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PEACE, FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION

As we enter once more on this time of remembrance, I wonder how many of you have heard of the Friends of Lochnagar? Nothing to do with a story written by the Prince of Wales about a mountain near Balmoral but everything to do with the Lochnagar Crater formed on the battlefield at the beginning of the Battle of the Somme by a large mine placed under the German front lines.



The largest crater created by man in anger, which resulted in the bloodiest day in British military history, was detonated at 7.28am on 1st July 1916, sending debris almost a mile into the air and leaving a crater 70ft (21m) deep and 330 ft (100 m) wide that we can still see to-day.

It might seem strange for a crater to have group of 'friends' but in 1978, when the Lochna-

gar Crater was in danger of being filled in, numerous veterans of the conflict from all sides with first-hand experiences of the Crater expressed their concern; many had visited the site to remember friends who had died there. Eventually the crater was purchased by Richard Dunning as a permanent memorial. He said, "Often I travelled with them (the veterans) to Lochnagar, to stand beside them as they told their stories, and despite it being over six decades before, they would often quietly weep. It soon became clear that the Crater was far more than just an historic, archaeological or military site."

Over the years, Richard created the Lochnagar Crater Foundation, and the site has become a focus for fostering a special spirit of peace and reconciliation, where people can begin to understand the trauma of war and the fearsome power and destructive force of modern warfare.

Another positive outcome has been the Lochnagar Partnerships for Peace - an international movement to honour the dead and heal the living. It reflects the fact that those who die in war are ultimately striving for a peace which sadly seems unattainable, and argues that we need to do more than just hold commemorations on anniversaries but do something positive.

Although as individuals we may not be able to engineer peace between nations, we can make our own contribution by bringing more peace into our own lives and the lives of those around us.

Kay Rea

For more information see <https://lochnagarcrater.org>

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Val Johnson: valj475@gmail.com or ring 01454 417455

Thanks Thank you to Tytherington Baptist Church and Cromhall Poor's Allotment charity for their kind donation to our costs.

Each 20-page edition costs £425 to print, so we are always grateful for donations as our funding depends on advertising and the generosity of our readers.

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

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

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

Thornbury Macular and Low Vision Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month, 10.30am - 12 noon at Thornbury Methodist Church.

Ring John Paton on 01454 885301 for details.


FALFIELD VILLAGE WEBSITE

SPONSOR REQUIRED

Falfield website is looking for a sponsor to cover the domain, hosting and software costs.

If no sponsorship is found by the end of 2021, then the website will shut down.

Anyone individual or business who would like to know more information should contact James Carpenter on 07484 102588 or email webmaster@falfield.org.uk



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Have you lived in Cromhall for more than 5 years and are over 65 years old? If so then you need to read on.....

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, organizations 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 for the charity to have your name on the list it holds to administer general vouchers. The village shop has application/ consent forms, please ask for one at the counter and return the completed form to the shop or directly to me.

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. The trustees will be happy to consider any request.

Sue Wray, Secretary, (01454) 29437; 'Bushrods', Fiddlers Bottom, Cromhall, GL12 8AW

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 sallytowntrust@gmail.com



Please reply by 12th November 2021.



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

St. Andrew's, Cromhall



St. Leonard's, Tortworth



St. Oswald's, Rockhampton



St. James', Tytherington

St. George's, Falfield



An "In Memory" service will be held on Monday November 1st at 7pm in Tortworth Church



7th 10:30am Tortworth - Holy Communion

14th **10:50am** at Falfield Parade Service

10:50am at Tytherington
(Royal British Legion Service)

10:50am at Cromhall



21st 10:30am Tytherington - Holy Communion

28th 10:30am Rockhampton - Holy Communion



SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
5.00pm
ADVENT SERVICE
by candlelight at Tortworth

Compline has moved to Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom.

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Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017

Tortworth: Hilary Legg 01454 413234

Tytherington: John Williams 01454 412515 or

Phil Coward 01454 281444

Over 60s Tea Room Open

Don't forget that the Over 60s Tea Room in Thornbury High Street is now open 5 days a week, Monday to Friday, from 10am to 3pm.



Thanks to the lovely people who have generously offered to bake for us, we are also able to sell delicious homemade cake at 50p a slice to go with your cup of tea or coffee.

If you have never called in to see us before, why not pop into our attractive little tea room at the side entrance of the Town Hall in the High Street to meet your friends or to make new ones. If you want to bring your lunch with you, you are very welcome to do so.

If you can spare three hours a month and you like to meet people, why not volunteer to help us at the tea room? If you would like to know more about what is involved phone Sandra on 01454 418690 and I'd be happy to tell you all about it.

North Bristol Foodbank

The Thornbury outlet of the North Bristol Foodbank is based at Thornbury Baptist Church, Gillingstool, Thornbury, BS35 2EG, and is open **every Friday afternoon from 2 - 4 pm.**

For more information, please call 0117 9791399 or

email info@northbristol.foodbank.org.uk or visit northbristol.foodbank.org.uk



If you feel able to contribute to the Foodbank stocks, here is our current shopping list.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

LONG LIFE / UHT MILK, TINNED POTATOES, TINNED FRUIT, SPONGE PUDDINGS, WASHING-UP LIQUID, DEODORANT, CRISPS & OTHER SAVOURY SNACKS, SWEET TREATS

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF: BAKED BEANS, TINNED SOUP, PASTA, TINNED TOMATOES

Thank you for your on-going support. Donations can be placed in the Thornbury basket in Tesco or left on the church steps on Fridays between 10.30am and 4pm.

We always welcome donations and promise to use them to provide help to people in crisis. Occasionally we send food to other nearby foodbanks to support their work particularly if they experience shortages. This ensures your donations go to help people wherever in the UK they are. Please contact us if you have any questions about donating food.



A new name in Owl & Bird of Prey Conservation lands in South Gloucestershire

A new conservation group has formed to conserve and protect wild owls and birds of prey in and around South Gloucestershire. The **South Glos Owl & Bird of Prey Conservation group** aims to bring local people together to help recreate natural hunting and breeding areas for owls and birds of prey.

prey.

Paul Golledge, group spokesman, said: "Without the amazing work of conservationists, our magnificent owls and birds of prey would be under threat through the loss of essential hunting and breeding grounds. South Gloucestershire is a vibrant area for barn owls, tawny owls, little owls, peregrine falcons and kestrels, and this new group is committed to protecting them through field work but also by inspiring new conservationists through supporting educational activities across the district."

The group currently has a small number of experienced volunteers recreating natural habitat and building nest boxes. These boxes are built and installed in suitable areas across South Gloucestershire where breeding success is monitored and recorded.

The group can provide educational talks, owl prowls and other wildlife events, attending fetes and fairs to help share their knowledge and understanding of these magnificent birds to inspire people of all ages to help protect our native owls and birds of prey.

Formed in the summer of 2021, the group is appealing for more volunteers to join the team to help conserve and protect the owls and birds of prey of South Gloucestershire.

Mr Golledge said: "As a new group we are appealing to anyone across our communities who wants to get involved. No experience is necessary, just a passion to help wildlife succeed in your area."

Volunteer day. Saturday 6th Nov 11am

Iron Acton Parish Hall, Iron Acton, South Glos BS37 9UH

We are holding an open meeting for all new and potential volunteers.

This is an opportunity for anyone interested in helping Owl & Bird of Prey conservation to come along and meet the group, see what we are about and what we have to offer you.

You can volunteer for as little or as much time as you wish.

No experience necessary, just a passion for wildlife conservation.

Please email contact details to; sgobpc@gmail.com to register your interest and give us an idea of numbers attending.

Or visit our Facebook page: South Glos Owl & Bird of Prey Conservation



ST JAMES', TYTHERINGTON, 100+ CLUB HARVEST DRAW

1st No 29 D Niblett

2nd No 63 D Nemes

Joint 3rd No 59 J Williams,
No 158 B Walters &
No 95 J Brock



This is the final draw for the 2020/21 Club and many thanks to all who have supported us. The 2021/22 Club will soon be launched and we hope that you will support us in this fundraiser for St James'.

Val Johnson, St James' Church Council.

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For information and advice on Parkinson's, or for emotional support, call the Parkinson's UK helpline on **0808 800 0303**

Thornbury support group meets at the Chantry Castle Street, Thornbury BS35 1HB on the last Friday of every month, 10am-12noon.

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 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 to you, come and have a coffee and meet us. **For more information call Sally Derham on 01454 632910 or email sally.derham@btinternet.com**

GHCT Celebrates 40th Anniversary Success at Gloucester Cathedral

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust had a hugely successful evening celebrating their 40th anniversary at Gloucester Cathedral and announced they have raised a marvellous £37,000 so far in their anniversary year.

Around 200 people attended a beautiful Choral Evensong, with music written by Gloucestershire composers, followed by a reception in the Chapter House, with Gloucestershire wine kindly donated by the Three Choirs Vineyards. Gloucestershire Lord Lieutenant & President of GHCT, Edward Gillespie OBE introduced the evening.

Chairman of the Trust Colin Senior reflected on the highlights of the last 40 years and updated attendees with the Trust's fundraising progress so far. The Trust is aiming to raise £1,000 for each of the years it has helped historic churches in its 40th anniversary year, enabling them to support many more projects over the coming years.



Sir Simon Jenkins
addressing the
meeting.

The evening ended with a thought-provoking and heartfelt speech by Sir Simon Jenkins on the glory and needs of England's parish churches. Simon has allowed the Trust to publish "Simon Jenkins' Favourite Churches of Gloucestershire and Bristol", a local edition of his England's Thousand Best Churches as part of their 40th anniversary celebration.

Copies of the book are still available on their website - <https://ghct.org.uk/40th-appeal>

Colin Senior said, "We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended the event, and also to everyone who has donated to the appeal so far. We are incredibly grateful. We will keep you updated on our website and social media channels as we get closer to our £40,000 goal."

To keep up to date with Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust:

Website - www.ghct.org.uk

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/GloucestershireHistoricChurchesTrust/>

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CROMHALL 100 CLUB - 2022

St Andrew's Church is a valuable historic building and has been a place of worship since at least the 13th century. Even if you do not worship there regularly, the church is there for you for special services such as Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

The yearly care and maintenance of St Andrew's Church and churchyard is very costly and so the 100 club was set up to raise funds to help with this.

Thank you to those who have already bought numbers for next year.

£10 per number for a year

Quarterly draws will take place in Cromhall Village Shop at 11am on the last working day of February, May, August and November.



**1st prize - £30, 2nd - £20, 3rd - £10 plus
£50 draws at Easter and Christmas.**

If numbers requested exceed 100, the value of the draws will be increased. You do not have to live in Cromhall to take part in this.

To apply for numbers in the 2022 **100 club draw**, please put your cash/cheque (made out to 'Cromhall PCC'), along with your name and address into an envelope marked '100 Club'. This can either be sent to Ann Greenhalgh, Burlton House, The Burltons GL12 8BH or left in Cromhall Village Shop.

Many thanks, Cromhall PCC

Dementia Support South Gloucestershire

Dementia support workers offer information and practical guidance to help people understand dementia, cope with day-to-day challenges and prepare for the future. The service is for people with Dementia and their carers, family and friends. **Call our support line for more information: Tel: 0333 150 3456**



**Monday to Wednesday 9am – 8pm,
Thursday and Friday 9am – 5pm
Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm
or see our website: www.alzheimers.org.uk**

The Thornbury Memory Café is run by local people, and supports those in Thornbury and the surrounding area with some form of memory loss.

The café meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10.15am in the Methodist Church Hall. Anyone with a memory problem, together with a carer or friend is welcome. There is time for chatter and meeting with others.

Please contact Sue Rowley 01454 412941.



TYTHERINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

PASTOR - BRIAN ALLEN
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NOVEMBER SERVICES

7th	Joint Service at Chapel – “Sacred Testimonies” [John 5 vv 31 – 47]	Brian
14th	Remembrance Day Service at St James’ *N.B Commencing at 10:45*	Rev’d Sue
21st	“John the Baptist’s Birth Foretold” [Luke 1 vv 5 – 25] ¶	Brian
28th	ADVENT SUNDAY - “Signs” [Luke 21 vv 25 & 26]	Brian

¶ SERVICE WILL INCLUDE HOLY COMMUNION

N.B. ALL SERVICES COMMENCE AT **10:30 A.M.** UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

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Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th December

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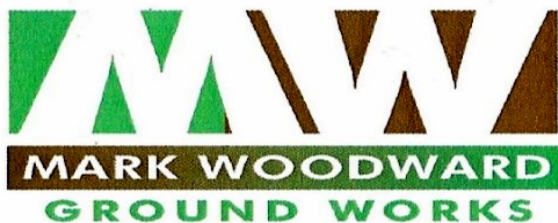
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Thank you to everyone who attended the CLinC 'Supper and Quiz Evening'. The profits from the tickets, raffle and craft table raised an amazing **£911** for the work of CLinC. Some of this will go towards supporting the teachers and pupils at our two schools and the remainder will help to put a roof onto the two new classrooms that are being built.



Thank you so much for your continued support. It makes a real difference to the 500+ children who would otherwise not be in school.

Ann & trustees of CLinC.



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Sunday Worship Services for November in the Chapel

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

7 th (10.30am) Good News for Everyone	(6.30pm) David Frampton
14 th (10.30am) Simon Carey - Remembrance*	(6.30pm) Damon Ujvarosy
21 st (10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) David Frampton
28 th (10.30am) Roger Chilvers	(6.30pm) Simon Carey

Please note that the Remembrance Day service is in St. Andrew's Church, see below.

Wednesdays at 7.30pm

3 rd Home Groups	10 th Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall
17 th Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall	24 th Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom)

2 nd and 16 th at 9.30am	9 th and 23 rd at 7.30pm
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***Joint Remembrance Sunday Service in St Andrew's Church at 10:50am on 14th**

Speaker: Pastor Simon Carey

There will be no service in Cromhall Chapel that morning.



Men's Breakfast - Saturday 13th at 9.00am – All welcome!

A Delicious breakfast followed by a talk from Jeff Osborne, "Friendship Evangelism on Dartmoor".

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

Keep yourself and others safe this autumn and winter

Colds, flu and other respiratory illnesses are more common in colder months as people are indoors more often, allowing viruses to pass more easily from one person to another. This will also mean the risk of Covid-19 infection is higher. These infections, as well as cold weather can make some health problems worse and even lead to serious complications, especially if you are 65 or older, or if you have a long-term health condition.

The Director of Public Health for South Gloucestershire, and the Leader of South Gloucestershire Council are therefore urging everyone in South Gloucestershire to take sensible and safe precautions to keep themselves and others safe.

Their advice is to:

- Come forward when invited for vaccination of both Covid and flu
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze
- Stay at home if you are unwell, to reduce the risk of passing any illnesses on to friends, family, colleagues, and others in your community
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- Wear a face covering in enclosed and crowded spaces where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet or where it will make you and others feel more comfortable
- Try to meet outdoors or in well-ventilated indoor areas
- Self-isolate and get a PCR test if you have symptoms of Covid-19
- Self-isolate if you test positive for Covid-19 or are told to do so by NHS Test and Trace. This remains a legal requirement
- Take a regular rapid Covid-19 test twice a week if you don't have symptoms.
- Be kind, courteous and considerate of others – take into account not only your own risks, but also of those around you, such as those with clinical vulnerabilities.

More information about how to stay well this winter is available here [How to stay well in winter - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Local information and guidance on Covid-19 testing, vaccination, and how to access financial support if you have been impacted by Covid-19, is

available on our website www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus

For dates and times of upcoming walk-in, appointment-free vaccination clinics around our region or to click through to the national booking system to book your vaccine, visit www.grabajab.net

Booster vaccine

People aged 50 years and over, care home residents, health and social care workers and younger people at risk (who have already had 2 doses of the Covid-19 vaccine) are being prioritised to receive a booster jab from 6 months after their second dose. This move will prolong the protection vaccines offer, particularly for those most vulnerable to Covid-19 as we head into the autumn and winter months.

The NHS will contact you when it is your turn to have a booster.

You can [read more about the coronavirus \(Covid-19\) booster vaccine](#) on the NHS website.



Severn Vale Probus Club

Severn Vale Probus Club meets at the Thornbury Golf Club on the third Thursday of the month for a lunch followed by an interesting presentation. These cover a wide range of topics and have included Dunkirk's Little Ships, The American Civil War and Online Safety and Cyber Security. Probus is a network of groups for retired PROfessional and BUSInessmen which provides the opportunity to socialise with like-minded people. Severn Vale has also arranged visits to places of interest such as an organic farm in Somerset, The Rolls Royce Archives and Hinckley C nuclear power station construction site.

At the August and December meetings wives, partners and widows are invited to the lunch. In August we invite a suitable speaker and in December we have a Christmas lunch at a local venue. We have a walking group, with a pub lunch to round off the walk, which meets once a month. We always welcome new members to Probus, so if you would like to join us or come as a guest to get a first-hand experience of what we do, please contact our Secretary Andy Dewar on 01454 774201 or Email at andrewdewar19@gmail.com.

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Churchyards

We have some beautiful and peaceful churchyards in our benefice and we are so fortunate that they are so well cared for. We do thank those who tend family graves, as well as those who are kind enough to give time and energy to the ongoing upkeep and maintenance.

All our churchyards come under the guidance of the diocese and the regulations are available at each location. May I please draw your attention to these regulations....and in particular to:

- "Bulbs and small annual plants may be planted in the soil of any grave (but not in any container)."
- ".....no ornaments or additions..... no trees or shrubs may be planted without the agreement of the relevant PCC and the consent of the relevant Archdeacon (to be provided by way of a written notice following consultation with the Archdeacon)...."

A number of items have been appearing on memorial stones, edging has appeared round some graves, plastic flowers etc – **please would you help us by following our regulations.**

Rev Sue



"Michael Lunts Goes Christmas Crackers" (at last!)

Don't take your Christmas preparations too seriously – why not take a little time out from the shopping and the Christmas card lists to enjoy this light-hearted look at the annual seasonal shenanigans?

Sure to put you in that mood for Christmas, the Armstrong Arts Group's November event features



the exuberant, superbly talented and well-known Michael Lunts. He entertains us at the piano with a satirical look at the festive season in the company of Tom Lehrer, Jake Thackray, Paddy Roberts, Noel Coward and other classic exponents of the comedy song. Michael also serves up one or two

songs of his own and pulls a few other surprises from his musical crackers.

Saturday 27th November at 7.30pm

Methodist Church Hall,

Castle Court, Thornbury BS35 2AQ

Tickets: £12 (to include a glass of fruit punch and mini mince pie)

Available at armstrongartsgrouphornbury@gmail.com or ring 01454 850933.

Thornbury Library

"Sight Support West of England"

Support and advice for people with visual impairments

**4th Monday of every month
10am-1pm**

Next visit: Monday 22nd November

You can pick up a box of lateral flow test from the library during staffed hours.

Rogue Traders



Anyone suspecting that rogue traders are operating in their area is advised to contact Trading Standards on 0808 223 1133.

SKIN A+E

5Star and **Boom** are looking for people to appear on SKIN A+E which is returning for its third series.

Once again, we'll be opening the doors to our dermatology clinic where an expert team of top UK dermatologists will be ready to give you a FREE consultation, advice, and where appropriate, treatment for your skin complaint.

We're particularly looking for people with lumps and bumps, lipomas, cysts and undiagnosed skin conditions:

- Perhaps your condition is affecting your day to day life? Or affecting your confidence?
 - Perhaps treatment for your condition is not available on the NHS?
 - Or you are on a long waiting list for treatment?
- If that's you, then we'd like to get some more information from you to see whether our dermatologists can help you.

Applicants who are picked must be willing to talk openly and frankly about their condition and be available for filming for one day in November 2021 or January 2022. All applicants must be legal residents of the UK, currently live in the UK and aged 18 and above.

To get more information and fill in an application form please follow this link: <https://itv.etrize.com/ag/itvboom/skinae3/welcome.html>.

Or email: skin@boom-tv.co.uk

Deadline for applications is Friday 17th December 2021 We welcome applications from all sections of the community. Boom will process your information in accordance with its privacy policy (Boom Privacy Notice for Contributors) Applicants should be aware that due to the high volume of responses we cannot guarantee to reply to everyone.



**Rhymetime at
Thornbury Library**
**Every Friday
9.30am-10am**

**Pop in or email
thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk
to book a family space**

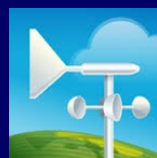
Rhymes and songs for parents and babies/
toddlers to enjoy together

Tytherington Local History Group
Friday 12th November



**7.30pm in the
Baptist Schoolroom**
Washing Day with Reg King
Everyone welcome

(NB Date on programme is incorrect)



FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS SEPTEMBER 2021

	High	Low	Average
Temp	29.8 °C	6.3 °C	16.9 °C
Dew Point	19.3 °C	-5.4 °C	9.8 °C
Humidity	99.0 %	10 %	68 %
Precipitation	69.84 mm		
Wettest Day	18.03 on the 28th Sept. YTD 561.81 mm		
Wind direction	SSW		
Pressure	1035.56 hPa	1000.68 hPa	

Go to www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=IENGLAND1163 for live weather information from the Falfield weather station

Thornbury Library
is now fully open for everyone!!!
Activities are returning in a safe bookable way!!!!!!



**Saturday 20th November
10am-11am**

**Pop in or email
thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk to book a
family space**

Come and join us for a story or poems, then create your own LEGO masterpieces and display them in the library for your family and friends to see.



Thornbury and District
Cancer Research UK Committee

QUIZ NIGHT
with Fish and Chip supper
Saturday 20th November
Manorbrook Primary School, Thornbury

Starting 7.30pm sharp - so please be there at 7.15pm.

Tickets: £12.50 per a person, to include admission and a fish and chip supper, from Gill Blackborough on 07866580608 or any Committee Member

NO Bar, so please bring your own drinks (glasses will be provided). Raffle.



TYTHERINGTON WI CENTENARY EVENING

On Monday 20th September, Tytherington WI officially celebrated its centenary.



Past members and Tytherington villagers were invited and we were delighted with the interest that our milestone occasion generated. We

had memorabilia on display dating back almost to the beginning; this was supported by photographs and documents much of which depicted Tytherington village history.

Mr Roger Howell kindly talked to us about the village's evolution which was fascinating.

We concluded the evening with the cutting of our celebration cake by Mrs Valerie Niblett, our longest serving member of more than 60 years, and then invited our guests to join us in sharing a tasty finger buffet.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.



LIVE THEATRE IS BACK IN THORNBURY!



Multi-award-winning Journeyman Theatre Productions (JTP) present Tony Domaille's romantic comedy, *My Angel*.

Mark's life is a mess, and all because his

guardian angel isn't very good at her job! Can she keep her promise to put everything right, or will Mark's mother and estranged wife get what they want instead? With great characters, this is a very funny play with a feel-good factor to warm you on a winter's night.

The play (sponsored by Bonds of Thornbury, Lee's Mend a Shoe, and The Swan) runs from **Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th November 2021, 7.30pm, at the Methodist Church Hall, Castle Court, Thornbury.** Ventilation and social distancing will be in place to maximise audience comfort and safety.

Tickets: £10, including programme on the night, and are available from Monday 25th October at the Box Office, Castle Crafts and Clinic, Castle Street, Thornbury, or you can purchase by email productionsjourneymantheatre@gmail.com

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My Memories of Eva

The recent death of Eva Schulkins will sadden many, especially residents of Cromhall where her contribution to village life was so outstanding. Ann Greenhalgh shares her memories:

Eva and I lived at opposite ends of Cromhall village but our paths crossed regularly. Eva was a good friend who was willing to do anything that helped the community. 5Alive magazines are delivered to everyone in Cromhall each month and Eva willingly delivered to the Jubilee Lane area for many years, helping to keep everyone informed about village affairs.



Eva was a regular member of St Andrew's congregation and a dedicated member of the choir for as long as I can remember. Her Christian faith was strong.

She was always willing to help with social events in church, homes or the Village Hall. The Tombola stall was her speciality at the Garden Fete each year, raising funds for the care and upkeep of St Andrew's Church and churchyard. Help and support for other church events was always offered and thankfully accepted.

Some of my first memories are of Benefice rambles we shared, including enjoying walking the length of the Cotswold Way in several easy stages. Eva enjoyed her rambling and continued to help organise shorter and less energetic Saturday rambles in recent years.

Many years ago, Cromhall senior citizens enjoyed two outings a year to places of interest in Gloucestershire and further afield. Eva was always one of the drivers.

Then she helped to set up Tat3, a monthly opportunity for retired people to meet for tea and a chat in Cromhall Village Hall. Eva always offered lifts to those without transport and arrived with plates of sandwiches, always greatly enjoyed. She enjoyed nothing more than a chat with everyone and always offered a listening ear for those with problems.

For many years Eva also gave lifts to Luncheon Club in Charfield; these were greatly appreciated by those who did not drive.

Eva was also an active member of Cromhall WI, offering help and support wherever needed. She enjoyed entering classes at Cromhall Show each year, both in the open and WI sections, winning many prizes.

When Cromhall Village Shop was opened over 25 years ago, it was no surprise that Eva soon offered her help and support. In recent years she has been on the Shop committee, a key holder and supervisor, carrying out all of her duties with care and efficiency.

All who knew Eva, will miss her smiling, friendly face and her willingness to help wherever possible. She coped with the diagnosis of her illness with an amazing determination to continue to do everything possible to make full use of the months she had left. She was a real inspiration to us all. She will be greatly missed.

FALFIELD WI NEWS



The October meeting began with the singing of Jerusalem followed by the distribution of cards and more singing for the ladies with October birthdays. Guilda Ludwell then told the members that it was hoped to organise a meal at Thornbury Golf Club for the 11th January 2022 and further information would be given at the November meeting. There would be a card-making session on the 12th October and a wreath-making session on the 4th December, both these events would be in the Village Hall. Guilda then reminded everyone that the November meeting would be the AGM when we would be electing a new president from the committee members. The competition for this meeting is a decorated glass jar.

The business over, Guilda introduced Sue Frampton who gave a fascinating talk on her time in Ghana with her young family, from living in a house made of mud, to her husband making blocks and building a more substantial residence. Also being able to help build a school and provide basic medical needs. Thanks were offered to Sue for her interesting talk.

Next Meeting: 2nd November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

John Canning Dove

Thanks to James Carpenter for this information.

One of those whose names are listed on Falfield's war memorial is John Canning Dove. The Dove family came to live in Falfield in the early 1840s when the Reverend William Dove came from Thornbury to take up the role of minister at the Congregational chapel at Mount Pleasant. The family continued to live there for the best part of a hundred years.

However, John Canning Dove, who was known as 'Jacky', was not born here but in Queensland, Australia in 1897. His grandfather, also named William, had emigrated there in the 1850s. Jacky was educated in New Zealand at King's College in Auckland, eventually enrolling to study medicine. However, when World War I began he was eager to join up and in 1917 joined the 4th Battalion, New Zealand Rifle Brigade.

After training in New Zealand, he arrived in England in July 1918 and by September was on his way to France where on October 26th he died of wounds received when a shell exploded whilst he was putting his Lewis gun section in position in the village of Vertigneul, a few miles east of Cambrai during what became known as the Battle of the Sambre. He was twenty years old, and it was sixteen days before the Armistice.



Jacky Dove



Jacky's original grave-marker is part of the collection of the New Zealand Army Museum at Wairouru in the North Island.

The effect of his death on the family, both in the antipodes and in Falfield must have been devastating and they ensured that he would not be forgotten in either location, so his name was added to the memorial at Falfield where his great-aunt, Susanna, was one of the village committee members involved in raising funds and arranging for a memorial to be set up.

Although Jacky had died at a field dressing station and been buried in a nearby farmyard, his body was later re-interred along with 25 other New Zealanders in the Vertigneul churchyard.

In the 1980s Jacky's nephew, with the help of a French war historian, went in search of his uncle's grave and unexpectedly met a local resident who had been 10 years old at the time of the battle and had the original grave-marker. Arrangements were made for it to be taken to New Zealand where it is now kept permanently.

The full story appears in an article in the autumn edition of 'Lochnagar Crater Today', the biannual journal produced for the Friends of Lochnagar, a charity whose volunteers maintain the iconic Crater at La Boisselle on the Somme battlefield. See www.lochnagarcrater.org

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