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Remember in November

Remember, remember, the fifth of November ... November is a month of remembrance and remembering with many notable dates and reminders from both the church and more generally.

November begins with the church festivals of All Saints and All Souls, 1st and 2nd of November. All Saints is the day when we remember with thanksgiving those men

and women many of whom have worked for justice, peace and the wellbeing of all. At All Souls we give thanks for those who have nurtured us through life and are no longer with us.

Next up is Bonfire Night which has a very complex history of religion, politics and nationalism, much of which is forgotten in the noise of the fireworks today. This is followed quickly by Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday with its theme "*Lest we forget.*" The following Sunday, is RoadPeace Day, a day of remembrance for road traffic victims; most of us will know a family who have lost a loved one in an accident on our roads.

But as well as remembering backward to the things of the past I believe that remembering should also have a forward focus, to remember the things that we should do.



So, at All Saints' tide perhaps we could recall those little things we could do to make the world a better place, to quote Edmund Burke "*The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.*" Little acts of goodness and kindness can make a difference in the lives of others.

At All Souls', we remember with thanksgiving those who have nurtured us and so we consider the legacy that we will leave for our children, grandchildren and our communities. What difference will we make in the lives of others, how do we nurture them?

On Bonfire Night maybe we should hold in our thoughts and prayers our politicians as they face many issues today, we think forward to the questions we may want to ask them in the election due next year.

As I write this on day 3 of the conflict around the Gaza Strip, I feel helpless but I can make a difference in the place where I am by seeking peace. So, as we approach Remembrance Sunday, we consider what we may be able to do to bring peace in our local community.

And for RoadPeace we should have a future focus keeping everyone safe on our roads, pedestrians, cyclists, drivers and riders, what we can do to make them safe places for others.

November is the month for remembering, remembering both backwards and forwards, recalling our history and making commitments to make small changes. A small change in our behaviour can have a huge impact.

It is the small changes that makes a difference; as St David of Wales reminds us, "*Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things.*"

Rob Axford

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a reason to
smile find it!





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Alveston History Society

Weds November 22nd 2023

Learn more about a cave in Alveston known as 'Fishmonger's Swallet'

Our speaker will be David Hardwick.

7.30pm at Alveston Methodist Church

Visitors are welcome for a charge of £5

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The November meeting
will be
in



**Cromhall Village Hall
at 3pm on Wed Nov 22nd**

**All local senior citizens
welcome.**

On Friday Dec 8th we have been invited to St Andrew's Primary School at 2pm to be entertained by the children. An excellent start to the Christmas season!

We hope to see some new faces at either or both of these events.

Ann

As the name suggests, we meet at 3pm once a month for a cup of tea, sandwiches, cake and a chat. Some meetings include a quiz or speaker.

Twice a year we go out for lunch and in December we are invited to St Andrew's Primary School for a Christmas entertainment by the children.

If you are over 65 years of age and live in or around Cromhall, you are welcome to join us. There are no joining fees or monthly charge. It is just the opportunity to meet together and make friends. We would love new 'members'.

**For more information contact Ann on
01454 294200**



Cancer Research UK

QUIZ NIGHT

with **Fish & Chip Supper**

SATURDAY 25th November 2023

7.15pm for 7.30pm start

Manorbrook Primary School Park Road,
Thornbury

**Tickets £12.50 (to include food and entrance)
from Gill Blackburn on 07866 580608 or
any other committee member**

**THERE WILL BE NO BAR, PLEASE BRING
YOUR OWN DRINKS (Glasses provided.)**

Raffle



at
**ST LEONARD'S CHURCH,
TORTWORTH**

**Friday 17th November
12.30 - 2.00pm**

Soup and a roll £5

Proceeds to The Leprosy Mission

Everyone welcome



Falfield WI News

Our meeting this month was held at Stone Village Hall due to the refurbishment at Falfield. All were welcomed to the meeting including visitors from Stone WI.

Several dates were announced including this month's walk and the crochet afternoon. There is no requirement to do crochet, folk are welcome to come and socialise.

On Saturday November 4th there is a Christmas Fair at Falfield Village Hall for the Cancer Teenage Trust. 10am - 3 pm. Also, Jenny Jones asked for ideas for a talent evening for the December meeting.

The speaker for the evening was a reflexologist who quizzed us about our feet and gave a demonstration on volunteer Ann Mair.

Our next meeting is the AGM and will be followed by a beetle drive. There will be a competition for My Favourite Mug.

Thornbury Volunteer Centre



Christmas Table Top Sale

Thornbury Methodist Church Hall

Saturday 11th November 10am - 1pm

Visit us to find that elusive Christmas present, choose from cards, local produce, hand-made gifts, crafts and vintage items.

Also serving teas, coffees and homemade cakes and a Giant Christmas raffle.

Free entry.

**Tytherington Village Hall Committee
proudly presents:**



**Friday 17th November
at 7.30 pm**

Tytherington Village Hall Annexe

Bring your own drinks

Teams of 4* No need to book
£2 per person

It's not Mastermind, just good fun!

Prizes and a raffle.

Disabled access and parking
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Sian 07968 122551 or Sam 07786 860657.

*Please support your local Village Hall. It's a
vital asset run by volunteers, bringing the
community together.*

St George's Church, Falfield

**Christingle with
Carols by Candlelight**

Sunday 24th December at 3.30pm

**Come and celebrate the Nativity and sing
traditional Carols within the Christingle
service.**

All are welcome whatever your age.



Falfield Village Community Website

After 20 plus years of operating the Village website on a voluntary basis, I have decided that the time has come for me to give up the running of this website at the end of this year.



If there is anyone in the village who would like to take on the role of the running of this website and would like further information, I can be contacted in the first instance by email at: webmaster@falfield.org.uk.

James Carpenter

Coffee morning

in aid of

Cardiac Risk in the Young

4th November 2023

10.15am - 12.15pm

Tytherington Village Hall

Everyone welcome



Computer Support 1-1 at Thornbury Library

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

**Every Thursday 9.30am, 10.30am,
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Thornbury Art Club

Our next club night is Tuesday 28th November:

St Mary's Church Hall 7.15 for 7.30pm.

Local artist Bob Prince will give a talk

'Painting by Numbers, for digital print'

Visitors welcome. Non-members £5. Tel. 01454 414433 for further details.

For enquiries, please contact: Mary Drown tel.

01454 414433 chairthornburyart@gmail.com

Pat Howarth tel. 01454 822468 [patri-](mailto:patri-cia.howarth@hotmail.co.uk)

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Or visit: - www.thornburyartclub.org.uk

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Christmas Lights Switch-on

Thornbury Christmas Lights Association

are delighted to announce we will be hosting our annual switch-on event on

Tuesday 21st November 2023

at 7pm on Thornbury High Street



with a Community Market opening at 5pm

assisted by Love Thornbury

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Unfortunately, because of the unpredictability of works on the High Street, there will no funfair.

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**Thursday
2nd November
at
7.00pm**



**All Souls'
Memorial Service
at St George's, Falfield**

Tytherington Local History Group Autumn Programme

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

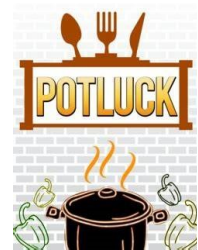
**Friday 10th November
The Journey of a Lifetime**



Patrick Howell returns by popular request to tell of his three-month adventure via the Panama Canal to the Galapagos and Tahiti

**Friday 8th December
AGM & Business meeting**

**Followed by
Pot Luck Supper
provided by our members
(Members please note!!)**



**There will be no charge for admittance.
Please come and join us.**



**Rhymetime at
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St James 100+ Club Harvest Draw

1st prize - No 212 S Williams
2nd prize - No 5 C Smith
Joint 3rd prize - No 170 F Shipston,
No 136 E Matthews, No 9 T Grey.



This is the final draw for the 2022/23 Club and we will be launching the 2023/24 club in early November. If you would like to join please contact Val on valj475@gmail.com.



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It's that time of year again.... to renew, or perhaps buy for the first time, numbers for Cromhall's 100 Club.

The year runs from January to December with four ordinary draws taking place in February, May, August and November where prizes of £30, £20 and £10 are drawn and two special draws at Easter and Christmas with one prize of £50. So, you have several chances of winning something every year!

Money raised from the club goes to support St.Andrew's Church, Cromhall, boosting much needed funds to help with general running and maintenance of the building. This year, more than ever, your support will be greatly appreciated as we face expensive repairs and rising costs.

You can have any number of club numbers, for 2024, at £10 each and you can buy them at any time but to be in for all of the chances to win we would like to receive all applications by the end of this year, December 2023.

Once the club is complete you can confirm your number/s which will be displayed in Cromhall Village shop and the Church Porch (where winning numbers will be advertised too).

To be in with a chance, please complete the slip below and return to Cromhall Village Shop or any Cromhall PCC member along with payment of £10 for each number required.

Thank you for your much appreciated support and Good Luck!

St.Andrew's PCC

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CROMHALL 100 Club 2024 Please return this slip in an envelope with payment (cash or cheque made out to "Cromhall PCC") to Cromhall Village Shop.

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St. Leonard's, Tortworth



St. Oswald's, Rockhampton



St. James', Tytherington



St. George's, Falfield



Church services and information

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

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

If they are unavailable, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. Please bear in mind they do have other lives and may not be available instantly. However, leave a message and they will deal with it as soon as they can. Failing that, contact **Rev. Graham Stacey, the Area Dean on graham@stbarts-camandcoaley.org.uk or Tel. 01453 709859**

Cromhall

Sun 12th
 Sun 19th

10.45am Remembrance Service with Rev. David Powe. (NB Not Communion service)

9.30am Eucharist Service led by Rev. Richard Morgan

.....and start your Christmas with us! Do come and join us for our **Carol Concert** with "Oldland Brass" and seasonal refreshments on **Sunday 10th December at 4.00pm.**

Falfield

Thurs 2nd
 Sun 5th
 Sun 12th
 Sun 19th
 Sun 26th

7pm All Souls' Memorial Service (see page 14)

3.30pm Café Church

10.50am Remembrance Sunday (starting at war memorial)

10.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Join Rockhampton

Rockhampton

Sun 26th

10.30am Holy Communion with Rev. Rob Axford

Tortworth

Sun 5th
 Sun 12th
 Fri 17th

10.30am Holy Communion with Rev. Rob Axford.

10.45am Remembrance Sunday (NB time and date)

12.30 - 2.00pm Soup lunch in aid of Leprosy Mission.

No 3rd Sunday event in November.

Tytherington

Weds 1st
 Thurs 2nd
 Sun 5th
 Sun 12th
 Sun 19th

7.00pm 'In Memory' Service

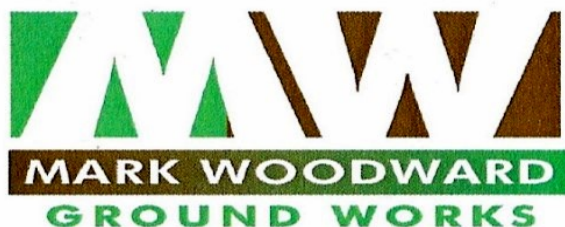
9.30am Said Holy Communion

10.30am Joint service with Baptists at Chapel

10.45am Remembrance Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion

Please note the change of times for services on Remembrance Sunday.



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Alveston Gardens Association

Monday 6th November
AGM

followed by "Chairman's Evening" with
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7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

All welcome - Visitors (£3)

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A book group for everyone



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you
read?

Come and enjoy an open book group with a difference. No set novel to read. Just drop in for an hour for refreshments and a chat

Friday 3rd Nov and Friday 1st Dec 2pm-3pm

Tortworth Parish Meeting

Tortworth Parish Meeting met on 5th September at the Tortworth Estate Office. Many local issues were discussed both regarding Tortworth Parish itself and the wider area.

In particular, attendees noted with interest Cllr O'Neill's report on proposed developments in and around Charfield. Whilst developments such as this are not in the Parish, it was noted that they will undoubtedly have an impact on Tortworth, not least through the increased traffic that would be created.

Anyone resident in Tortworth Parish is welcome to attend the Parish Meeting and can be included on the circulation list for agenda and minutes by forwarding a request with their email address to the Clerk, Roland Brown on roland.brown@tortwortheastate.com.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th December at 7pm at the Tortworth Estate Office.

A Time of Remembering

All Souls'



Wednesday 1st November

'IN MEMORY' SERVICE at
7.00pm at St James',
Tytherington



Ukrainian Storytime at Thornbury Library

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St Peter's Hospice

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th December

10.00am – 11.30am

Methodist Church Hall, Thornbury.

Christmas cards, Gift stall,

Home made cakes, Raffle etc.

Entry to include tea/coffee and cake:
£3.00 per person.

Saturday Dec 23rd

10.30am - 12.00 noon

Tytherington Village Shop
and Post Office

Invites all
volunteers, helpers
and customers for
Christmas drinks
and nibbles





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THORNBURY CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

Thornbury Choral Society will be performing their first concert of the 2023/24 season on **Saturday, November 25th** at 7.30pm. The concert will take place at **St. Mary's Church, Thornbury (BS36 1HQ)**

The soloists are **Rosanne Harris** - Soprano and **James Geidt** - Bass.

Directed by their Conductor, Steven Kings, The choir will sing Brahms' "German Requiem" (Performed in English) The two soloists will be performing "Zweistimmige" Op.63 by Mendelssohn and the Thornbury Camerata will play String Symphony No. 10, in B Minor also by Mendelssohn.

Tickets cost £18 (pre-booked) or £20 (on the door) which includes refreshments. These are available from Tess Sullivan tickets@thornburychoralsociety.org.uk or Tel 01454-417865 or from Horders, Stationers, from November 13th

For further details about this concert and any other forthcoming events, please visit the website www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk



Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 4th November

09.30 - 12.30

Cromhall Village Hall

Free entry

Coffee morning with craft stalls

... Christmas gifts and decorations

... Cards for all occasions

... cake decoration ideas

... children's biscuit decorating

... tombola

Proceeds from the Craft Fair will be going many ways, including to three charities; Children's Hospice South West, Brain Tumour charity and CLinC, supporting underprivileged children in Zambia. We hope you will find time to visit us.

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Sat 11th November at 10am
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This session is not expected to last more than 1 hour
Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be provided

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The next meeting of Rockhampton Parish Council will take place on Monday 27th November at 7.30 pm in Rockhampton Village Hall



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| 5 th | Joint Service at Chapel 'Blessings & Woes' [Luke 6:17 – 26] | <i>Brian</i> |
| 12 th | Remembrance Day Service at St James' {N.B. 10:45} | |
| 19 th | The Council Of Jerusalem [Acts 15:1 – 21]* | <i>Brian</i> |
| 26 th | The Letter [Acts 15:22 – 35] | <i>Brian</i> |

**Service includes Holy Communion*

All services commence at 10:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise stated)

Everyone welcome

Tytherington Baptist Church AFTERNOON TEA



Our next 'Afternoon Tea' session will be held on
WEDNESDAY 1st November in the Schoolroom.
All are welcome.

**U3A Artwork will be on display
in Thornbury Library
from 22nd until 30th November
Original pieces for Christmas!!!**



TYTHERINGTON 2024 VILLAGE CALENDAR



For more information please
contact Val Johnson Email
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Young Persons' Concert at the URC.



Brilliant pianist, singer and raconteur, Michael Lunts, from the Armstrong Arts Group team, is to present a concert featuring a number of highly talented young musicians. Their impres-

sive and gifted performances will delight and amaze you.



The concert will take place at The United Reformed Church, Chapel Street, Thornbury BS35 2BA on **Sunday 12th November at 3.00pm. Tickets cost £7.50 or £5 for under 16 years.** Tea and cakes will be served in the interval.



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**Let's sing the 'GOOD NEWS' at St George Church, Falfield,
on Sunday 24th December starting at 3.30pm**

Yes, we know it's only November! This 5 Alive is bringing you the good news that St George's Church will be preparing for Christmas in a different way this December.



During our December services the Church is alight with the warm glow of lit candles placed in the windows of the Church. This, we hope, is a welcoming sign for you to come and join us for any of our services in December. We offer a quiet time to sit and reflect as well as sing in this busy time in the run up to Christmas Day.

There are two traditional services that are held as we come nearer to Christmas Day. These are the 'Carols by Candlelight' and the 'Christingle' service. This year we will be combining and celebrating both of these services on Christmas Eve starting at 3.30pm

The Christingle service is a delight as families come together to hear again the Christmas story, during which children, sometimes with the help of an adult, gradually build up the Crib scene which is placed at the front of the church.

The children also hear the meaning of the Christingle, often helping with the explanation as it is talked through. Then there is the wonderful experience of holding the Christingle orange with the lit candle (under the supervision of an adult) before blowing it out. The Christingle is then taken home, with as many sweets that are not eaten beforehand.



This year as Christmas Eve falls on Sunday 24th December, we are combining the much loved 'Christingle' Service and the 'Carols by Candlelight' in one service. The whole service will be very informal as we add the traditional carols which form the Christmas story as the children build up the crib scene.

If you have never experienced a 'Christingle' Service, or a 'Carols by Candlelight', please come along this year, there is no age limit to this wonderful expression of God's love demonstrated in the symbol of the Christingle and the singing of Carols.

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Sunday Worship Services for November:

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

5 th (10.30am) Steve Cracknell	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
12 th (10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Rob Simpkins
19 th (10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) David Frampton
26 th (10.30am) Damon Ujvarosy	(6.30pm) Simon Carey

Wednesdays at 7.30pm:

1st and 15th we meet in various homes in the area: 8th London City Mission speaker, in the hall
22nd Bible Study and Prayer on zoom, 29th Christmas Bible Study on zoom

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

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 14th November at 7.00pm. Join a friendly group of ladies to work on your own craft while we chat over a cup of tea.

Coffee Mornings: Join us for coffee and cake every Thursday morning, 10.00am – 12.00noon.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 11th November at 9.30am. Simon will be speaking on "Lest we Forget". All welcome.

Ladies Christmas Special: Friday 1st December 7.15pm - 9.00pm. Join us for an enjoyable evening with a group craft, nibbles and talks on "Christmas around the World".

Verse of the year for 2023: *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*
Romans 1:16 and 17



Tytherington Village Shop

With the Christmas season fast approaching, please make use of your local Post Office. Enjoy the convenience of posting those Christmas parcels with easy parking and without having to join the long queues which exist at many of the bigger facilities.

These are our normal opening hours, although we hope we can offer longer PO opening hours in the run up to Christmas. This will depend on the staffing available, so keep an eye out for a notice in the shop, once we are clearer about the position.

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
4.12.23	9.00 – 1.00	9.00 -11.30	9.00 -11.30	9.00 – 1.00	9.00 -11.30
11.12.23	9.00 – 1.00	9.00 –11.30	9.00 -11.30	9.00 – 1.00	9.00 -11.30

Shop hours will remain as normal.

During this time when shops are very busy, you may prefer to shop locally. Remember you can order a range of bakery items, meat and dairy products to pick up at your convenience. Just pop into the shop and ask about this service.

We have plenty of Christmas stock in the shop, from cards and wrapping paper to festive treats, smaller gifts and stocking fillers.

The Bonus Ball fund raiser will be in full swing during December and January and the numbers will go on sale at the start of November, so make sure you secure your lucky number by getting it early!

All the funds raised will support the Outreach Post Office at Tytherington, together with money raised from the raffle for our Christmas Hamper. The draw for the lucky winner of the hamper will take place in the shop at the Christmas drinks get-together on Saturday morning December 23 so we do hope all our friends old and new will come along.

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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 Poores 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

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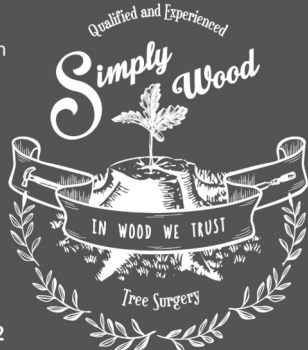
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Falfield Parish Council

As the Village Hall was closed for refurbishment the Council's October meeting took place at HMP Eastwood Park Training Centre on Tuesday 17th October.

Charfield Ward Cllr John O'Neil reported to the meeting that a consultation on South Gloucestershire Council's budget for 2024/25 would be available shortly and informed Cllrs that one of the proposals in the consultation would be the introduction of car parking charges for all car parks under the control of the Authority. He also confirmed that the Recycling and Waste Collection services consultation was now live in which it was asking for comments on the proposal to increase the annual charge to £60 for the Green Bin service and moving Black Bin service to either a three or four-week collection. Councillors present felt that the proposal to introduce parking charges would deter people from shopping in Thornbury and hoped that if charges were to be introduced that the first one or two hours were free of charge.

Councillors approved a grant application from the Village Hall Management Committee for their Phase Two refurbishment programme which would include a new kitchen and the installation of a mezzanine floor in the small hall. The Clerk also provided the meeting with a report on the progress on Phase 1 which involved a complete re-wiring of the hall, installation of a disabled toilet and an audio system. Councillors also noted that the Village Hall had received a grant of £23,860 from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee fund which would be used to cover some of Phase One costs.

It was agreed that Councillor Hathway would represent the Parish Council at the Annual Remembrance Service which would take place at the War Memorial on Sunday 12th November.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 21st November in the Village Hall which will include the setting of the Council's budget for 2024/25.

J. Carpenter, Clerk & RFO, Falfield Parish Council.

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The consultations noted in the above report can be accessed from South Gloucestershire Council's website from the following links: South Gloucestershire Annual Budget 2024/25 [Link](#)
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Tortworth Forest Centre

Tortworth Forest Centre is based in The Dell at Tortworth Arboretum. Once owned by the Ducie family, the wider arboretum is now split between hotel grounds, the Dell, Leyhill Prison and surrounding estate land. The Dell sits at the arboretum's centre and is home to many notable and champion trees, listed on the Tree Register of the British Isles.

For a decade The Dell was abandoned leaving it overgrown and unsafe. Since 2014 volunteers have met regularly to work on restoration and maintenance. As part of the restoration work 59 new trees and shrubs have been planted and 72 trees re-labelled. We welcome new volunteers, and offer a safe space in which to work and be yourself.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays Tortworth is home to the Hawthorn (for people who identify as women) and Oak (for adults of both genders) nature based wellbeing projects. To date we have run over 270 wellbeing sessions, benefiting more than 100 people.

We'd love to see you in the woods! You're invited to join our events from relaxed visitor days where you can wander at your leisure, to more hands-on workshops such as wreath making, nettle cordage, bushcraft, foraging and more. You can also hire this stunning ancient woodland for weddings, 'almost wild camping', corporate retreats and other social gatherings and celebrations.

Find out more about us here: tortwortharboretum.org

Next events:

- **19th November - Autumn Colour Visitor Day**
- **9th December - Wreath Making Workshop**
- **16th December - Evergreen Visitor Day**

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