

5 Villages VA Live



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Ever played golf?

I know, "a good walk spoiled" and other such comments. I must admit I quite enjoyed it the few times I've had a go. Most people play golf on a golf course, but we've had visitors playing it in our garden. What's worse is that they don't replace the huge divots so our grass (I like to call it a lawn) looks like it's been badly ploughed.



The culprits aren't up and coming Tiger Woods but large black and white badgers looking for worms and other tasty morsels which live in our place. I try putting them off with fences (oops-I believe that might be illegal!) but somehow they find a way through. I could put up with the grass looking a mess but I do object to their love of broad beans and sweetcorn. We went on holiday at the beginning of September and returned to a flattened vegetable bed with a few sweetcorn stumps left for us to enjoy.

Like so many things they come in waves. No sign of them for months then in they come for their games. It made me think of the way so many things in life (maybe even life itself?) come in waves. Many of the great thinkers came up with Wave Theories; Newton, Einstein, and Huygen (whose theory of how light travels is the one accepted these days).

My theory (Marshall's Theory of Life) is much wider and encompasses Life in General! I reckon you're more optimistic if you think there's another wave on the way.

We had a really talented group of bellringers in Tortworth some years ago and now we can't raise a band. Our cricket club was great fun but no longer functions. In years to come there may well be a revival; one or two people have mentioned that they might learn to ring; Sparklers play group in Falfield disappeared but now another toddler group is forming. Good luck to them.



The next wave is coming along. See how surfers wait for a wave then climb on board for a great experience.

Be ready for the next wave whatever it might be and climb aboard! I just hope those badgers don't read 5 Alive!

Fen Marshall

There's always
a reason to
smile find it!

**OCTOPUS DRAMA GROUP'S PANTOMIME
'ALICE'S ADVENTURES
IN PANTOLAND'**

**Christ the King Hall,
Castle Street, Thornbury
8th to 11th January 2025**



Written and directed by Alison Bagnall, this pantomime promises to be a real gigglefest!

When Alice falls down a rabbit hole, she mysteriously finds herself in a magical garden filled with familiar pantomime characters such as Snow White, Peter Pan, The Pied Piper and many more. She stumbles upon a robbery and with the help of a traditional but faded Fairy Godmother,

she must find out who is guilty! Can the dotty Hatter and sleepy Dormouse, not to mention the wise but confused Caterpillar help her solve the mystery and save the adorable White Rabbit from the evil clutches of the wicked Queen of Hearts before it's "off with his head!"

There will be 5 performances:
**Weds, Thurs and Fri at 7.30pm,
Sat at 11am and 2.30pm.**

Box office opens Fri 29 November at Rosie & Rex gift shop, 32 High Street, Thornbury, on sale 9 am - 5 pm Mon to Sat

Tickets: £8 for adults and £6 for children under 18

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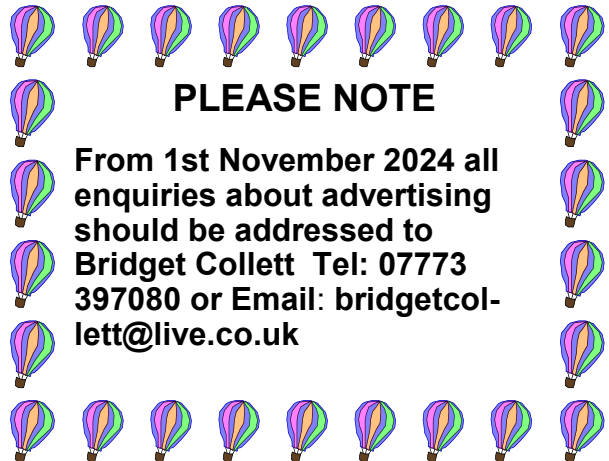
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**LEGO CLUB
at Thornbury Library**

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Singing for the Brain

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A monthly singing event for people with dementia, organised by Bristol Care Homes and Alzheimer's Society.

Tea, coffee and cakes are on the house.

Bristol Care Homes Quarry House Fishponds Glebe House Almondsbury



Singing for the Brain

Bristol Care Homes is delighted to announce the launch of Singing for the Brain, a special monthly event that we are organising in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Society. This unique initiative is designed to support people living with dementia, using the joy and power of music to spark memories, boost well-being, and create lasting connections.

Singing for the Brain is more than just a sing-along - it's a chance for people living with dementia to reconnect with cherished memories through familiar songs. Research has long highlighted the benefits of music for those living with dementia. Familiar songs can trigger memory recall, reduce anxiety, and promote emotional well-being. The act of singing together also helps foster a sense of belonging and connection, which is vital for both those living with dementia and their caregivers.

The events will take place on a monthly basis in two of the B C H care homes:

- Quarry House Care Home, Adelaide Place, Channons Hill, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 2ED
- Glebe House Care Home: 5, Sundays Hill, Lower Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4DS

We invite everyone - whether you're a resident, family member, or member of the local community - to come along and be a part of this uplifting experience. Each month, we'll gather to sing familiar songs, share stories, and enjoy the company of one another, all in a warm and welcoming environment.

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Falfield WI News - October

Gill Spiller welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Pam Benson, a new member, and Diana Mawson who was visiting us for the evening.

Congratulations were extended to Tam Stephenson and her husband Doug, on their 60th wedding anniversary. We all send our good wishes to Amy Neal.

The AGM will be held on November 5th, our next meeting, and the competition is to decorate a wooden spoon. There is a cup to win.

On December 3th we will be making something for Christmas and members are asked to bring along a margarine container and an empty 450gm Corn Flakes box.

Our speaker was Sarah Davis who brought along some of her stained glass creations to illustrate her talk, which was called 'Stained Glass, a continuing Journey'.

Sarah does run workshops so members could have a go if they wanted to.

Next month, members who joined the mosaic class might like to bring their creations along to the meeting.



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Weds 6th November 2.30 pm
in the Schoolroom.

All are welcome.

Sandwiches, Savouries, Cakes & 'Bottomless'
Coffee/Tea Pots – only £3 pp



**Tytherington Village Hall
Committee**

**Friday 1st November
2024 at 7:30pm**

Tytherington Village Hall Annexe
<https://tythvh.org/>

Bring your own drinks Teams of 4
£2.50 per person – no need to book
It's not Mastermind, just good fun!
Prizes and a raffle

Disabled access and parking
For further information please contact Sian 07968
122551 or Sam 07786 860657.

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

**Rhymetime at Thornbury
Library**

**FREE Every Monday and
Friday 9.30am-10am**



View 5 Alive online

Remember that 5 Alive is available online and in colour at:

- www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk
- <https://cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrews-church>
- www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk



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**THORBURY
Art Club**

**November Club
Night is Tues 26th
November** with Jen-

tien Powell - a Welsh artist, living and working in the beautiful countryside around Abergavenny, South Wales. Jentien loves to use collage and texture to add depth and layers to a painting. She will demonstrate how

to create a vibrant backdrop for an acrylic street scene using collage and inks. No paint-brush required!



Members free, non-members very welcome - £6 on the door, includes tea & biscuits. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Free parking on-site.

For more details visit www.thornburyartclub.co.uk.
Venue: St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, Thornbury, BS35 1DR

Summer Reading Challenge

More than 5,500 children took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge at South Gloucestershire Libraries, reading thousands of books during the school, summer holidays.

The Challenge helps increase children's reading engagement and confidence, supporting their wellbeing and helping them to thrive. Libraries and The Reading Agency partnered with leading arts charity 'Create' for this year's challenge named 'Marvellous Makers', to celebrate children's creativity and storytelling abilities.

Primary school children from across South Gloucestershire took part by reading books of their choice during the holidays and collected incentives including free swim vouchers, and packets of seeds to plant. There was also a mini challenge which was specially designed for pre-school children to help prepare them for their first day at school.

Summer Reading Challenge volunteers were on hand throughout the summer to encourage and support children taking part. Rhiannon Hines, who volunteered this year said: "As a volunteer I have been able to pass on the wonders of books to children. The Summer Reading Challenge is a beautiful adventure."



A special event was held at Bradley Stoke Library to meet a group of local children and present them with medals and certificates.

Enjoy a free hot drink in Thornbury library!

**Available Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri
10.30am-4.pm**

Use the computers or use your own iPad, phone etc. (wifi available)

Read a book, a newspaper, browse the shelves, enjoy a communal puzzle or just relax

All members of Cromhall Shop and Post Office Association

are invited to a

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

on Sunday 24th November

in Cromhall Village Hall at 2.00pm

Purpose of the meeting:

To finally agree the future of the shop

Copy for January 2025 edition of 5 Alive

Wherever possible, could contributors please send material for January's edition together with their December copy?

I am now due to have my knee replacement on 3rd December and would like to be able to get January's magazine sorted in good time. Failing that, the January edition may be late or items delayed until February.

Kay

Tortworth Parish Meeting

Tuesday 3rd December

7pm in the Estate Office

Catch up with what's going on in Tortworth and the surrounding area. Have your say. It's always an open meeting so everyone who lives in Tortworth is welcome.

It'll nearly be Christmas so there might even be a mince pie!

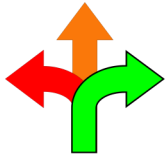
St James's 100+ Club Harvest Draw

1st - no 140 S Unwin; 2nd - no 38 J Brock
Joint 3rd - no 164 John Williams, no 21 S Mann & no 24 S Edmonds.

This is the final draw for 2023/24 and the PCC would like to thank all who have supported this fund-raising club.



The 2024/25 club is being launched and we hope that you will continue to support us. If you are not a member and would like to join please contact Val Johnson - valj475@gmail.com.



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Thornbury Volunteer Centre Christmas Table Top Sale



**Thornbury Methodist Church Hall
Sat 2nd November 10am-1pm**

*Visit us to find that elusive Christmas present, choose from vintage garden/carpentry tools, cards, local produce, hand-made gifts and crafts.
Try your luck in our giant Christmas raffle.*

*Also serving teas, coffees and homemade cakes.
Free entry.*



TYTHERINGTON VILLAGE CALENDAR 2025

**The calendar is now
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village shop.**

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The Keepers Hub on email thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com
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Falfield baby & toddler group



To all
babies and pre-school children
in Falfield and the surrounding area,
ask an adult you know to bring you
along to

**Falfield Village Hall
on Wednesday
mornings between
9.30 - 11.30am
beginning on 6th November**

You will have lots of toys to play
with, then we will make
you and the adults a
drink and snack.



Please ask your adult to bring
£2 cash for you both, then 50p for
each additional child and 50p for each
additional adult who comes with you.

St. Andrew's, Cromhall



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

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 07875 560988

Tytherington: John Williams 01454 412515 or Phil Coward 01454 281444

If they are unavailable, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. 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 areadean@wottondeanery.org.uk or Tel. **01453 709859**

Cromhall

Sun 10th **10.50am Remembrance Service**
 Sun 17th 9.30am Holy Communion

.... and one for the diary - Sunday 15th December 4.00pm, service of carols and readings for the festive season with Oldland Brass Band. All welcome!

Falfield

Sun 10th **10 50am Remembrance Service**
 Sun 17th 10 30am Holy Communion

Rockhampton

Sun 24th 10.30am Holy Communion

Tortworth

Sun 3rd 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 10th **10.45am Remembrance Service**
 No 3rd Sunday service on 17th
 Sun 1st Dec 10.30am Holy Communion

Tytherington

Sun 3rd 10.30am Joint service at the Baptist Church
 Thurs 7th 9.30am Said Communion
 Sun 10th **10.45am Remembrance Service**
 Sun 17th 10.30am Holy Communion

Please note change of service times for Sunday 10th November



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Changes to staffed library hours

From 4th November there will be changes to our staffed hours and activity times.

Our staffed days will still be the same:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday however times will change.

Our website www.southglos.gov.uk/find-a-library
will list the new hours from Monday 4 November.

You will also be able to find them on Google from
Sunday 3rd November.

Young Persons' Concert at the URC



United Reformed Church,
Chapel Street,
Thornbury BS35 2BA
Sunday 10th November
3.00pm

Tickets: £7.50 or £5 for under 16s.
Tea and cakes will be served in the interval.
Contact AAGThornbury@gmail.com
or 01454 850933

Pianist, singer and raconteur, Michael Lunts,
from the Armstrong Arts Group team, presents a
concert featuring a number of
highly talented young musicians.
Their impressive and gifted perfor-
mances will delight and amaze you.



Computer Support 1-1 at Thornbury Library

Book a session with our computer volunteer for IT
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Every Thursday
10am, 11am, 12 noon
NB Change of time



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ESTATE



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A book group for everyone at Thornbury Library

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 1st November 2pm - 3pm

Tat3

will meet on

Wed 6th November
at 3pm in Cromhall Village Hall
for tea and a chat



All senior citizens living in and around Cromhall are welcome.

Newcomers are always welcome.

If you would like to be picked up, please let me know.

Ann - 01454 294200

Setting the Christmas mood,

Kim Cypher, saxophonist,

presents

a

JAZZY FESTIVE SPECIAL

Christ the King Church Hall, Castle Street, Thornbury on



Saturday 14th December at 7.30pm

Kim will captivate you in a spellbinding performance, sharing positive energy through her music and audience repartee. Together with her highly respected quartet, Kim will return to This Jazzy Festive Special showcasing original music from her new album, "Catching Moments," together with a great mix of saxophone and vocal jazz, Latin, Blues, swing, funky grooves and a few festive favourites.

A regular performer on the London and UK jazz circuit, including the world-renowned Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club, she has been featured on BBC radio and won awards for music videos. Supported by Chris Cobbson – guitar, Mike Green – bass and Mike Cypher – drums, expect an exciting and exuberant performance.

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- Or by visiting wern.org.uk/southglos-village-agents

This service is available for anyone over 18 years old



Ukrainian Storytime at Thornbury Library

Mondays at 4pm

Tell your Ukrainian family, friends, and colleagues, about Zoya, a Ukrainian teacher, who will be in the library to share stories, reading, etc, from the Ukraine.

Coffee morning

in aid of

Cardiac Risk in the Young

Saturday 2nd November

10.15am - 12.15pm

Tytherington Village Hall

Enquiries to Rita Ponting 07881 888538.

Everyone welcome



St Leonard's Soup Lunches

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the soup lunches in aid of The Leprosy Mission held at St Leonard's, Tortworth. Despite the inclement, not to say stormy weather which accompanied one of the lunches, a total of £332 was raised.

As well as good company, there was a lovely variety of home-made soups and bread on offer.



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IN BROADCAST TELEVISION
(1965 – 1991)**



with William Oxenham

IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM
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3 rd	Joint Service at Chapel [Revelation 21:1 – 7]	<i>Brian</i>
10 th	REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE {St James 10:45}	
17 th	'Faithfulness & Goodness' [3 John]	<i>Brian</i>
24 th	'Temptation & Resilience' [Jude]	<i>Brian</i>

***Service will include Holy Communion**

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

Everyone welcome



Artist's impression of a new Armstrong Hall - photo by Steve Dimond (Image: Steve Dimond)

Armstrong Hall Joint Statement 1/10/2024

The Armstrong Hall Trust and Thornbury Community and Arts (TCA) are pleased to announce a speedy and constructive start to the process of investigating the reopening of the Armstrong Hall Complex in Chapel Street.

The Armstrong Hall was closed during the Covid lockdown in 2020. Being already in need of a costly upgrade, it has remained shut since then.

The Armstrong Hall Trust undertook an appraisal of options to reintroduce a performance facility to the town. When a generous donor offered money which would enable restorative work to commence on the Armstrong Hall, the Trust decided to work with the Thornbury Community and Arts (TCA) Community Interest Company to progress the refurbishment project, and also the operation of the facility once restored.

The Trust now has a working group of delegates who will ensure that plans for the Complex are fully compliant with all current safety regulations, while supporting TCA to achieve these standards.

In the meantime, TCA is establishing an appropriate organisational structure to manage the planning not only of the short-term building restoration, but also the reopening and operation of the community-led business which will run it for the benefit of the town and surrounding area.

During this initial investigation and planning stage, it won't be possible to predict a date for the reopening, as it will depend largely on the work which needs to be done on the buildings. A building surveyor has already paid a first visit, and they will propose a process for undertaking a full inspection.



November 16 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Autumn Colour Visitor Day

Tortworth Forest Centre Tortworth Arboretum, Off Tortworth Road
Join us on 16th November for a self-guided walk through the tranquil Dell of Tortworth Arboretum.

This month we're celebrating the glorious colours of Autumn as the arboretum puts on a stunning display of red, orange and golden leaves.

Get Tickets Free – £20.00



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Thornbury Foodbank Shopping list

We have a good stock of the following items thank you: **Washing up liquid, tins of hot and cold meat, tinned vegetables**
Stock is running low on the following items, (items in bold are in short supply):

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Shampoo | Soap/Shower gel |
| Children's toothpaste | Male and female deodorant |
| Savoury snacks | Washing capsules |
| Tinned potatoes | Tea bags (40s) |
| Fruit Juice | Coffee |
| Squash | |
| Pasta Sauce | |

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

Donations can be placed in the basket at

- Tesco
- Coop at Thornbury Fields
- Morrisons Oakleaze Road
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Wednesday 27th November 2024

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Carol Service

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 22nd December
 6pm
 at St Oswald's,
 Rockhampton**

Charity to provide free Pension Credit advice sessions as Winter Fuel Payment rules change

Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire will provide a series of drop-in sessions around Pension Credit. It follows the news Winter Fuel Payments will only be made to those receiving Pension Credit or other means-tested benefits. The three sessions will be held at the charity's office in Kennedy Way, Yate, BS37 4DQ

Pensioners who are concerned about the changes to the Winter Fuel Payment will be able to attend free advice sessions on Pension Credit. Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire is responding to increased interest from the public around Pension Credit by offering three drop-in sessions. These will allow anyone who is struggling and worried about losing the Winter Fuel Payment the opportunity to speak to a trained Adviser about Pension Credit.

Pension Credit is a benefit for pensioners on a low income, which brings their weekly income up to a minimum amount. Receiving Pension Credit also unlocks the Winter Fuel Payment – which is now available only to pensioners on means-tested benefits.

The payment is usually worth £200 to £300 and from 1997 to this year was universal – meaning it was made to all pensioners with some exceptions. But the Government has now changed the rules as part of efforts to cut the deficit.

Pension Credit is under-claimed nationally. The Policy In Practice organisation estimates there was £2.2 billion worth of Pension Credit unclaimed across Britain last year. It estimates there were 2,188 missed Pension Credit claims in South Gloucestershire alone - worth £5.2 million.

Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire has seen a 65% increase in enquiries about Pension Credit since the announcement of changes to the Winter Fuel Payment compared to the same period last year.

The charity wants to give pensioners all the help they need to access Pension Credit and the Winter Fuel Payment if they are eligible.

- **The sessions are completely free and will run from the charity's office in Kennedy Way, Yate, BS37 4DQ at the following dates and times:**
- **Friday 8th November 2pm-4pm**
- **Friday 6th December 2pm-4pm**

Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire's Chief Executive Office Chantal Watts said: "We know many people are concerned about the changes to the Winter Fuel Payment and want to know how they can access Pension Credit. We are holding these drop-in sessions to give pensioners the specific help they need around claiming Pension Credit. **If you are eligible for this benefit it's important you claim it as it opens up other support such as the Winter Fuel Payment.**"



Romy Gill's India
Thurs 5th December at 7pm
Romy Gill MBE,
Chef, Broadcaster, and Author will give a
Cookery Demonstration
at
St Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury
in support of CRUK



There will also be a chance to taste her recipes and purchase her new book.

Admission by ticket only: £10 each
Available from Betty on 01453 843802 or any CRUK Committee member that you know.



ST. MARY'S MUSIC
Sunday November 17th
at
St Mary's Church, Thornbury
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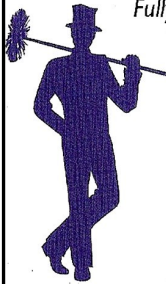
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Visit <https://fascinating-rhythm.com/events/sing-happy-in-harmony/> for more information and to book. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just looking to try something new, this vibrant group welcomes you to join their journey.



Alveston Gardens Association

Alveston Jubilee Hall 7.30pm

Monday 4th November

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Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 6th we have a speaker from the London City Mission in the hall and on zoom. 13th and 27th we meet all together on zoom. 20th we meet in various homes in the area for bible study and prayer.

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

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 12th at 7.00pm. Come along and join a friendly group of ladies as we work on our own crafts and chat over a cup of tea.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 9th November at 9.15. Enjoy a hearty cooked breakfast followed by a talk by David Frampton on Sat 7.

Verses of the year for 2024: *“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.”* Philippians 1: 9-11

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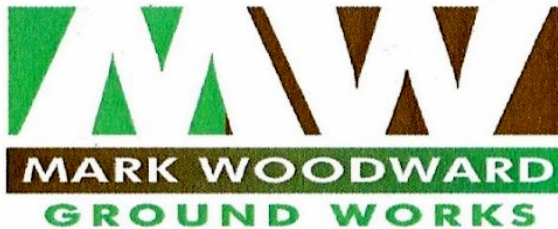
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From Cromhall Allotment Charity..... “Why don’t I get the Allotment vouchers at Christmas?” ... a question I’m sure a few Cromhall residents think or may be asked by a neighbour. The answer is simple - the charity is just not aware of you.

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

Soup & Ploughman's Lunch



**on
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THORNBURY AND DISTRICT u3a

Coffee Morning

Porch House, Castle Street

10:30 on Saturday 9th November.

Members and Non-members are welcome.

Some u3a groups will be represented and will be happy to answer questions.

Please do come along to meet other people and have a coffee and chat.

NB – For Members with NO email address
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Community Cinema Club

FalFilm in December

THE POLAR EXPRESS. This will be shown at 4.00pm on **SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER.**

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THORNBURY CHORAL SOCIETY NOVEMBER CONCERT

The first concert of the 2024/2025 season takes place on

Saturday, November 30th at 7.30pm

in
St. Mary's Church, Thornbury, BS35 1HQ

The Christmas Oratorio

by J.S. Bach

As usual, the choir will be conducted by Steven Kings and the orchestra will be the Thornbury Camerata.

The soloists are:-Corinne Hart (Soprano), David Whitworth (Alto), Ilya Aksionov (Tenor), William Drakett (Bass), and Matthew Bale (Continuo)

Tickets prices: £18 (pre-booked) £20 (on the door) and £5 (under 18s) available from members and from Horders stationers (after Nov 16th) or email

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Grant-Giving Programme 2024/5 – Thornbury and District League of Friends

Thornbury and District League of Friends has now

celebrated **THREE** very successful years of community grant awards and support. Since the closure of Thornbury Hospital at the end of 2018 we have also continued to support the Outpatients in St Mary Centre.

Examples of grant recipients to date: Jigsaw; Haven Memory Café; Krunch; Phase; Great Western Air Ambulance; Thornbury Community Permaculture Project; Lip-reading classes: St Mary's School PTA.

This year's grant-giving programme encourages local organisations to apply for a grant towards any health-related project supporting our charitable aims for which they might need our financial assistance. We welcome your interest and will consider all requests carefully.

The 2024/5 programme will operate as follows:

- **15 November:** Last date for Grant Application submission;
- **21 November:** Announcement of Grants awarded.

In the meantime **please contact Andrea** for further information regarding the above programme (e: abates1101@msn.com).

The last event of the year will be our **AGM on Thursday 21 November** (St. Mary's Church Hall, 7.30pm).

We do need several more active members to help us put on future events, so if you are interested in assisting in ANY way please contact Andrea.

We look forward to another rewarding year of supporting health and wellbeing in our local community.

NB: FOR NEWS OF FUTURE EVENTS/UPDATES PLEASE SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



Peter Scott

"The Man Before the Trust"

A talk by Claire Rees from WWT

St. Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Road, Thornbury, BS35 1DR

Saturday November 30th at 7.30pm

Tickets: £7.50 to include tea or coffee and cake after the talk.

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On the Border

Back in August I received an email from a lady who was investigating her family's roots in this part of the country. Her great, great grandmother had lived in Falfield for the last ten years of her life and she contacted me to see if I knew where her home, Rose Cottage, had been situated. Indeed I did know where Rose Cottage was and still is.

Rose Cottage stands at the northern end of the village, firmly facing Falfield with its back to Stone. Despite looking to many people as though it might be the perfect location for the natural division between the two villages, this is not so, and the first few houses which look as though they are in Stone, are actually in Falfield.

The stretch of open road going north from Green Farm, is known locally as The Holloway. Whether this name developed to describe the actual area is difficult to ascertain but it does seem possible that before the A38 was widened to the degree it is now, this could well have been a hollow way. Several of those who lived in the village in times past have related how, as children, they felt frightened when travelling along this stretch of road. Apparently the banks were high (suggesting a holloway) with trees growing on top. This understandably made the road dark and one person likened it to going through a tunnel. (A family named Holloway owned properties here in the early 1800s which might also have given rise to the name.)

Several of the houses in this area are of interest, one of them being Brand Oak, which in the first part of the twentieth century belonged to the Fowler family who were the Stone village bakers. They had originally had their business premises at the Old Post Office Cottage at the end of the churchyard wall. (now the site of newly built houses).

In the course of time, one of the Fowler family married Mervyn Malpass, a local builder, who purchased the house; they continued to live there, raising their three children, one of whom, Muriel, was a friend of my sister. She had realised through their conversations that it was a sizeable property as Muriel related what fun it was playing such games as hide and seek because the house had a front and a rear staircase. The word 'servants' sprang to mind which denoted an owner of wealth. My sister knew that there was a large orchard at the rear of the house and gradually over the years, gained the knowledge that there was a small field across the main road, opposite the house, also named 'Brand Oak'. In addition, our father said that this field had some connection with the rector of Tortworth. Eventually, Ann discovered that the rector was entitled to graze his pony there in exchange for Falfield parishioners being allowed to bury their dead in Tortworth churchyard. Prior to Falfield becoming an independent parish in the early 1860s, Tortworth was quicker and possibly easier to access than Thornbury and according to Tortworth church records, a number of Falfield villagers worshipped at Tortworth.

On one occasion when Ann had been to talk to Mr Malpass, he made a comment about the fact that Brand Oak had once been the manse (home of a non-conformist minister) but had no idea who the minister was who might have occupied it.

The house standing next door to Brand Oak, situated up the slight incline towards the layby is now apparently called 'Brand Oak Cottage'. In the 1950s it was an L-shaped property divided into two homes. One of our childhood friends once told Ann that her grandfather had told her that the property had once been a pub called 'The Flea and the Flat Iron'. Little more could be discovered about this property until one day Ann was listening to a Radio Gloucestershire programme coming from Wickwar Brewery where the man from the brewery (Ray Penny) was telling the presenter that the brewery's best seller, 'BOB' had been named from the initial letters of Brand Oak Beer. Mr Penny, apparently lived at one time at Brand Oak Cottage. When looking to name the new brew, the name of his home was used, - very aptly! Following a telephone conversation with him, he informed her of an arched cellar at the premises. He also told her that the owners of 'Brand Oak' (the house) believed that it had once been a coaching inn. So, as is often the case, she found some answers but also many more questions.

The frequency of inns in bygone days along what is now the A38 was a feature of this main turnpike route from north to south. Travellers needed accommodation and refreshment and horses needed to be changed. Newport, near Berkeley, had numerous inns, positioned as it was half way between Bristol and Gloucester.

It would be interesting to know when the inn or inns closed and had a change of use - perhaps once railways made travel more comfortable than a coach and horses.

By this time, the frequency of men consuming alcohol at the expense of their family life, causing much poverty and distress, had become a serious problem. In an effort to remedy the situation, those on the moral high ground and with sufficient wealth, bought licensed premises and closed them down. (For example, Sir Algar Howard bought a large inn at the top of Thornbury High Street called The Beaufort Arms and turned it into the Temperance Hotel and Coffee Tavern. The site later became Thornbury Picture House, which itself has now long since gone.)

In the case of Brand Oak, Ann wondered if the Earl of Ducie purchased it to provide a home for the minister of Mount Pleasant Chapel before building the purpose-built house next door to it. This chapel was a Congregational establishment and was attached to the Congregational Chapel in Thornbury. Therefore, the word 'manse' would be applicable.

It appears that for the Fowler family living almost in Stone, the nearest Congregational chapel was at Mount Pleasant in Falfield. It was reported that up until the late 1930s, Miss Fowler, who was apparently an elderly lady (usually dressed entirely in black) walked every Sunday, in all weathers, from The Holloway to Mount Pleasant Chapel at to worship. She would have been Mrs Malpass's spinster aunt.

According to Jean Young's research for her book about Stone, 'A Parish Not Independent', these properties on the Stone/Falfield border in the 1600s were part of a much larger inn called 'The George', which gradually became split up into smaller units.

Most of those who might have been able to answer our questions have long since gone and sometimes we are tempted to put two and two together and arrive at five, which is most frustrating, but it keeps us occupied on cold winter nights!

Kay Rea

Cromhall 100 Club

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

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