "My trip to Turkiye and the Seven Churches" by David Frampton.

All our sermons are available on the website: WWW.CROMHALLCHAPEL.ORG

Falfield WI - February

We had received a letter from the new Falfield Toddler Group. Our last WI coffee morning raised funds for the group and this was much appreciated. Members are welcome to pop along for a coffee on Wednesday morning when the group is in the village Hall.

We are proposing to hold 2 more dabble days. One includes a visit to Acton Court, the other is to try Felting craft. Members were asked to contribute to the making of a topper for a letter box. This is an Avon Federation Competition.

The 4 Resolutions were described eloquently to the members so that we could make our decision on which to vote for this year, and we concluded the evening with a game of Bingo.

The March meeting will include a talk from The Blond Angels Street Team and we have been asked to bring along a Pot Noodle each and a selection of chocolate bars, snacks etc. that can be given to those living on the streets. Visitors are always welcome.



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30th Constancy In Prayer [2 Cor. 12:7 - 10] Brian

*Service will include Holy Communion

All services commence at 10:30am unless otherwise stated.

Everyone welcome



Plant the Future:

Sponsor a Tree for Tortworth Forest Centre's 10th Anniversary

Tortworth, UK – Join Tortworth Forest Centre and Arboretum in celebrating our 10th anniversary by sponsoring a new tree in our historic arboretum. This year, we're planting 10 trees to mark a decade of restoration, and we're seeking local businesses to help us make this vision a reality.

For just £350, your business can sponsor a newly planted tree, supporting its care and growth while contributing to the long-term preservation of our arboretum. Sponsorship includes recognition on our website and social pages, tickets to future visitor days, a photo opportunity with your tree on the 26th April at our anniversary event, and the knowledge that you're investing in a greener, healthier future.

Your support will help us continue our mission of restoring this historic woodland and providing a sanctuary where people and nature can thrive together.

To sponsor a tree or learn more, please contact katy@tortwortharboretum.org or visit our website: tortwortharboretum.org.

Let's grow a legacy together.

Contact: Katy Radel, Event and Venue Manager katy@tortwortharboretum.org
TortworthTurns10

St Andrew's Church, Cromhall Easter Flower Festival



St.Andrew's, Cromhall, is planning an Easter Flower Festival and is looking for anyone and everyone to come and put some

flowers in church - any sort, any colour, beautifully arranged or just popped in a jam jar with beautiful simplicity.

You might like to bring flowers in memory of a loved one or, perhaps, a joyous family event or may-be just because we all love flowers! We want to truly celebrate spring and Easter to the full and will need your help to achieve this, so please think about what you can do.

Look out for more details in the next 5Alive.

TYTHERINGTON POST OFFICE Stop press

We heard today (19.02.25) that Claire Young has a meeting on March 6th in Parliament with our Regional Director of the Post Office to discuss all of our local Post Offices, including Tytherington.

Philip (Postmaster) has been asked to keep Tytherington open until March 11th, pending further info.

We will keep you posted.

Daphne, Chair TVSA

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Thornbury Arts Festival needs YOU!

New helpers are needed to ensure Thornbury's long-running arts festival continues to thrive.

Live music, comedy and drama has entertained audiences in the town and surrounding area for more than 50 years, together with a wide range of guest speakers.

Comedian Alfie Moore, poet Pam Ayres, former ITN political editor John Sargeant, the BBC's former chief news correspondent Kate Adie and the

Reduced Shakespeare Company are just some of those who have been brought to Thornbury by the team running the annual festival.

All the organisers are volunteers who use their spare time to find acts, liaise with them or their agents, book venues, arrange publicity and, at the events, look after the performers and welcome audiences.

They also distribute flyers around Thornbury and neighbouring towns and villages, put up banners, run the event bars and even put out chairs at venues if necessary.

But the team involved is small and with some committee members retiring, or already retired, there is a need to replace them.

At least four more people are required, including someone to become treasurer. Whoever takes on that particular role does not have to be a qualified accountant, just someone who knows their way around a spread-sheet and can sort out what money comes in and goes out.

Anyone of any age with enthusiasm for the performing arts is welcome to become involved. Meetings are usually held once a month but more often as each festival approaches.

As well as the main festival, there are also other events which come under its umbrella - the Thornbury Eisteddfod for young performers, the Severn Vale Art Trail and a production by the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School for local primary school children.

Anyone interested should email nancynorth@icloud.com for more information.



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Cancer Research UK 10am - 2pm Saturday 5th April Falfield Village Hall

Come with your children/grandchildren and have fun together.

Make Easter nests/ decorate biscuits paint eggs; reate a spring garde

create a spring garden
plus several other Spring/
Easter themed
creative activities!

off from Penrice Castle on The Gower to "Walk, Jog, Run" 100km (an organised UltraChallenge).

I definitely won't be running but I am aiming to 'walk, jog, refuel' straight through!!

I've decided, that to give me extra focus through this madness, to fundraise for Cancer Research UK because it is "the world's leading independent cancer charity dedicated to saving lives through research, influence and information" and quite simply because I know too many friends who are or have been affected by this disease.

Phone Louise Wright on 07800 776998 for further details.

Thornbury & District u3a

Coffee Morning at Porch House, Christ the King, Castle Street, Thornbury 10:30 – 11:30 on Saturday 8th March

Members and Non-members are welcome. Some u3a groups will be represented and will be happy to answer questions. There will also be refreshments. Please do come along to meet other people and have a coffee and chat.

NB – **For Members with NO email address** - The Autumn newsletter will be available for collection.



Please take the time to complete the Tytherington & Itchington Parish Council's consultation on the future of Tytherington Recreation Ground/ Hardwicke Field.

You can capture the consultation using the QR code or through this link https://docs.google.com/ forms/d/

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Tytherington History Group FRIDAY MARCH 14th 2025

7.30pm in Baptist School Room (at rear of chapel)

SPEAKER: HOWARD PARKER on

The Vale of Berkeley Railway

All welcome

£2 members and £3 for visitors



Tytherington Village Hall Presents



Easter Ducks-travaganza! Easter Party with Duck Racing Saturday 12th April Tytherington Village Hall

2.00pm-4.30pm

Easter Duck Trail in Tytherington Woods from Monday 14th April - Monday 21st April

- Fancy dress, Easter jumpers or just as you are.
- Come and enjoy the duck racing, games, side stalls and craft.
- After buying your ticket you will be emailed the Trail sheet.
- Each young person will receive a duck to race with more available to sponsor on the day.
- There will be a café with free tea, coffee & squash and some scrummy cakes and treats on sale for you to enjoy
- Mail: TVHevents@outlook.com for more information

Ticket Sales:

Village Shop - £5.00 per child (cash only)

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Sort it Centre Book and Go! From 3 March 2025, all visits to the South Gloucestershire's Sort It recycling centres must be booked in advance.

The new system is being introduced due to recent government legislation which now requires all local authorities to regulate the disposal of household DIY waste, and the easiest and most cost-effective way to do this is by introducing a booking system.

Many local authorities already have a booking system in place, including Bristol, Bath and Gloucestershire councils. People in those areas have experienced reduced queuing and congestion, making visits quicker. The measures also prevent misuse by non-residents and commercial traders, provide better access to support for residents who may require assistance and improve operational efficiency onsite.

You will be able to book a timeslot

- online at <u>www.southglos.gov.uk/recyclingcentrebooking</u>
- by phone on 01454 868000
- or at a council One Stop Shop.

You will need to provide

- your vehicle details,
- contact information
- and the type of waste you intend to bring.
- Residents who have accessibility needs will be able to indicate this when booking a timeslot.

You can book a slot anytime up to two weeks in advance of your visit, subject to availability. When you visit the recycling centre, you must bring your booking number and proof of address.



OCTOPUS DRAMA GROUP'S FORTHCOMING READ-THROUGHS FOR NEXT PLAY

Thornbury's award-winning Octopus Drama Group, now in its 54th year, will be holding readthroughs on 2nd and 5th March for their next play 'The Village Hall', to be performed at Christ the King Church Hall in Thornbury from 11th to 14th June.

'The Village Hall' is a comedy written by Ashley Burgoyne and will be directed by Sue Smith. This is a well observed and character driven play, full of humour with many amusing moments and a good plot. It is written for 4 males and 5 females

from late teens/twenties through to seventies and tells the tale of two English villages vying with each other to win the coveted "Village Games" trophy with all the amusing skulduggery that entails. Thrown into the mix is the local drama teacher's determination to get her own play produced, so she starts an Amateur Theatre Group.

Don't miss out on this opportunity. Whether you have already caught the bug for acting, or you are someone with aspirations of treading the boards and perhaps been contemplating joining our amdram group here in Thornbury, now is a good time to take that leap. You will be very welcome to attend a read-through.

Both read-throughs start at 7.30pm and will take place at Christ the King Church Hall on Sunday 2nd and in the Parlour at Christ the King Church on Wednesday 5th, located at 11 Castle Street, Thornbury, BS35 1HA. Just turn up on either night or ring 07824 644133 with any enquiries.

Tytherington Village Hall Committee proudly presents:



Friday 28th March 2025 Doors open 7pm Quiz starts at 7:30 pm

Tytherington Village Hall Annex (capacity 50 we may need to turn people away when tables are all taken)

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It's not Mastermind, just good fun!
. Any queries email
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Tytherington Film Club Dates and Films 2025

- Friday March 21 Belfast
- Friday April 18 Conclave
- Friday May 16 The Holdovers
- Friday June 27 Crossing
- Friday July 18 Small things like these
- Friday Aug 15 Arthur the King
- No Sept. date but Sian is arranging a showing of the Last Night of the Proms.
 Date is booked. More information to follow.
- Friday Oct 24 TBA
- Friday Nov 21 TBA
- Friday Dec 19 TBA

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

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

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

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

Hope to see you there!

Cromhall VH improvements



During the autumn of 2024, diggers and excavators rolled into Talbots End to dig up Cromhall Village Hall's car park.

This project was awarded a £37,400 Rural Community Grant from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority, funded by the UK government through the Rural England Prosperity Fund. This was to improve the exterior of the Hall, making it more accessible, improving the surfacing and encouraging

more wildlife and biodiversity into the area.

The existing surface was ripped up and replaced with a porous tarmac. The entrance ramp was widened to allow easier access for visitors and the back of the car park was dressed with stone to make maintenance easier.

Since the construction works were completed, committee members have installed a bug hotel, bat boxes and bird boxes to encourage more wildlife to use the area. The planters have also been planted with bulbs and plants to give colour and texture to the area to make it more welcoming.

The 1st Woodend Scout Group, who spend their winters on site, generously donated to the project and will be tasked with helping to prep and maintain the planters.



A proportion of the work was paid for by fundraising. So, if you've attended one of our popular Quiz Nights or came to our beer festival last summer - thank you for supporting your local Village Hall!



We also received some very generous donations from local businesses to help us complete the work. We'd like to say a huge thank you to De Smit Medical, Tortworth Estate, Renishaw and Cromhall Parish Council.

We're looking forward to welcoming you to the Village Hall soon. Our next Quiz Night is on 29 March from 6:30pm and the Hall is available for private hire for parties, meetings and events. Email hall.bookings@cromhall.com to enquire.

Celebrating a Decade of Growth at Tortworth Forest Centre and Arboretum

Tortworth Forest Centre and Arboretum celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Founded in 2015, this woodland sanctuary has flourished into a welcoming and accessible space where both people and nature thrive, thanks to hundreds of volunteers and supporters. We invite everyone to celebrate with us at our free 10th Anniversary Community Event on Saturday 26th April.

Over the past ten years, the Tortworth Forest Centre has been transformed from an overgrown and inaccessible site into a rejuvenated arboretum, teeming with native flora and exotic trees. Volunteers have tirelessly reduced invasive species like brambles and rhododendrons, allowing the native ecosystem to prosper and creating a safer, more inviting environment for the public.

Our mission extends beyond woodland restoration to empowering individuals who typically might not access the countryside for wellbeing. The Hawthorn Project exemplifies this commitment by supporting self-identifying women recovering from addiction or facing mental health challenges, offering a safe, judge-ment-free space to reconnect with nature, learn new skills, and build supportive relationships. We also offer a range of inclusive activities, such as Woodland Management Volunteer Days and the Woodland Wellbeing Project, welcoming participants of all genders. These provide opportunities for people to engage with the woodland at their own pace, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose.

Tortworth Forest Centre is a place where the tranquillity of nature and the beauty of our historic tree collection create an ideal setting for personal growth and connection. We strive to remove barriers to participation, ensuring that as many people as possible can enjoy the benefits of this unique environment.

As we celebrate our 10th anniversary, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers, supporters, and participants who have helped make Tortworth Forest Centre and Arboretum a thriving community space. We look forward to continuing our work and welcoming more people to experience the peace and inspiration of our woodland sanctuary. For more information about our projects, volunteer opportunities, and upcoming events, please visit our website or contact us at events@tortwortharboretum.org. Contact: Katy Radel, Event and Venue Manager katy@tortwortharboretum.org tortwortharboretum.org #tortworthturns10

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