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Celebrate your birthday with a party in church!!

When did you think of seriously giving thanks for your own, or a loved one? Maybe a fleeting thought as you send a birthday message or raise a glass at a party. No, I mean actually prepare a service, come to church, (not on a Sunday) and dress to the nines to celebrate with family and friends.

St. Leonard's church recently hosted just such an event. A large Nigerian family and many friends assembled from Lagos, the USA and from around the UK. The church was packed with folk who just lived their faith with open joy, celebrating the 70th birthday of a much-respected architect working in Nigeria and the UK. In Nigerian culture it is essential to give thanks to the Lord before going on to have a whale of a party. Fen and I had the privilege of being part of this celebration.



The service, conducted by a priest from the family's church in London and one who came specially from Lagos, loosely followed our usual Holy Communion, with a somewhat rambling sermon, lengthy prayers and much natural heartfelt vocal participation by the congregation.

Sharing communion also had a party atmosphere. As Christine came to the end of the lustily sung six hymns, a keyboard player took over with current pop songs. Organising over a hundred people to take communion is not easy but herding cats may have been easier. However, I couldn't help being swept up in the experience, when we became the last communicants, joining everyone singing and dancing back to our seats.

The fashions, all incredibly special and beautiful, were fascinating. Apparently each family has a special-coloured woven fabric which only the immediate family are entitled to wear, very much like Scottish tartans, but not confined to a kilt. In this case shades of navy, white and maroon were worn by the ladies as long dresses of different designs but all chose the same style of headgear, although on other occasions some styles of headgear are far more elaborate. Surprisingly, there are no pins or fixings, just very clever folding and tucking. The men and boys wore robes of the same fabric and everyone else tended to wear matching colours or pure white, although a few ladies had embroidered beaded dresses that would not have been out of place in Hollywood! And the shoes!! A professional photographer roamed throughout capturing the whole event!



We laugh about 'Tortworth time' when the service doesn't start on time, but this beat even our tardiness, starting forty-five minutes late! We also jest that we are waiting for the charabanc to arrive, well it was true that day as Applegates transported the guests on two trips from Tortworth Court. Christine drew the short straw, performing a marathon on the organ for over an hour before the service; two hours and fourteen hymns later, she appeared from her eyrie looking slightly shell shocked!

Tortworth has never seen the like, nor will again I guess. It was a delight to have been there and been able to offer our church which was greatly appreciated and the building much admired. (Some photos are on the notice board in church and the photo on this page is available in colour if you look at 5Alive online.)

Hilary Legg

a reason to
smile ... find it!

The Tytherington Churpels
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Thursday 17th October @ 7:30 p.m.
Friday 18th October @ 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 19th October @ 7:30 p.m.

at Tytherington Village Hall

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Coffee Morning
at
Falfield Village Hall

Saturday 26th October 2024
10.00 am - 12.00 noon



Coffee/tea and cake £3

Proceeds to St George's Church

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Singing for the Brain

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On the day -	£7.00 per child.

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



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**Tytherington Baptist Church
AFTERNOON TEA**

Weds 2nd October 2.30 pm
in the Schoolroom.

All are welcome.

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Coffee/Tea Pots – only £3 pp



**Tytherington Village Hall Committee
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Friday 1st November 2024 at 7:30pm

Tytherington Village Hall Annexe
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Teams of 4

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860657.

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



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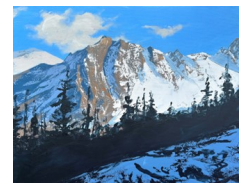
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THORBURY Art Club Sat. November 2nd Painting Workshop
with David Johnson
at Turnberries Community Centre Bath Road,
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Learn techniques to paint 'Dramatic Winter Landscapes' in oils and acrylics.

This should be a fun, all-day workshop, 10am- 4pm, only £40.



For more information and to book a place see website: www.thornburyartclub.co.uk, email publicrelations.tac@gmail.com or Tel.01454 414433

Get a FREE Grand Appeal Will and support Bristol Children's Hospital

We are so lucky to have Bristol Children's Hospital covering our area. It provides an unrivalled level of service when our youngsters are most in need.



Local solicitor John Baden-Daintree says, "The Bristol Children's hospital literally saved our 6 year old daughter's life – mobilising an expert team not available elsewhere. During her slow recovery we saw how The Grand Appeal charity covered the many extras that the NHS cannot - making life a bit more bearable for sick children and their families at the toughest of times"


This October our local Will experts – Simpson Solicitors – have again teamed up with The Grand Appeal.

The scheme allows you to leave a legacy to support the Children's Hospital in your Will. **As there is nothing to pay for your Will the charity hope that in exchange people will use their Will to give a small percentage of their Estate to The Grand Appeal.** That way the donation will not be taken until they have died - supporting future generations of local sick children.

There are limited places available under the scheme so book now. Then Simpson Solicitors will prepare a Will (or 2 mirror Wills for a couple) **absolutely free** to you. You will still receive their full award-winning service. They will check your home ownership for £3 and advise you on optional extras such as Additional Trust Protection and Powers of Attorney.

Michelle Baden-Daintree says "I hope many people will take advantage of the scheme and leave a generous gift in their Will to the Grand Appeal. Call our friendly team on **01454 412 278** saying you'd like to make a **Grand Appeal Scheme Will**. Then by leaving a donation in your Will, you can gift a sick child a brighter future."



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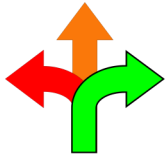
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Alveston History Society

Weds 23rd October 2024

The Vale of Berkeley Railway

Presented by a member of the preservation society

7.30pm at Alveston Methodist Church



There is a charge of £5 for visitors (includes coffee and biscuits)



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.

THORNBURY Art Club

Club Night is Tues 22nd October

Mark Warner is visiting. Mark is an experienced artist and tutor who works from his studio in North Shropshire. Mark will show examples of his sketchbooks/paintings and explain how his sketching influences the way he paints.

Using acrylics, Mark will explain his application of colour, line and contrast within a landscape composition showing how he builds up layers within a painting.



Members free, non-members very welcome - £6 on the door, includes tea & biscuits. 7.15 for 7.30pm until 9.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, Thornbury, BS35 1DR

For more details visit www.thornburyartclub.co.uk, www.facebook.com/ThornburyArtClub, email publicrelations.tac@gmail.com or Tel.01454 414433

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.

Tytherington Village Hall

Tytherington Village Hall would like to thank Tytherington Quarry for the generous donation of tarmac to re-surface the Hall car park.



We would also like to thank M.J. Brock Ltd for arranging to transport the material to the Hall. In view of the numbers of people joining the village recently, the Village Hall committee would like hear from new and energetic villagers, willing to help with organising future events at the Hall.



Thornbury Choral Society rehearses for November concert

Rehearsals are now well underway for the Choral society's next concert. Under their conductor, Steven Kings, the choir will be performing Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" accompanied by the Thornbury Camerata.

The concert will take place at St. Mary's Church, Thornbury on Saturday, November 30th at 7.30pm.

We do hope you will come to hear this magnificent work.

For further information regarding this or other forthcoming events, or about joining the society please contact our web site:-

www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk

ST PETER'S HOSPICE

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group

'Autumn Leaves' Tea in

Rockhampton Village Hall on

Sunday 27th October 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Home made cakes, Jams,

Pickles and Chutney, Books,

Raffle, Christmas Cards.



Entrance: £3.00 to include a cup of tea/coffee and piece of cake!

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



Falfield WI News

Falfield members have a good crowd of birthdays in September and quite a few of them serve on the committee. But we are always looking for new folk and new ideas to join. Our AGM is coming up soon, so members were asked to volunteer for the committee.

Those who went on the trip to Exmouth with Applegates really enjoyed their day out. This format is much easier than booking our own coach and there are quite a few different places to visit.

Members were encouraged to bring along shoe boxes and contents to the October meeting for the Shoe Box Appeal.

We have a Mosaic workshop on the 9th October in the village hall and a card-making afternoon on the 16th October.

Our speaker for the evening was Keri Johnson who spoke to us about Colour Analysis and Personal Styling.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 1st October will include a talk about Stained Glass. As usual, we meet in Falfield village hall at 7.30pm and visitors are always welcome.

I would like to congratulate the Cromhall Flower Show committee on putting on the recent Show. Thank you especially to James Imrie for arranging meetings and acting as treasurer.

I was concerned earlier in the year that it might not happen, but the committee did an excellent job.

Despite the overcast weather, the attendance was good, demonstrating that locals appreciate all the effort put in to make it a success. Well done!

Peggy Collett

*Congratulations and
Thank 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 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 areadean@wottondeanery.org.uk or Tel. **01453 709859**

Cromhall

Sun 13th 9.30am **Harvest service** with Holy Communion led by Rev'd Rob Axford (Suitable harvest food donations etc will be donated to the local food bank.)
 Sun 20th 9.30am Eucharist led by Rev. D Powe

Falfield

Sun 13th 10.30am Holy Communion led by Rev David Powe
 Sun 20th 10.30am **Harvest Festival**

Rockhampton

Sun 27th 10.30am Holy Communion

Tortworth

Sun 6th 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev Rob Axford
 Sun 20th 10.30am **Harvest Festival** (Donations etc will be donated to the local food bank.)
 Sun 3rd Nov 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev Rob Axford

Tytherington

Thurs 3rd 9.30am Said Communion
 Sun 6th 10.30am Joint service at St James'
SAT 19th 7.00pm HARVEST SUPPER (BRING & SHARE) in CHURCH
 Sun 20th 10.30am **Harvest Communion** with Rev Ian Gardner
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The church will employ a professional waller to train you up and following that, you can do the work whenever it suits you, with no cost to you other than your time, your effort and your new skill!

If you are at all interested please email the church wardens (Ann and Stephen) at

churchwarden@saintandrewscromhall.org.uk
(this address goes to both).

There is also another course, in the use of lime mortar and teaching masonry skills, being run by the Diocese at St.Saviour's Church, Redbrook, Gloucestershire (NP25 4LY) which is led by four experienced conservators.

St.Andrew's Cromhall is prepared to pay the course fee for someone who is willing to attend this course and who will then lead work/repairs on our church.

But you'll have to be quick to reply, the course starts on 4th October 12.00noon and ends on 6th October 12.00noon. Please contact Stephen Youngs, churchwarden, asap on 01454 300260, 07735 396775, if you are interested - a place has already been secured!

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



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U3a THORNBURY & DISTRICT

Have you recently retired or reduced your commitments leading up to retirement? Are you new to the area and looking to make new friends? Thornbury u3a promotes keeping us mentally and physically engaged and active in an enjoyable and friendly atmosphere. "Learn, Laugh and Live" is the u3a motto and aims to provide opportunities for members to do so without having to travel too far or enrol on expensive courses. We already have over 1,510 members and around 80 different groups meeting at various venues throughout the area but there is always room for more! The groups mainly meet during the day and range from Archaeology to Walking; some meet weekly, others less often and they include physical activities, crafts, board and card games, organised visits to gardens, concerts and theatre as well as purely "educational" topics. Details of all our groups can be found on our website [Thornbury u3a](http://Thornburyu3a.org.uk).

Our next Welcome Meeting will be held on Friday, 18 October 2024 at 3.30p.m. in St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, Thornbury, BS35 1DR. Please come along; we would love to meet you.

For further information visit our website [Thornbury u3a](http://Thornburyu3a.org.uk) or for membership enquiries membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk



Have you read?

Have You Read...?"

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 4th October 2pm - 3pm

Alveston Gardens Association

Alveston Jubilee Hall 7.30pm

Monday 7th Oct

Ponds & Water Features with Philip Aubury

All welcome - Visitors (£3)



Tat3

will meet on

Wed Oct 16th

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



Coffee morning

in aid of

Cardiac Risk in the Young
Saturday 2nd November 2024

10.15am - 12.15pm

Tytherington Village Hall

Enquiries to Rita Ponting
07881 888538.

Everyone welcome



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- Emailing june@wern.org.uk
- 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.

Presented by the Armstrong Arts Group

“Mozart by Candlelight”

on Friday 11th October 7.30pm

United Reformed Church, Chapel Street, Thornbury BS35 2BA

Tickets (to include an interval drink) £20 from AAGThornbury@gmail.com or 01454 850933

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The penultimate draw of 2024 will be at 11am on Friday 29th November.

Mandy Bird (01454 294186)

ST JAMES' CHURCH TYTHERINGTON 'IN MEMORY' SERVICE 2024 WEDS 30th OCTOBER at 7.00pm

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A CANDLE LIT AT THIS SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT VAL (email

valj475@gmail.com)
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**BY SUNDAY 27th
OCTOBER**





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6 th	Joint Service at St James' [James 1:19 - 27].	<i>Val & Brian</i>
13 th	'Faith In The Lord' [1 John 5:1 – 5 & 13 – 15]*	<i>Brian</i>
20 th	'Steadfast In Faith' [2 John]	<i>Brian</i>
27 th	DEDICATION SERVICE {Holly Morgan}	<i>Brian</i>

***Service will include Holy Communion**

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

Falfield Parish Council

After the summer break where there was no meeting in August, Councillors met on Monday 16th September. During public participation a number of issues were raised which included overgrown hedges encroaching on the pavement; and an uneven section of A38 resulting in noise from passing traffic, especially empty quarry vehicles. Also, a parishioner commented on the new electricity poles which have been erected on the corner of the Cotswold Homes development asking whether their overall height could be reduced. Cllrs agreed to make the Planning Officer dealing with this development aware.

There was a larger than normal number of planning applications to consider, including two applications for HMP Eastwood Park which the Council had previously commented on but had been made aware that revised drainage plans had been submitted. Cllrs agreed to respond requesting that, as the stream adjacent to the site was within a flood zone, a survey should be undertaken to establish that it could take additional surface and storm water from the sites. Also, it was noted that one drawing had been amended showing less density of Landscape Trees/Woodland on the boundary with the dwellings at Eastley Close and Church Avenue than had been shown on the original plans.

Cllrs also agreed to make comments on the National Highways - Charfield Developments Full Mitigation Scheme Assessment for Junction 14 of the M5 in relation to the two proposed largescale housing developments in Charfield and their potential effect on this junction. Cllrs were concerned that the proposals set out within the scheme were not adequate to meet the future needs of this junction.

A grant application had been received from the newly formed Falfield Baby and Toddler Group. This was discussed and Cllrs agreed to award £1,500.00 from the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy Income. This would be used to cover the Group's initial set-up costs and on-going rent and insurance.

A written report had been received from the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee which confirmed that remodelling of the small hall to create a mezzanine floor with larger and updated meeting facilities was due to start on 2nd October.

A number of highways issues were raised along with concerns that previous issues raised with StreetCare were not being acted upon and closed out in a timely manner.

The next meeting of the Council will take place in the Village Hall on **Monday 21st October at 7.30pm.**

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| Savoury snacks | |
| Tinned potatoes | Soap |
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| Squash | deodorant |
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- Morrisons Oakleaze Road
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Annual Autumn Fayre raising funds for Cancer Research.

**Saturday October 19th
 at St. Helen's School, Alveston
 10am - 12.30pm**

Free entry with tea and coffee available. Various stalls. Christmas goods and Xmas cards for sale.

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ST. MARY'S MUSIC OCTOBER CONCERT

Our performers will be

The Thornbury Clarinet Choir.

The aim of this ensemble is to explore the wide variety of music available to Clarinet choirs. They have a range of different sized instruments from very small to very large so I am sure that this will be an interesting and informative afternoon.

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Rockhampton Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th August was attended by all five Councillors and Ward Councillor Tony Williams with Ward Councillor Matthew Riddle giving his apologies.

In his report Ward Cllr Williams indicated that car parking charges for all car parks in the ownership of South Gloucestershire Council were expected to be rolled out from early 2025 onwards. Further information would be available within the coming weeks. There would be an element of free parking, but final details were not known at the present time.

Under highways the issue of uncut grass verges in certain parts of the village being a potential safety hazard was discussed. Information received prior to the meeting from Ward Cllr Riddle indicated that they were due to be cut before the end of August. It was noted that further speed monitoring would take place in the coming weeks.

Cllr Phillips provided information on the planned Village Maintenance Group. Cllr Cullimore commented that although the Council's insurance policy included cover for volunteers, he requested that the Council's insurers were contacted, and written confirmation requested of its limitations. Cllr England also suggested that the cover for volunteers set at £100,000 could be increased and requested the Clerk to enquire from the Insurers what the additional cost to the Council would be. Until this information was available the Council were not in a position to agree to cover this working party.

It was agreed that the Autumn Litter pick would take place on 26th October between 11am and 1pm (see poster on page 19 for more information).

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Monday 11th November** in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

J Carpenter, Clerk & RFO
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**Annual General Meeting
Thursday 24th October 7.00pm,
Cromhall Village Hall
All Welcome**

OCTOPUS DRAMA GROUP SEEKING BACKSTAGE HELP FOR 2025 PANTOMIME

Thornbury's award winning Octopus Drama Group, currently in its 53rd year, has just started rehearsals for their forthcoming pantomime 'Alice's Adventures in Pantoland' which will be performed from 8th to 11th January 2025 at Christ The King Church Hall in Thornbury. Written and directed by Octopus's long standing member Alison Bagnall, this is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Oh yes it is!!

Octopus Drama Group is a fun-loving, hard-working and sociable drama group and currently we are looking for people to help with backstage tasks. Amateur dramatics is a wonderful hobby to get involved in, both on and off stage. Whether you are a newcomer to the town or a well-established resident who is looking to try something new where you can make a real difference and be part of something wonderful, do get in touch as we would love to hear from you. You would be most welcome.

For more information on ways to help backstage, please contact Karen on 01454 413783.



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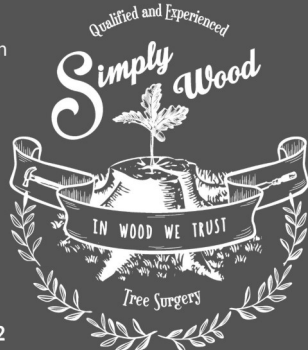
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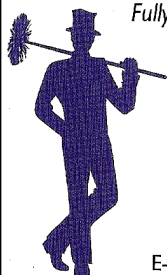
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9.30am on Sunday Oct 13th
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13 th	(10.30am) Steve Wilmshurst	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
20 th	(10.30am) Ed Stuart	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
27 th	(10.30am) Peter Cresswell	(6.30pm) Simon Carey

Tuesday half hour of prayer on zoom: 1st, 15th and 29th at 7.00pm. 8th and 22nd at 9.30am.

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 2nd and 16th we meet in various homes in the area for Bible Study and Prayer. 9th and 30th we meet all together on zoom. 23rd Members' Meeting and AGM.

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 8th 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.

Ladies' Breakfast: Saturday 12th October from 9.30-11.00am – Brenda Brown will speak on *Home!* Join us for breakfast and hear about her life experiences.

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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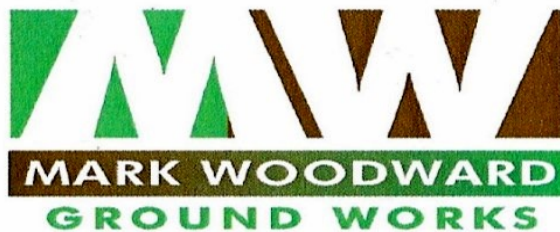
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TLM Training Nurses in India

In September The Leprosy Mission opened its first nursing college in Salur, India; a country that is home to over more than half of the world's leprosy cases.

TLM runs 14 hospitals in India, all of which need specialist nurses. 60 students started their training in September and a new intake of 60 will be admitted each



year until the capacity of 240 is reached. Priority places are given, free of charge, to young people affected by leprosy who will have a better understanding of the problems encountered by their patients.

No doubt the youngsters joining the course will be excited about training to be a nurse, but also nervous about leaving their families too - especially if they had a key role as a carer or were needed to help bring in vital income. However, these youngsters are building futures and breaking the cycle of poverty for the next generation, which will ultimately benefit more families living with the effects of leprosy.

Volunteer Fair 11 September 2024

On a cold but sunny 11th September Thornbury Volunteer Centre hosted its annual Volunteer Fair in the St. Mary Centre. 10 local charitable and community groups had stalls in the Centre with the aim of recruiting volunteers, promoting their organisations and in most cases raising funds. Thornbury Radio played throughout the morning and Town Mayor Cllr. James Murray visited and spoke to all the stallholders.

It was a very social and successful morning which attracted numerous visitors, resulting in over £130 being raised and at least 33 potential volunteers coming forward, with many more people taking away information.

Our thanks to the St. Mary Centre Management team and South Glos Council for their support of this event.



Thornbury Town Mayor, Cllr James Murray talking to representatives of Thornbury's Memory Cafe



Peter Scott
"The Man Before the Trust"

A talk by Claire Rees from WWT
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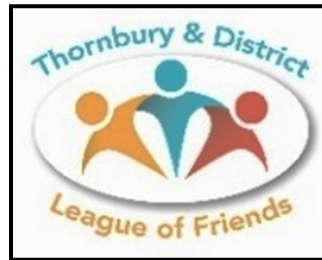
Saturday November 30th at 7.30pm

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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:

- **18 October:** Grant Programme launch event (St. Mary's Church Hall, 7.30pm);
- **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.

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The Armstrong Hall reopening project September 2024 update

There is a great deal going on towards the reopening of the Armstrong Hall, but it is just too early to tell when the venue will be ready to open to the public. It's a truly exciting and challenging project, and evidence indicates that this area, with its very many active, able and caring residents, can sustain it and benefit from it for the long term.

What's happening?

Legalities Thornbury Community and Arts (TCA) is a Community Interest Company (CIC) set up in 2022 to benefit the community, though it doesn't have full charity status and thus lacks tax relief benefits. It can negotiate leases and operate like a business, with profit restrictions.

The Armstrong Hall Charitable Trust (AHT) owns the Armstrong Hall Complex (AHC) and is managed by the Town Council. Five Councillors and three TCA representatives meet monthly to modernize and operate the facility. Once AHT is satisfied with TCA's compliance with safety and legal requirements, a lease will be drawn up, making AHT the landlord and TCA the tenant, allowing reopening works to begin. TCA plans to convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) upon reopening, qualifying for tax relief and better funding opportunities.

Project team TCA, as a CIC, has established a Project Board (PB) of three people to manage the four-year plan. The project involves reopening the AHC, establishing the business, and monitoring it for three years to achieve sustainability and restore community facilities. The PB is forming small teams and developing strategies to be ready for action.

Operating the business All aspects of operations are currently being planned. The size and layout of the venue provide excellent scope for activities to meet the needs and interests of all residents. We will be creating a business plan to test potential. In addition, a marketing team will engage with the community to identify new interests, as well as promote usage in the long run. Establishing communication channels with local entities (businesses, charities, community centres, schools, churches) will also be key.

The building The Complex has been desolate since March 2020 when the staff left. Essential roof repairs have been made, but more work is needed. Brambles have overgrown the stage door, and the parquet flooring in the main hall has lifted. Safety developments are essential before reopening. The dressing rooms may need demolition, and the building requires fresh paintwork. A building surveyor's proposal is awaited to determine the scope of work needed. Once surveys and costings are complete, the Project Board will plan upgrades for long-term sustainability. A local company with expertise and an excellent knowledge of the whole fabric of the AHC is preparing a proposal for a technical theatre service.

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