

# 5 Villages Alive

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## ***Stepping back and moving on .....***

*Hi Folks,*

It seems years ago now that the then archdeacon first asked me if I'd look after the CRoFTT – I said “No”.....and now all these years later, I'm officially stepping back. I am certain that Bishop Robert is right and this is good for the parishes as they look to a changed future within the deanery. There is now time for you all to reflect on where the future might take you. This is such a positive time for you all and very exciting as you think and plan....and do remember that “ if you want to make God laugh tell Him your plans”!! Those of you who know me well, will realise that I've clearly given Him plenty of opportunities to absolutely guffaw over the years....so do include prayer as part of your planning! As I said in my sermon in Easter Sunday 'His plans are always so much better than anything we can come up with'!



I've passed some significant dates for me during these past years – ordination anniversaries etc and I'm now 14 years on since the blip of my first cancer diagnosis and so grateful to God that I am still able to share and help out just a bit. Even through the pandemic the NHS was there for me and I am filled with admiration for those who work in that organisation. I've so enjoyed being with you during these years. As we travelled through the pandemic together every single one of us changed – and the results are still being recognised today. We long for other people and yet are fearful of closeness and touch. Conversations can still start off with questions about testing and positive or negative. We all know people who have caught the virus and sadly many of us know people who have died either as a direct result of this or as a consequence of the situation we all faced. It has shown us all we need one another. People to share with, people to challenge us, people to make us think outside the box, people willing to listen, people to encourage us. People to forgive us for those times we say or do things wrong – because let's face it we all do that and most of us do it quite unwittingly! Thank you for being 'people' to and for me.

Ministry for me has never been a job, I really believe it is a privilege, a way of life – even in those times when I've been saying to God “What is going on here?” or, more often.... “You want me to do what?”. I have always been aware that you were not allowed to 'choose' me as your priest and so I'm very grateful for those of you who have been willing to support and share with me in ministry here and for the laughter we have been able to share too. I may pop up now and again as a visitor but my thoughts and prayers will continue for you – you will, as with all my previous parishes, continue to be 'my' people, just in a different way.

*Rev Sue*

NB ...I still don't understand why God laughed so much when I told him I wanted to be married with 4 boys who could form a medley relay swim team for Scotland....

reason to smile .... find it!

**Tytherington Local History Group**

**Friday 13th May**

**The Alveston Bone Cave**

Speaker: David Hardwick

*Lecturer at Royal Agricultural University,  
Cirencester*

7.30pm in the Baptist Schoolroom

Everyone welcome



**Thornbury Library**

**Family Story Time and  
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**Saturday 7th May 9.30am**

**Saturday 21st May 9.30am**

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VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE**

**ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE 2022**

**VILLAGE HALL**

Light refreshment available from 7.15pm

Meeting commences 7.30pm

All Members, Volunteers and Customers welcome.  
*Come along to find out*

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

**PARISH OF ROCKHAMPTON**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**

Rockhampton Village Hall starting at 7pm

This will be immediately followed  
by the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**St James' Church, Tytherington 100+club**

**Easter Draw**

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**at Thornbury Library**

**11am - 12.30pm Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**"Crowns, Corgis, Hearts and Horses"**

Create your own crown or  
hat using some of the  
Queen's favourite things.



Take a princess or knight  
selfie.

**Enjoy a treasure hunt around the library  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 9.30am - 11am**



**Cromhall Tat3  
Garden meeting**

(Weather and Covid  
permitting!)

will be held on

**Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

in the garden of Burlton House.

## Five Alive – The Future of the Newsletter

As a reader of 5 Alive you may have noticed in the last two issues that the cost of producing a 16 page is now £495 per month. This covers the printing of 1,250 copies per month allowing us to meet our target of delivering the newsletter to each property in the 5 parishes. Unfortunately, this has presented the 5 Alive team with a financial headache that needs to be resolved if the future of the newsletter is to be assured.

Firstly, let me give you a few figures (the boring statistics). A quick calculation shows that the annual production cost is £5,940 representing an annual cost per household of approximately £5. The production cost is covered by funding from donations and advertising. Because of Covid-19 and the pandemic our most reliable recent figures for these funds comes from 2019. Donations were £1,600 and advertising generated £3,151. This shows that there is currently a shortfall of £1200 per year – a situation that we cannot allow to continue.

There are a few options that we can consider and you, our readers, may think of other ones. These options are:

- Do nothing. This means that in 2 years we would have to stop production of a paper copy of the newsletter and only produce an online version.
- Increase the advertising costs. Currently, the highest price is £56 per month for a full page advert with reduced prices for half, quarter or eighth page adverts. To meet the shortfall this way would mean an eye watering increase of 38% equivalent to £78 per issue. We could stagger the increase over a number of years, say 8% per year over 5 years.
- Reduce the number of printed pages. The April issue was just 12 pages which cost £330 to print. However, we will need to maintain the adverts per issue that have been paid for, thus reducing the number of pages related to articles of interest.
- Reduce the number of issues from 12 per year. A reduction to 6 issues would halve the cost of production and mean that the newsletter can continue.

There are likely to be other options that you the reader may like to suggest for example are you aware of any organisation willing to make an annual donation. You can send me your opinions at [crosthwaitega@outlook.com](mailto:crosthwaitega@outlook.com).

I recognise that increasing inflation is having an impact on everybody and I am not requesting anybody makes a donation they cannot afford. I am therefore not seeking additional donations unless you can afford them.

*Geoff Crosthwaite, Benefice Newsletter Treasurer*



Thank you to Mrs C King and Thornbury Chamber of Commerce for their kind donations to our costs.

Regular donations may be made by standing order; we also accept payments by BACS. For further details please contact our Treasurer, Mr Geoff Crosthwaite

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- 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.



### Cancer Research Quiz Night

Thornbury and District Fundraising Group

#### QUIZ NIGHT

**with Fish and Chip supper**

**Friday 20th May 2022 at Manorbrook Primary School, Park Road, Thornbury BS35 1JW**

Starts at 7.30pm sharp, so please be there by 7.15pm at the latest.

Tickets: £12.50 per person (includes fish and chip supper) available from Tony Flintoff on 07707 159645 or any Committee Member.

**Please let us know if anyone on your quiz team has any specific dietary requirements.**



## **Tytherington Village Shop**

### **Calling all early risers!**

Do you enjoy the early mornings now that the spring has arrived and summer is approaching fast?

If so, why not come and help out one morning or so in the shop, getting the paper orders ready for collection?

Our paper team now relies on only five regular helpers as we have lost Ian who stepped to help four mornings a week from last summer. We are really pleased that he has found a permanent job and wish him well for the future. But he leaves quite a gap – so please help out if you can offer one morning a week from 7.15 – 8.30.

We should love to hear from you!

**The Armstrong Arts Group brings the  
Bristol Old Vic Theatre School  
to Thornbury to present**

### **GREAT EXPECTATIONS**

by Charles Dickens  
adapted by  
JO CLIFFORD

at The Castle School, Park Road, Thornbury,  
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Tickets, to include a drink, are  
£18 (£15 for under 16s)  
available from  
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## **Alveston Gardens Association "Summertime in Western Scotland"**

with Mary Fenton

on **Monday 2nd May 2022**

Alveston Jubilee Hall at 7.30pm

All welcome - Visitors (£3)

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or ring 01454 868006

### **JUBILEE TEA PARTY**

**ST PETER'S HOSPICE SEVERNSIDE  
SUPPORT GROUP**



### **Afternoon High Tea**

**on Thursday 26th May 2.30pm**

to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

**Methodist Church Hall in Thornbury**

There will be musical entertainment during  
the afternoon.

Tickets: £10.00 (includes a full home-made  
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St. James', Tytherington

St. George's, Falfield



## Church services and important information

After the service at Tortworth on 1<sup>st</sup> May, the Rev. Sue will no longer be Associate Priest. This means that the benefice will not continue in its present form; the five parishes will be separate entities. There will no longer be a benefice office or a central point of contact. This means that the churchwardens of each church will need to be contacted directly.

### Churchwardens:

**Cromhall:** Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200

**Tortworth:** Hilary Legg 01454 413234  
or Fen Marshall 01454 260821

**Tytherington:** John Williams 01454 412515 or  
Phil Coward 01454 281444

Until September, the parishes of Falfield and Rockhampton will still be looked after by Rev. Frances who may be contacted on 01453 519099

### Churchwardens:

**Rockhampton:** Liz Cullimore 01454 412208

**Falfield:** Headley Pain 01454 269017  
or Sian Hogg [sianhogg@gmx.com](mailto:sianhogg@gmx.com)

If you cannot get hold of them, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. But 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](mailto:davidrussell@gmx.com) or phone. (01454) 294267.

### Services for May:

**Tortworth** 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am **United service of Holy Communion at Tortworth with the Bishop of Tewkesbury**

**Cromhall:** 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Communion

29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am United service of Holy Communion

**Tytherington:** 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev Ian Gardner

**Falfield:** 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion;

15<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Prayer;

22<sup>nd</sup> Join Rockhampton

**Rockhampton:** 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion

**Tortworth:** 5<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Jubilee service and tree planting

### Thornbury Library

#### "Sight Support West of England"

Support and advice for people with visual impairments

**Next visit: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**10am - 1.00pm**

**St Andrew's, Church, Cromhall**

**APCM**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**7.00pm in Church**

**All parishioners are welcome to attend.**



### View 5 Alive online

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

## Cromhall Jubilee Celebrations

History Exhibition to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

in Cromhall Village on Saturday 4th June.

Refreshments available. Stalls around the outside in aid of the Church.

Further details of opening times etc. on Cromhall village website and posters around the village during May

## Falfield Parish Council

At their meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Councillors discussed a number of highways issues which had previously been raised with StreetCare. Councillor Fryer stated that at the recent Community Engagement Forum he attended, at which the Head of Street-Care and Transport was also present, he confirmed their highways budget for the current fiscal year was 4 million pounds, which fell short of what was required. During his report Ward Councillor O'Neill indicated that as a short-term solution to cope with increasing traffic National Highways were considering the installation of four lanes on the B4509 running over the M5 at junction 14. The long-term solution would be a two-bridge roundabout

The Clerk reported that the Falfield Grange Development Liaison Group had not met since before Christmas 2021 following the departure of the Site Manager and that although several requests had been made to Linden Homes for a meeting no offer of any dates had been forthcoming. Councillor O'Neill agreed to contact Linden Homes requesting that Liaison Group meetings resume as soon as possible.

Two planning applications were on the agenda which Councillors discussed and raised no objection. They also noted two planning approvals that had been received since their previous meeting.

Councillors also gave their approval to the Falfield & Stone Brownies for use of the Village Green on two occasions during June and July, and St George's Parochial Church Council for their Platinum Jubilee celebrations event on 5<sup>th</sup> June.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

The next Council meeting will be the **Annual Parish Council** meeting on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** which will follow the Annual Parish meeting which commences at 7pm in the Village Hall.

*James Carpenter*  
Clerk, Falfield Parish Council  
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[www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)

## TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US!!!

Three sisters, all in their nineties, live together in a house. They're remarkably fit for their respective ages but can sometimes be forgetful.

One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, 'Was I getting in or out of the bath?'

The 94-year-old yells back, 'I don't know. I'll come up and see.' She starts up the stairs and pauses, 'Was I going up the stairs or down?'

The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters; she shakes her head and says, 'I hope I never get that forgetful, touch wood.' She then yells, 'I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.'



### There Will Be Peace

There will be peace:

when attitudes change;  
when self-interest is seen as part of common interest;  
when old wrongs, old scores, old mistakes are deleted from the account;  
when the aim becomes co-operation and mutual benefit rather than revenge or seizing maximum personal or group gain;  
when justice and equality before the law become the basis of government;  
when basic freedoms exist;  
when leaders - political, religious, educational - and the police and media wholeheartedly embrace the concepts of justice, equality, freedom, tolerance, and reconciliation as a basis for renewal;  
when parents teach their children new ways to think about people.

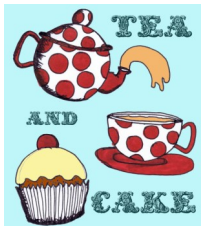
There will be peace:  
when enemies become fellow human beings.

*David Roberts*

**Come and celebrate the historic event of  
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee  
on June 5th, 2022**



*Join in the celebrations on Falfield Village Green of the only Monarch of the United Kingdom who has reigned for 70 years.*



**PROGRAMME**

- 1.30 pm** Huntsman BBQ
- 2.15 - 3.10pm** crafts for all ages *including decorate the best crown.*
- 3.15pm** Tea and cake
- 3.30pm** A short 'Songs of Praise' led by Rev Frances Wookey

*During the afternoon the ordered Jubilee mugs will be available for collection.*

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## Falfield WI Report

As it was Members' Night, Guilda Ludwell stood in for our president, Gill Spiller, and welcomed two new members to our WI.

The speaker for the evening was Steve Loader, Honorary Chaplain to seafarers at Portbury Dock, Avonmouth, where he supports the crews of ships which dock there – a post he has held since 2006. As well as offering support to the men, Steve gives out essential items such as SIM cards and warm clothes. Crews are often away from their families for months at a time and need to call home; they may also have left port in a hot climate and do not have suitable clothing for colder weather conditions. Other items which they appreciate are chocolate, Wi-fi, routers, jigsaws, toiletries, knitted scarves, neck-warmers and hats, which they call 'bonnets', some of which have been made by the WI. On one occasion he also treated 21 crew members to Big Mac burgers. Covid was especially difficult for seafarers as they were not allowed off the ship for fourteen months.

During the course of the talk, we learned that Avonmouth has the second largest lock gates in Europe and that one of the car transporter ships carries a load of 8,000 cars!

Our next meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm when there will be a Bring and Buy stall. The speaker will be Alan Freke on The History of Frenchay Hospital. A walk has been arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> May and details are available from our secretary, Ann Mair.

### Elderflower 'champagne'

1. Put 4 heads of elderflower, 1½ lbs sugar & 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar into a large bowl or stainless steel bucket with 1 gallon of cold water.
2. Add juice of 2 lemons, then quarter them and add the peel
3. Let it stand for 24 hours, strain and pour into screw-top bottles.

Ready to drink in a few days.



## Three-in-10 drivers so worried about narrow country lanes they deliberately avoid them

According to a survey by car insurers and the RAC, three-in-10 motorists admit to deliberately steering clear of narrow country lanes and are prepared to take a detour of 16 miles or 25 minutes to avoid them.

As millions of Brits jump into their cars and head off on UK holidays in the countryside this summer, the figures highlight just how unnerved many drivers – especially those who live in towns and cities – are by Britain's rural roads, which account for more than half of all those in the country.

More than half of drivers (58%) say they find using narrow country roads stressful, a figure that rises to 76% for drivers who live in urban areas.

The two biggest causes of stress, according to the research, are the difficulty of squeezing past other vehicles in tight spaces (62%) and the fear of colliding with another vehicle head on (61%).

But the etiquette of who moves out of the way is also high on drivers' list of concerns about these types of roads. Having to try to reverse back to find a passing place (45%), the fear of meeting a tractor and not being able to pass (44%) and deciding who succumbs to back up to a passing place (37%) make up drivers' top five stress factors.

More than a third (36%) meanwhile say they think the default 60mph limit on country roads is just too fast to begin with, while 35% say they fear damaging their car.

Many of us who live in the country could have guessed this without a survey!! Perhaps it's time for driving in the country to be included in standard driving tests?

<https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/news/motoring-news>





Falfield Village Hall Management Committee



**Falfield Village Hall  
Jubilee**



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**Transcendent Troubadours of  
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on Friday 13th May at 7.30**

**Tickets: £14** (food available for £10 to be eaten earlier).

**Email [AAGThornbury@gmail.com](mailto:AAGThornbury@gmail.com) or phone  
01454 850933.**



**Tytherington & Itchington  
Village Events for the  
Platinum Jubilee**

**Sunday 1st May 2022**

Village Raffle tickets released

**Thursday 2nd June 2022 -**

Beacon Lighting (evening)

**Friday 3rd June**

Village Picnic Jubilee Field (afternoon)

**Want to be involved or know more?**

- Check: <https://tytherington-pc.gov.uk/>
- Email: [tytheringtonevents22@yahoo.com](mailto:tytheringtonevents22@yahoo.com)
- FB : tytherington (gloucs) life
- Or follow us on the village noticeboard





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### MAY SERVICES

1 <sup>st</sup>	Joint Service at Chapel – 'The Emmaus Road [Luke 24:13 – 35]	<i>Brian</i>
8 <sup>th</sup>	'Songs of Praise' Worship Service	<i>Congregation</i>
15 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus' 3 <sup>rd</sup> Appearance [John 21:1 - 14] §	<i>Brian</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	'Peter Reinstated' [John 21:15 – 25]	<i>Brian</i>
29 <sup>th</sup>	'Ascension' [Acts 1:1 – 11]	<i>Brian</i>

§ Service includes Holy Communion

*Everyone welcome*

## ROCKHAMPTON FOLK & World Music FESTIVAL

**Saturday 18 June 2022**



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**Rockhampton Folk and World Music Festival,  
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The Rockhampton Folk Festival is back! World-music is the theme this year. Traditional British folk meets Palestinian flutes, an Indian-inspired duo and an award-winning street band all the way from São Paulo!

There'll be local food and drink plus a free workshop for the kids too.

There are no commercial stalls. It's simply about top-notch music and dance in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere - perfect for families.

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## LIVE PERFORMANCES TO RETURN FOR MINI THORNBURY ARTS FESTIVAL

Despite the cancellation of the Thornbury Arts Festival in 2020 & 2022, there was a determination on the part of the organisers to plan something for the town and surrounding area in 2022, so a mini-event will take place between Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June this year. It is hoped that this will pave the way for a full programme of music, comedy, drama and talks next Spring.

Closure of the town's Armstrong Hall (the event's traditional venue) has added to the difficulties faced by organisers but three venues will be used this year:

- **St Mary's Church, Thornbury**, hosts the opening night - a costumed portrayal by Lesley Smith of Anne Boleyn in the Tower of London in the final minutes of her life. Lesley is the curator of Tutbury Castle in Staffordshire, as well as a medical historian. She has appeared in more than 120 TV programmes and is known for her entertaining and informative performances of historical characters. This will be an appropriate venue for the show as it stands next to Thornbury Castle, where Anne Boleyn stayed with Henry VIII in 1535 after becoming his second wife.
- **The Castle School, Thornbury**, is the venue for a popular return to the festival on the Friday by Stringfever - four musicians who combine their musical skill on electric instruments with beatbox, humour and showmanship. As members of the same family, the players mix classical favourites with rock classics and movie themes and were a hit with their audience when they last appeared at the festival in 2017.
- **Tytherington Village Hall** is the venue for the Cate Cody Quintet who had been set to perform at the 2020 event and will bring the festival to a close on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Cate is one of the UK's finest jazz singers, with appearances at the BAFTA Television Awards, for Earl Spencer at Althorp and at the Emirates Stadium, as well as performing at sell-out concerts at jazz festivals and dance events. Her musicians are professionals from the top ranks of British jazz, having worked with the likes of Acker Bilk, George Melly, Georgie Fame, Kenny Ball, Imelda May and Clare Teal. Cate specialises in the Great American Songbook from the 1920s to 1940s and will be performing a selection of favourites.

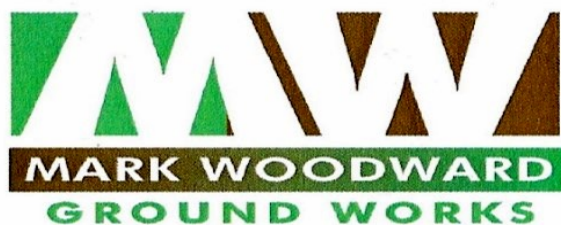
Thornbury Arts Festival normally runs across nine days each spring and the team behind the event hope to get back to normal next year.

The festival committee said: "We're really pleased to have been able to put together this programme, albeit a shortened form of the festival, and look forward to welcoming audiences once again."

Meanwhile, the festival's popular guided walk has been moved to Sunday, September 18th, with two groups to be taken around "hidden Chepstow", ending with a visit to the Severn Princess ferry, which used to cross the river before the Severn Bridge opened in 1966.

Full details regarding events, venues and times are available on the festival website [www.thornburyartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.thornburyartsfestival.org.uk) together with information on ticket sales.

Queries can also be made by email to [info@thornburyartsfestival.org.uk](mailto:info@thornburyartsfestival.org.uk) or by phoning 07591 030785.



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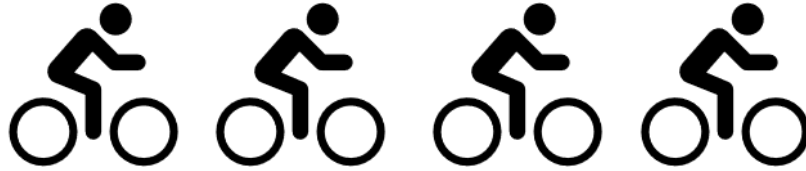
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### Coffee, Cakes and Cheers

Rob Child and friends Gerard Pinnell, Anthony Pinell and David Toonen are taking on an epic ride! They are cycling from Lands End to John o' Groats and will be supported by Mick Mills in a support van, loaded with bike spares puncture repair kits and sustenance!!

The route is following the National Cycle network (Sustrans), a mighty 1,200 miles and will take the guys very close to our home area.

I am organising a coffee and cake event at **Hill Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May (10.00 - Mid-day)** where we are expecting the team to join us mid-morning for well-deserved refreshments and hugely important supportive crowds!!

If you would like to support us, there will be hot and cold drinks available, cakes and biscuits for donations. If you would like to donate direct to the teams' Just giving page, please follow the link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tomchildlego>.

Teenage Cancer trust supported our son Tom, from diagnosis and continued to support our family after his death. We have been passionate about giving something back and have undertaken many challenges already. COVID finished off some of our fundraising plans for 2020 - 21 but we are ready to go again! Although I will not be taking to 2 wheels personally!

If you would like to cycle part of the local route with the team, I can provide details. ([lizzychild@me.com](mailto:lizzychild@me.com))

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Everyday 7 young people aged between 13- 24 are diagnosed with cancer. It is TCT's aim that no young person should face cancer alone. Obviously, the pandemic has added to difficulties of the young people, many receiving treatment in isolation and receiving difficult news with no one there. The charity's fundraising streams have also been majorly impacted. We are hoping this ride can produce a significant amount for the teams' effort in the saddle.

The charity provides specialist units in main hospitals across the UK. They employ special nursing and support staff to help a young person deal with their disease. <https://www.teenagecancertrust.org/about-us>

Thank you for reading this.  
*Liz Child*

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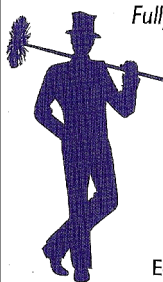
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## Falfield Cricket Club

According to Ken Coughlin's book 'A Century in the Vale'\*, Falfield's newly formed cricket club began its season on May 15<sup>th</sup> 1920 with a match at home to North Nibley. They won their match with a total of 75 against North Nibley's 26. Amongst the players were some Tortworth men whose team had yet to reform after the Great War.

However, it appears that Falfield already had a team based at Eastwood Park in 1905 and possibly earlier, no doubt consisting mainly of those who worked on the estate which at that time was owned by Sir George Jenkinson. The Great War resulted in a change of ownership of the estate and no doubt the disruption led to the end of that particular team.

The matches played in the 1920s show that most of the local villages had their own teams: Cromhall, Tytherington, Wickwar, Wotton and Oldbury, Alveston, Thornbury – even the Forest & Orchard Nurseries (a precursor of Dobies) all featured in fixtures against Falfield. By 1931 however, Falfield seems to have disappeared from the cricketing scene once again. Perhaps this was because yet more disruption was taking place at Eastwood as it moved into the ownership of the government and became a training venue in preparation for World War II.

By 1947, when life began to settle down once more, moves were made to resurrect the cricket club in Falfield. Their first match was away to Charfield in the 1948 season, which resulted in a resounding defeat. In our first season we had no pavilion, no running water and no toilet facilities – only a good selection of nearby trees. Teas at home matches were provided by a mobile refreshment van, and a very successful season, socially, was enjoyed by all. Results on the field were not so encouraging but performances improved, together with support, and arrangements were made for another season.

Eventually a pavilion was located and erected in the park, where the old cricket pitch had been identified and was once again in use. Catering could now be done 'in house', thanks to the efforts of the ladies! A suitable roller to maintain the pitch was located at Chestnut Farm, about half-way to Stone; it was free of charge for the summer but had to be collected and returned at the end of the season. Consequently, twice a year, a group of members walked to the farm on a spring evening, and pushed the roller to the pitch, thus working up a thirst – very convenient with the Huntsman's House Inn adjacent – and repeating the process in the early autumn. Of course, all this was before the advent of league cricket, and players were restricted, in the early days, to being locals, - enthusiasm being considered far more important than ability. However, as people moved away or changed employment, the club had to rethink, and then had members from a larger catchment area, but still managed to retain the village identity. Falfield survived until the middle to late 1970s, when it moved to Tytherington, where the playing fields offered far better facilities than Falfield offered, and paved the way for application to, and acceptance by, the Bristol and District League when Falfield was eventually subsumed into Tytherington and lost its identity.



Falfield Cricket Club presentation dinner 1960s

\*A Century in the Vale 1890 - 1990 by Ken Coughlin published 2012

Extracts from Memories of Ken Sheppard from 'We Grew up in Falfield' by Ann Riddiford.

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8 <sup>th</sup> (10.30am)	Simon Carey	(6.30pm)	Jim Short
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**Wednesdays at 7.30pm:** 4<sup>th</sup> Home Groups; 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Bible Study and Prayer in the hall and on zoom; Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> (instead of 25<sup>th</sup>) Passover meal – please book a place

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

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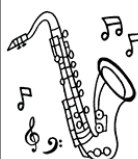


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