

5 Villages Alive

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Dull November brings
the blast,
Then the leaves are
falling fast.



November 2019

Paradise?

I've just returned from a painting holiday on Tresco in the Isles of Scilly - yes, it seems to be a little bit of paradise: few cars on St Mary's (the largest island), none at all on Tresco, except for golf buggies (but just watch out for novices on bikes for the first time in twenty years) - it is really, really quiet - no wailing sirens, noisy motor bikes, or jet skis troubling the emerald green sea - a wonderfully mild climate, succulents and tender plants thrive, even if I experienced the back end of hurricane Lorenzo with gales, blowing sand and sudden downpours, while struggling to be artistic with paint and paper!



But consider these islands exposed to the Atlantic weather, completely exposed to the elements governing every part of living there. Take my holiday; the first day spent at Land's End airport until 4.00 when due to low cloud my flight was finally cancelled. An inconvenience to me, but if you needed to return to the island for work or family, a big problem. I just had to stay the night hoping the next day the weather would be kinder, no drama. Yes, we did fly, but not to schedule and some flights were cancelled later (by the way, there is no favouritism for locals!).

Just to reach Tresco or any of the other islands from St. Mary's airport involves a taxi and a water taxi and a buggy to transport luggage; it worked like clockwork, even if that day it was a little hairy as the sea was very rough. Junior school children from the outlying islands go to school on Tresco via small boats and the secondary children to St. Mary's, just part of the school day, provided the weather is favourable. While I was there, fishermen tending crab and lobster pots were unable to put to sea for quite a few days.

Every single item used on the islands, from building materials to a bar of soap, take a similar journey - no newspapers as Newquay airport was fog bound! Heavy goods are transported by the feared twice-daily Scillonian ferry, guaranteed to make hardened sailors seasick; even that vessel broke down for three days earlier last month and sometimes cannot sail due to storms.

But everything functions, which is a miracle to me, but it does seem to affect the outlook and way the islanders live, just taking time to enjoy life and appreciate the beauty around them - shrug of the shoulders is the only response to problems caused by weather. This was so different to the abuse suffered by the ever-patient airport staff when they explained yet again that flying safety was paramount.

I came back to earth from island mode on my return journey; I was again grounded by the weather - no flights for two days, provided there was a break in the weather! Goody! Two more days of exploring the island, despite the storms, a bonus for me but the passenger before me was expected back at work in London next day - big problem.

As I started to write this, we had very short electricity outage, our alarm is shrieking and it made me realise how we take for granted all our wonderful public services - maybe we have one day when the snow inconveniences us, but the weather is mostly a conversation opener, not something which effects everything.

Perhaps we should see weather we don't like as but a minor hiccup and look for that famous silver lining, or rainbow; take time to appreciate all the beauty around us and give thanks to whichever God you worship.

Hilary Legg

There's always

PS A Notice I spotted on Tresco: 'No service at St. Nicholas's, Tresco, this Sunday due to tides but you are welcome to join the ferry and Canon Gay at Grimsby Quay at 8.30 a.m for service on Bryher.' At least that's one problem Rev. Sue doesn't have to factor into her rotas. PPS. I can't wait to go back

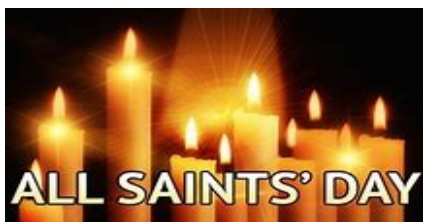


'To see Christ in all and to show
Christ to the World.'

Midweek Eucharists in the Benefice

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

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



SUNDAY 3 RD	ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
9.30am Cromhall	Holy Communion
11.15am Tortworth	Holy Communion
11.00am Tytherington	Joint service with Baptists at Chapel

Falfield join Tortworth



MONDAY 4 TH	ALL SOULS'
7.00pm Falfield	All Souls' Service

Plumbing the Depths
Wednesday 6th November at 2pm
in the Café at Leyhill.

Everyone is welcome to come to this – please do bring a Bible with you.

Thurs 7th 9.30am
Tytherington Said Holy Communion



SUNDAY 10 TH	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
3.00pm Cromhall	Remembrance Service
10.50am Falfield	Parade Service
10.55am Tortworth	Remembrance Service
10.55am Tytherington	RBL Service

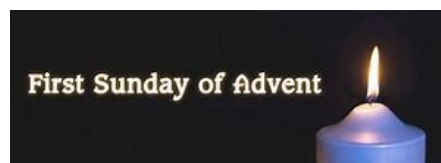
SUNDAY 17 TH	2 ND BEFORE ADVENT
9.30am Cromhall	Morning Prayer
11.15am Falfield	Holy Communion
11.15am Tortworth	Holy Communion
6.00pm Tytherington	Evening Service



SUNDAY 24 TH	CHRIST THE KING
9.30am Cromhall	Holy Communion
9.30am Rockhampton	Holy Communion
11.15am Tortworth	Holy Communion
11.00am Tytherington	Holy Communion

Falfield join Rockhampton and/or Tortworth

Tues 26th
10.30am Said Eucharist at **Falfield** followed by coffee at The Huntsman



SUNDAY 1 ST DECEMBER ADVENT SUNDAY
9.30am Cromhall Holy Communion
5.00pm Tortworth Advent Service of Light
11.00am Tytherington Joint Service with Baptists at St James'

Falfield join Tortworth

Bellringing in the Benefice

Monday:

Cromhall (from 7.30pm)

Thursday:

Tortworth (8.00 - 9.00pm)
Tytherington (7.45 - 9.00pm)



- If you wish to use any of our parish churches for an event, you should always check with the Churchwarden before making any arrangements, as services may be taking place of which you are unaware.



- ALL enquiries regarding Baptisms and Weddings must be made to the Benefice Office in the first instance.**

BENEFACTORS PHONE: 01454 260096
E-MAIL ADDRESS: office@croftt.org.uk

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Rev Sue: 01454 600674 or revsue@croftt.org.uk
Rev. Frances: 01453 519099
revfrances@croftt.org.uk

Churchwardens:

Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200
Rockhampton: Liz Cullimore 01454 412208
Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017
Tortworth: Hilary Legg 01454 413234
Tytherington: John Williams 01454 412515 or Phil Coward 01454 281444

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Visiting

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

If you are going into or in hospital... You can help to make sure that the church team can respond as you would like us to when you are ill. It's important that if you are admitted to hospital, you do three things:-

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



Thank you to Mr & Mrs R Llewellyn, Cromhall Poor's Allotment Charity and Tytherington Local History Group for their kind donations to our costs.

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

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

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

St James' Church, Tytherington 100+ club Harvest Draw



1st	171 S Blanchard
2nd	8 T Norton
Joint 3rd	149 P Clark, 92 B Cassell 126 C Elliott.

Many thanks to all who joined the 2018/19 club; we are now launching the 2019/2020 club.

If you would like more information on this, which is one of our fundraisers for the church please contact Val Johnson
valj475@gmail.com.

Alveston Singers Christmas Celebration

A programme of Messiah choruses along with carols and Christmas songs guaranteed to get you in the festive mood.

Dates for your diaries:

Saturday December 14th

St. Mary's Church, Thornbury 7.30pm

Tuesday December 17th

Alveston Methodist Church 7.30pm

More details in the December issue.

Alveston Gardens Association

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

Monday 4th November 2019

Annual General meeting followed by
"Les Fleurs en France"
with Pam Forrest

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

Thornbury Citizens Advice Bureau

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



Telephone Advice Service:

03444 111 444

Mon to Fri 10.00 - 14.00

Drop In and Appointments:

Tue & Thurs 10.00 – 13.00

Plumbing the Depths
Wednesday 6th November at 2pm
in the Café at Leyhill.

We will be looking at the "Kingdom of God" – everyone is welcome to come to this – please do bring a Bible with you.

There is a lot of laughter as well as learning and sharing together!



Have You Read...?

Come and join a new library book group
on 1st Friday of every month

Friday 4th November 2pm

This month's theme will be:
"Name your desert island book"



St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group



COFFEE MORNING

Methodist Church Hall, Alveston
Wednesday 6th November
10.30am - 12noon

Entrance: £1.00 to include tea/coffee
Stalls, Bring and Buy table, Christmas Cards
Raffle.

*Please come along and support St Peter's,
your local Hospice.*

Falfield Village Hall
Management Committee



Wine Tasting
Evening with Supper

South African Wines

Falfield Village Hall

Saturday 9th November 2019

starting at 7.30pm



Ticket only event

£17.50 per person



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Contact Number: - 01179 793104

Email:- allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk

SEE ALSO THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org

3rd	Joint Service at CHAPEL*	Brian
10th 10.45am	REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE at ST JAMES'	
17th	"WISDOM ON TWO FRONTS" [James 3 ¹³⁻¹⁸]* ¶	Brian
24th	"PATIENCE IN SUFFERING" [James 5 ⁷⁻¹²]*	Brian

* SERVICE WILL INCLUDE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR OUR YOUNGER PEOPLE

¶ SERVICE WILL INCLUDE HOLY COMMUNION

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

Everyone is welcome to join us.

The Craft Group & The Repair Café meet at Thornbury Library on Thursday 7th November at 2pm

New members will always be made welcome by this friendly group. Share tips and ideas for your knitting, sewing or crochet projects.

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



Refreshments provided

The Churpel Society

The Churpel Society is along established amateur dramatic group in Tytherington and we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary in June 2020 and current and past members will be welcome to take part.

Our next production will be a pantomime in March 2020 and we are now in a position to take new members, either Adults or Children from the age of seven. Also we always need people willing to help backstage.

If interested please contact: Sandra 01454 417517, or Sue 01454 294245

Falfield Village Hall

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

Monday Music Classes - £5

Jigs, Reels, Polkas, Hornpipes

5.00pm - 5.30pm

For beginners on fiddle, mandolin, whistle etc

5.30pm - 7.00pm

All welcome - Play from music score or by ear

Monday Dance Class - £8

Irish Square Set Dancing - for fun and fitness

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Join any time no partner necessary

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

Jill Elliot - 07515 904 707

jillyelliot@gmail.com

www.jillelliotmusicanddance.com



COMMUNITY QUIZ

at

**The Butcher's Hook,
High Street, Thornbury,
Thursday 21st November at 7.45pm.**

Cost per person: £3.00 Raffle

All proceeds to ST PETER'S HOSPICE.

Please come along and pit your wits whilst trying the range of real ales.

With thanks to the Butcher's Hook for hosting the event and supplying the prize

Sunday 24th November 2019 4pm at St Mary's Church Thornbury

Concert by local windband
'The T'hornblowers'

There will be music from all genres including movie themes. pop, and classical.

Everybody is welcome - there will be a retiring collection for church funds and tea will be served at the end of the concert.

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AFTERNOON TEA



Come to the Schoolroom at the rear of the Baptist Chapel on **Wednesday NOVEMBER 6TH** between 2:30 & 4:00 p.m. & meet your friends from Tytherington for a chat over a 'cuppa' & some savoury snacks & cake.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Lifts could be arranged for those who find difficulty attending. Please contact Brian or Ren on **01179 793104**

ART GROUP LEADER NEEDED



Thornbury & District Stroke Support Group is looking for someone to lead their Art Group.

If you are interested in art or have the skills to organise a

small group whose members produce amazing work despite their difficulties, please get in touch and arrange to come along and see for yourself what a rewarding opportunity this may be for you.

The Art Group meets in the Alveston Jubilee Hall from 2pm to 4pm fortnightly between September and April each year.

To find out more about the Group visit our website at thornburystroke.co.uk and if you are interested, get in touch by emailing Maggi Rowley at rowley02@blueyonder.co.uk or phone her on 07708 244398 or 01454 852453

THE HATCH CAMPBILL COMMUNITY
Sat 9th November from 10am to 11.30am
Selling their beautiful hand crafted items
– ideal Christmas presents - at Thornbury Library

TYTHERINGTON FACEBOOK PAGE

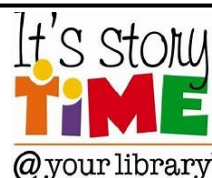
There is a Facebook group aimed at residents of Tytherington called Tytherington (Gloucs) Life. The link is bit.ly/2JKDvxxw or can be found by searching for **Tytherington Life** on Facebook.

There is also a Bristol to Thornbury taxi share group open to residents of Tytherington; also at bit.ly/2JKL7Ak.

Rhymetime:

Every Friday morning 10.30 – 11.00am (term time only)

Rhymes and songs for parents and babies/toddlers to enjoy together



Pre-School Storytime:

Every Monday Afternoon at 2pm (term time only) Come and join us for stories and a simple craft.

COFFEE MORNING

to be held in

TYTHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2019

10.00am to 12.00 midday

in aid of

CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG

Reg. Charity number 1050845.

Please come - all welcome.

Enquiries to Rita Ponting 01454 417848.



Saturday, 14th December 2019

at

St. Leonard's Church, Tortworth.

"A Victorian Village Christmas"

6.30 – 8.30 pm.



An entertaining evening of words and music with lots of carols to sing and seasonal refreshments – for one night only and not to be missed!



Thornbury Choral Society Thursday January 16th 2020 "Back to Singing" Course

Have you been a singer and want to get back into singing? Or would you like to learn more about singing techniques and reading music? Thornbury Choral Society will run a "Back to Singing" programme in the New Year to help you do this - with the added opportunity to sing in the Fauré Requiem in May.

The course director will be Kate Phillipson-Masters. The main emphasis will be on encouragement to build your confidence in singing and reading music. Mentors will be there to help as well.



Course Details:

- Venue: Thornbury United Reformed Church, Chapel Street
- Start date: Thursday January 16th 2020 for 8 weeks
- Time: 7.30pm, initially for one hour, increasing to 1½ hours in later weeks
- Cost: £40 per person plus returnable deposit of £10 for scores

After the course, participants may be invited to sing in the Society's concert on May 2nd and join in the full choir rehearsals on Monday evenings at 8.00pm.

QUIZ

THORNBURY METHODIST PLAYERS

Quiz Evening at Thornbury Methodist Church Hall, Castle Court, Thornbury

on

**Saturday November 16th
starting at 7.30pm prompt.**

Ploughman's supper during the half time break, and a raffle in aid of group funds to support our next May 2020 production.

Quiz master: Matt Stringer,

Maximum team of 6 people.

Tickets: £7 per person & more information available from **Mandy Clapp 01454 414749/ Sue Lewis 01454 600503.**

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FALFIELD RESIDENTS

As Christmas approaches, you may be wondering how you are going to get through another festive season on a low income. Every year, The Thornbury Town Trust gives cash donations to people of Thornbury who are in financial need; this year, we also have a small amount allocated for residents of Falfield.

Falfield residents on a low income and receiving means tested benefits are invited to apply for a Christmas gift.

Please write to Sally Bertram, Clerk to the Thornbury Town Trust, 23 Cumbria Close, Thornbury, BS35 2YE, giving details of your financial and household circumstances. Alternatively you may email sallytown-trust@gmail.com

Please reply by 12th November 2019.

5Alive deliveries

Can you help? Distributor for 5 Alive Magazine needed in Falfield - to cover the following areas: Cherry Tree Cottage, Old Vicarage, New Vicarage including 2 additional properties nearby, Orchard View Nos 1-18 including Weavers and Farmers Cottages

Someone is needed with immediate effect. If you can help, please contact 5alive.falfield@gmail.com.

Thank you.





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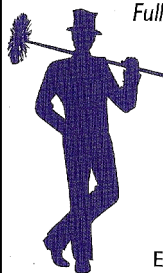
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Chatterbooks Group

Are you in years, 4, 5, or 6?

Take part in book-themed and activity sessions every month at Thornbury Library

Sat 16th November 10.30am - 11.30pm



Drop in to Thornbury Library on

Monday 11th November

10am - 12pm

for online Ancestry Support

Cromhall Senior Citizens
are all welcome at



Tat3

on

Thursday Nov 21st
at 3pm

in Cromhall Village hall
for the usual tea, cakes and
a chat.

If you are retired and would like
to join us, you will be made very
welcome.

Contact Ann 01454 294200 or
Eva 01454 299251 for more de-
tails or if you would like to be
picked up for the meeting.

Mass in C
Ludwig van Beethoven

Tantum Ergo in E flat major
Franz Schubert

Symphony No. 31 'Paris'
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Magnificat
Franz Schubert

Saturday 23 November 2019
at 7.30 pm

The Castle School,
Thornbury, BS35 1HT

Conductor Steven Kings
with Thornbury Camerata Strings

Tickets - £12 prebooked, £13 on the door
(Under 18 prebooked £2, on the door £3)
from any choir member, or from Tessa Sullivan 01454 417865
(email tess@keithsullivan.co.uk) or from Thornbury Town Hall
All details from the Thornbury Choral Society website
www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk



SS Great Britain: From launch to relaunch

The Tytherington Local History Group is pleased to welcome **Ian Caskie** to their next meeting on **Friday 8th November at 7.30pm**. Ian is a member of the SS Great Britain Trust



and will be giving an illustrated talk on the world's first transatlantic liner, launched in 1843.

The SS Great Britain was the first ocean going steamship with an iron hull, and the first driven by a propeller – a true wonder of the Victorian age. Did you know the ship helped save the Bristol Docks from being filled in by Bristol Council in the 1970's to make way for a motorway through the city!!

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings in the Tytherington Baptist Church School Room. Entrance is £2 and includes tea and biscuits!

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



LOCAL SUPPORT FOR FORCES VETERANS

Since the launch of the Royal British Legion's monthly drop-in coffee mornings in Thornbury earlier this year, a significant number of local veterans (who were previously unknown to us) have joined us in Hawkes House for coffee, a chat, and the chance to get some specific advice and support from the team of professionals. We are very grateful to the management and staff at Hawkes House for their support and for the warm welcome which we always receive.

One of our drop-in visitors has also now joined the Thornbury branch of the Royal British Legion and it looks likely that more will follow, which is a bonus. Some have only recently left the Forces, whilst others have been in "civvy street" for a number of years. Their challenges have included loneliness, isolation, depression, bereavement and post-traumatic stress, as well as some physical disabilities.

The opportunity for us to meet these veterans, to hear their stories and then to be able to offer some practical support and comradeship is a truly heart-warming and rewarding experience for all those involved and is making the monthly coffee mornings extremely worthwhile.

The next coffee morning which takes place on the second Thursday of every month will be on **Thursday 14th November from 9.30am to 11.30am** in Hawkes House, and we will be there again on **December 12th**.

If you are a veteran of HM Forces, just drop in – you WILL be welcome !

Happy St Andrew's Day!

**Come and Celebrate
St Andrew's Day**
at
Cromhall Church
Saturday November 30th
at **7pm** **QUIZ**
**Homemade Soup and Rolls
Quiz**



RENEWAL OF YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION TO ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CROMHALL, 100 CLUB



By the time residents of Cromhall and surrounding areas read this, there will have been a public meeting to discuss the future of the church building and we hope, come up with fund raising ideas for the substantial sum of money required to ensure that the church is kept watertight and operational for all residents of Cromhall, both present and future. I sincerely hope that this was well attended and that all residents of the parish are now aware that our very beautiful and historic Grade 2 listed church is in need of a lot of TLC and support from everyone who wants it to remain as an important part of our village life, whether they are part of the congregation or not.

The 100 club is a major part of our present fundraising operation with no overheads apart from the prize money we pay out. This means that most of the money paid in goes straight into church funds and is an incredibly easy way for everyone in Cromhall to contribute to the maintenance of the church building and churchyard.

A mere £10 per number (we have never increased the amount since the club started) will ensure entry into 6 draws a year----- Christmas, February, Easter, May, August and November and the chance to win £50 at Christmas and Easter and £30, £20 and £10 on the four other draws. We collect the subscriptions mainly in the Village Shop from the beginning of November but you can also post them through my door at Ashleigh, Cowship Lane or contact me on 294186 if you have any queries about the 100 club.

I always struggle to fill all the numbers and last year there were still 7 not taken, even though it works out at about 84p per month. That's only 84p per month for 14 chances to win some cash and support a treasured village landmark-----a win-win situation in my opinion!

Sincere thanks to all our loyal supporters and I look forward very much to welcoming lots of new contributors.

Thank you very much, Mandy Bird.

PS The fliers for 100 club renewal went into the 5Alives a month early so if you still have October's copy, you'll find the renewal form in there.



Falfield WI News – October

This evening, our President reported on her day at the Avon Federation of WIs Annual Meeting. The Chair, Jean Sims, spoke about “CHANGE” and the ways in which our lives have developed but focussed on the children of Uganda using many interesting examples to which our Members could relate.

Following the address various Members received awards and were congratulated. The meeting ended with a talk by Amanda Owen, known for her book and TV appearances as “The Shepherd from Swaledale”. This was interesting and enjoyed by the audience.

Falfield WI is planning to raise a Skittles Team and are hoping for a “longer life” in the competition this year!

There are several pre-Christmas events which will involve us as cooks, singers, craft makers and, of course, shoppers.

Our evening concluded with a fascinating presentation by a very experienced Senior Nursing Officer who has worked with adults and children locally. She explained in great detail how knowledge gained had brought changes in health care and so influenced our wellbeing throughout our lives. It was a most interesting talk.

The next meeting, our AGM, is on 5th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

ELIZABETH BLACKWELL OF BRISTOL, THE FIRST FEMALE DOCTOR



Come along to the November meeting of Olveston Parish Historical Society to hear Mary Wright describe the astonishing and inspiring story of Elizabeth Blackwell, born in Bristol in 1821, one of nine children.

At the age of 27, 170 years ago, she graduated in medicine in New York State, the first woman in the world to qualify and register as a doctor. She also lived more than half her long life in England and was the first woman to have her name on the British Medical Register. This is a truly inspiring story of a woman who battled prejudice and difficulty to beat a path for women in medicine.

All are welcome; visitors pay £2.

Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm.
Methodist Church, The Street, Olveston,
BS35 4DR.

*Come, come with me out to the old churchyard
I so well know those paths 'neath the soft green sward
Friends slumber in there that we want to regard;
We will trace out their names in the old churchyard*

From 'Old Churchyard'



Our churchyards are lovely, peaceful places – areas where many people spend time in reflection, remembering people, times, anniversaries. Making their own peace with themselves and sometimes with their loneliness and loss. For some it is a time to speak to God.

I do hear grumbles and moans about the regulations which we have! However these are for the good of all so that the churchyards retain their peaceful feel. They help us to guard against the excesses that you may see sometimes in other places.

I hear the pleas for plastic flowers and silk flowers but those are not allowed in our churchyards, so please help us by not bringing those to graves. Many other 'little' ornaments also begin to creep in at times, please help us – the regulations are up in every church and churchyard. Our wardens do not like having to remove items from any graves, they are all very conscious that these items are placed with every good wish and intention. If one is allowed, then where is the line to be drawn? We so want you all to be able to receive the peace from our churchyards, but we do need your help.

May I also remind everyone that there are bins for your rubbish and recently, although bins are clearly marked, people have not been sorting their rubbish out, so waste paper and wrapping has been left together with compostable material. The other thing to mention is the safety issue of glass containers being used in the churchyard. Please be aware that those who care for our churchyard as well as visitors of all ages, including young children, all need to be kept safe from shards of broken glass and indeed for glass containers that are not easily visible which then can get broken by the machinery being used. We appreciate your help and consideration in all these things.

We do thank all those who care for and look after our churchyards –wardens and PCC members; those who mow and strim; those who bring in flowers and care for a particular area. Thank you!

Rev Sue

Tytherington Countryside Group Needs You!



9 Volunteers worked on the Lime Kiln along Baden Hill Road

We are a group of villagers who are passionate about the public open spaces throughout Tytherington Parish. We volunteer our time throughout the year to organise work parties, monitor wildlife and generally monitor the sites for any problems. The Parish Council generously supports this work.

If you are passionate about wildlife and healthy vibrant green spaces then we want to hear from you.

We don't have enough wardens to work on all our green spaces and are very keen for more volunteers to come forward. You can do as much or as little as you like. Maybe your interest is simply in recording and monitoring wildlife, this is just as important as getting out and trimming back scrub or coppicing.

Please get in touch if you would to volunteer to help maintain a green space near you or indeed anywhere in the Parish that we are responsible for.

Please also get in touch if you have been regularly monitoring wildlife of any description throughout the Parish. We would love to hear about what you see.

Please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@tytheringtonpc.org.uk

PARKINSON'S LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP IN THORNBURY

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

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

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

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

Remembrance Day Afternoon Concert

Sunday 10th November 2019

Cossham Hall, Thornbury, at 4.00pm

Tickets (to include refreshments): £7.50 adults
£5.00 for children under 16.

Available from the Town Hall or phone 01454 412272

Proceeds to the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project.

Instrumentalists aged 11 – 18 will perform a selection of solo pieces and ensembles organised by well-known local professional musician Michael Lunts.

The Thornbury Young Musicians Concerts offer a platform for young performers to share their musical gifts with the general public. Some of the past participants have gone on to study music at a professional level and the standard of performance invariably surprises and delights audiences.

Brighten up a dark November afternoon with some heart- warming music and complimentary tea and cake!



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NOVEMBER 23RD**

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FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL

1.30 - 4.00pm

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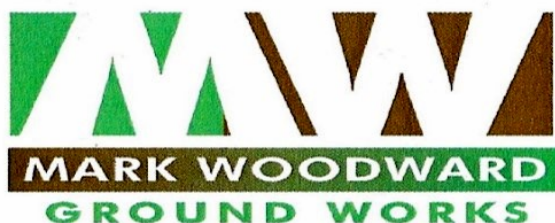
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TYTHERINGTON VILLAGE CALENDAR

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Temp	25.9 °C	3.8 °C	15.4 °C
Dew Point	17.4 °C	-8.5 °C	6.1 °C
Humidity	99.0 %	11.0 %	61 %
Precipitation	98.55 mm	Year to Date	611.96 mm
Wettest Day	29.46 on Saturday 28th		
Wind Speed	25.6 km/h	--	1.4 km/h
Wind Gust	32.0 km/h		
Wind direction	SOUTH SOUTH EAST		
Pressure	1039.96 hPa	995.60 hPa	
Go to www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/ dashboard?ID=IENGLAND1163 for live weather information from the Falfield weather station			
For the highs and lows during 2018 go to: www.falfield.org.uk/weather.html			

CLinC

A date for your diary

Tuesday Dec 10th at 7pm

A SUPPER EVENING

In Cromhall Village Hall

Come along and hear Father Jackson from Zambia talking about combating child marriages in Choma, Zambia and his work, representing Central Africa, on the steering committee for World Peace and Justice.

Profits from the evening will be shared between CLinC and Fr. Jackson's projects.

Tickets will be available from Cromhall Shop or Ann Greenhalgh nearer the date.

Tytherington Village Shop



For some time, there has been a concern that people do not know when the shop is open because the shop door is not visible from the road. Therefore, from the middle of November the entrance to the shop will be via the gate directly on Itchington Road and the exit will be the existing opening onto The Nurseries. There is ample parking space at the front of the shop to aid your shopping.

A reminder that during November, we will have the return of our annual Bonus Ball competition and tickets will be on sale for our wonderful Christmas Hamper. This will be drawn at the Christmas gathering on December 14th. Also, all households in the village will be receiving a £5.00 voucher to spend in the shop which will be valid from the start of December to the end of January. Look out for the voucher dropping through the letterbox during November and please come in sample some of our festive goodies.

Unfortunately, we are very short of volunteers to make the shop work efficiently and provide the range of services. We appreciate any time people are willing to offer in support of this community venture. Volunteers are needed for early shifts on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to help sort papers; there are shifts from 8.30 till 11.00 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays that need filling, and also from 11.00 - 1.00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you prefer afternoons, volunteers are needed on Fridays from 2.30 to 4.00 and finally the 8.30 to 10.30 slot on Saturdays needs covering once a month. If you able to help even for one of these shifts it will make it easier for the current volunteers who are providing extra cover to help keep the shop open throughout the week. Being a volunteer is fun and very sociable, training is available and help is always on hand when needed. If you are interested, please contact Jan Hunt on janet.grogan@icloud.com or pop into the shop.



Climate Action Thornbury and Surroundings. (CATS)

As part of the worldwide climate protests on Friday 20th September there was a well attended climate change protest on Thornbury High Street staged by the newly formed group [Climate Action Thornbury and Surroundings. \(CATS\)](#) To follow this up CATS have organised a free instructive interactive INDOOR event to showcase our ideas and hopes. EVERYBODY is cordially invited to our Launch event Please come along on

**Saturday 2nd November 2019
from 1 - 4pm,**
also at Thornbury Methodist Church Hall,
BS35 2AQ

CATS is a group of local residents concerned about climate change and its implications for the future. We will be implementing practical solutions for the Thornbury area We seek more people to engage with us in this new community venture.

We will have local experts with proposals for renewable generation, electric cars, community energy, tree planting wildlife and pollinators plastic free shopping and recycling. There will be exhibitions stalls and refreshments and a child friendly play space to enable parents to come along. For more info see www.sustainablethornbury.org

By the way, if you're reading this in the countryside or villages that surround Thornbury, this is most definitely FOR YOU TOO!
Please come to find out more.

Tytherington

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15 NOVEMBER 7.30pm
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9 DECEMBER 6pm Christmas Party



**Diocese of Gloucester
LIFE vision party!
Sat 9th November
2 - 5 pm
All Saints' Academy,
Cheltenham**

Everyone is invited to the Diocese of Gloucester's LIFE vision party. It will be fun for all and entertainment includes – sport activities, circus skills, iSingPop choir, Taiko drummers, Bishop Rachel speech, face painting, storytelling, DNA bracelet making, creating chatterboxes, Question Time with the Bishops and Archdeacons, singing along to a variety of choirs, dancing!

We are also holding our very own **Bake Off competition**. Children of all ages and adults are invited to bake and decorate a cake or biscuits of their choice. The theme of the competition is our LIFE vision. Please create and decorate your cake or biscuits in a way that represents our LIFE vision. For more details or if you like to offer your time to help at this event, **we'd love to hear from you**, please contact Emma Anderson on eamerson@glosdioc.org.uk or 01452 835512.

Vision West of England

**Thursday 7th November
10.30 - 1.00 pm at
Thornbury Library**

**Support and advice for visually
impaired people**

TYTHERINGTON INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE!



The Tytherington Telephone Kiosk is now available to promote cultural activities within the village. It currently exhibits historical photographs of quarrying from the early 1900s which

provided much needed employment for villagers for many years. If your local group would like to take advantage of this facility to promote or advertise your activities please contact tytheringtonroots@outlook.com The Exhibition Centre has electric light for 24 hour viewing and is available free of charge for monthly bookings.

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24 th (10.30am) Jonathan Brain	(6.30pm) David Frampton

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer at 7.30pm:

6th The London City Mission
13th Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall
20th Area Bible Study with Nathan Pomeroy
27th Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 12th November at 7.00pm and the second Tuesday of each month. Join a friendly group of ladies who work on our crafts together while we chat and enjoy a cup of tea.

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

Ladies' Breakfast: Saturday 16th November at 9.15am. Join us for a delicious breakfast followed by a talk by Sue Bedford on *The Ins and Outs of a corset!*

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, who makes the Lord his hope, for he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of living water."

(Jeremiah 17: 7-9 - 2019 Chapel Theme Verse)

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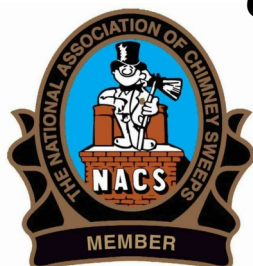
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Another Successful Year for Ride+Stride

The brilliant weather for the annual Ride+Stride in September has led to another successful year of fund-raising for Gloucestershire's churches! Ride+Stride is organised each year by Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust and early indications suggest some 600 people from over 100 churches took advantage of the sunshine to travel between churches in the county by bike, foot and car.

Jonathan MacKechnie-Jarvis, chair of Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust grant committee, said "It was a wonderful day and the weather of course was fantastic. It was lovely to see people coming together to have fun and raise money to help look after the county's outstanding historic churches. The Trust are incredibly grateful for everyone's efforts this year and we hope even more people will get involved in 2020!"

The main Ride+Stride event was supported by other fundraising activities. At St Stephen's church, Cinderford there was a book reading and brass band performance while at St Ethelbert's, Littledean supporters rode an exercise bike 40 miles. Rodborough Tabernacle near Stroud offered refreshments at a coffee morning and afternoon tea. With more sponsored events coming up over the next few months, the final amount of money raised for the Trust will be known in the new year when the Trust will also present prizes for the best individual fundraisers. In 2018 over £42,000 was raised and it is hoped that this will be exceeded in 2019.

Jonathan added, "The funds raised by Ride+Stride make a significant contribution to the grants we can give churches for repair, maintenance and improvements. Any place of Christian worship within Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and North Bristol can apply to us for help with projects that meet real local needs." To find out more visit www.ghct.org.uk or follow the trust on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GloucestershireHistoricChurchesTrust/.

From Cromhall Allotment Charity.....

"Why don't I get the Allotment vouchers at Christmas?" ... a question I'm sure a few Cromhall residents think or may be asked by a neighbour. The answer is simple - the charity is just not aware of you.

Another opinion often heard voiced on receipt of the gift is "that's very nice, but I don't need it, give it to someone else" or "I don't need charity" and refuse to accept it. Of course, you can refuse it, but have you thought about helping others, organisations or individuals, by using the vouchers and giving them the goods? (Please do not give your vouchers to someone else to use as they are issued in your name.)

To explain further.... the "Cromhall Poor's Allotment Charity" to give it its full name (Reg. No. 204061) was set up in 1973 as an amalgamation of a few small charities and, like the previous charities, its purpose is to give "relief to the poor". This can be anyone in the parish of Cromhall, no matter what age, who is in need of assistance.

The limited income for the charity comes from rents received from land it owns and it is this annual income which funds the mandate.

Anyone could apply to the charity for assistance, perhaps a young apprentice having difficulty funding necessary tools, or families struggling to buy school uniforms for children. Applications like these, or any other situation of hardship, would always be considered.

But individual requests rarely occur and the trustees have, for some years now, resolved to distribute the income in the form of vouchers to be used in the village shop. The trustees annually agree the amount, which could fluctuate up or down, and have agreed that this is to go to all who have lived in the village for 5 years or more, aged 65 or over (man or woman) and with one gift per household.

It is extremely difficult to know who is eligible or not for the gift, so if you feel you are missing out please do make yourself known.

With the current data protection regulations, your consent is required to have your name on the list the charity holds to administer general vouchers. Sue Baines, in the post office, has kindly agreed to hold consent forms so please do pop along and ask Sue for a form.

Lastly, if you are struggling and would like to make a specific request for help, please contact me or put your request in writing to the charity giving as much information as possible (application forms are currently not available). The trustees will be happy to consider any request.

Sue Wray, Secretary, (01454) 294387 'Bushrods', Fiddlers Bottom, Cromhall, GL12 8AW

Falfield Parish Council Report

The highlights of the last Parish Council meeting held on 15th October are as follows:

- The Reserved Matters application for the 85 dwellings at Heneage Farm had been approved with conditions by South Gloucestershire Council. Councillors noted that none of the comments and observations previously submitted by the Parish Council had been considered within the conditions set by the Case Officer.
- Ward Cllr O'Neill reported that following the recent heavy rain, flooding had occurred in Moorslade Lane where an inspection had subsequently taken place which reported that the ditches and grips required clearing. This was a joint responsibility between landowners and South Gloucestershire Council. He went on to point out that South Gloucestershire Council were the lead authority in this matter and that in the event of imminent danger of flooding South Gloucestershire Council's contact number is 01454 868009 where residents can obtain sandbags to protect residential properties.
- Councillors noted that South Gloucestershire Council were also supporting the Parish Council in their objection to the removal of the Public Phone Box at the top of Sundayshill Lane.
- The issues and concerns of residents over the three-month road closure of Moorslade Lane were discussed. These would be raised at the next Liaison Meeting with Linden Homes although it was agreed that very little could be done other than pushing for the opening of the lane at the earliest opportunity.
- The Clerk reported that several highways issues had been raised with StreetCare, some of which had been addressed. However, no further update had been provided to the Parish Council on the installation of Deer Signs on the A38 or the request for Cattle Crossing warning signs on the A38 in the area of Whitfield Gate Farm.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday 19th November 2019 at 7.30 pm** in Falfield Village Hall.

For further information about the Parish Council please look at the Parish Council website www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk

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

Pumpkin Scones

Ingredients:

- 100g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1tsp ground cinnamon
- 50g butter
- 500g cooked mashed pumpkin
- 1 tbsp runny honey



Method

- Combine the dry ingredients in a mixing bowl then rub in the butter.
- Add the pumpkin and honey to form a soft dough.
- Transfer to a floured surface and pat out with your hands, then cut into rounds.
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Date for your diary.....

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Nicki, who lives in Rockhampton, is known as a flautist but won an exhibition scholarship and prizes for piano accompaniment at the Royal College of Music coached by Robert Sutherland (accompanist to Maria Callas).



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