Olympics or not?

Have you, like me, been avidly watching the Olympics from Rio, yes even the obscure sports I know little about, or have you been thoroughly annoyed to turn to your favourite programme and find yet more Olympics? I feared that the whole thing was going to be mired in the so-called drug cheats and whether Russian athletes should be allowed to compete, and I have to say that the lack of spectators and flag waving in the stands during the first few days rather made me think it was going to be a damp squib.

But then we, that is GB Sport (I wonder why not UK Sport?), won the first gold, my enthusiasm started to build. The commentators, nearly all experts from past glories, have done a brilliant job of explaining to us the finer points of fencing, taekwondo and lots of other sports, even if some of them can be accused of verbal diarrhoea and definitely becoming ‘over excited’. But they do have to be congratulated on trying to steer their interviewees away from the usual answers, thanking everyone including the cat. Despite often still trying to recover from their event, careful questioning has led virtually all the competitors to remember that they are there thanks to the funding they have received from British Sporting authorities, more particularly the National Lottery. How lucky they are to be able to plan and train for four or more years doing what some of us might regard as a ‘hobby’ and which they most enjoy and excel in, without wondering whether they can afford it.

Yes, this all takes incredible dedication from the competitors and more often than not patient support from their partners and families. It seems if you are not taking it seriously by the age of seven or eight you cannot hope to win in the big time. You have to be a particular kind of person to make these sacrifices, but I have been struck this time that the bigger the star the more grateful they are. The incredibly talented Usain Bolt is a case in question; he is so aware of the aura that surrounds him and he undoubtedly plays to the crowd, but is equally happy to stop on his victory lap for selfies with fans.

As the events have concluded and we have won another medal (not medalled you note), and you hear the National Anthem and even hardened competitors have a tear in their eye, you have to be proud of the competitors from this little island and just hope that they and all their fellow competitors from whatever country have got there by dedication, hard work and no suspicious substances.......so I will continue to occasionally buy a National Lottery ticket, although I am not sure I agree with such gambling!

Congratulations to all you GB athletes whatever colour your medal - we are proud of you! Well, I am.

Hilary Legg

Let’s look forward now to the Paralympics in September!
SUNDAY 18TH
9.30am  Cromhall
Rockhampton
11.00am  Falfield
11.15am  Tortworth
11.00am  Tytherington

TRINITY 17
Eucharist
No Service
Eucharist
Morning Prayer
Harvest Eucharist

See page 14 for details of Harvest giving

SUNDAY 25TH
10.00AM
UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE
AT
ST ANDREW’S, CROMHALL

TRINITY 14

See page 14 for details of Harvest giving

Thurs 1st
9.30am  Tytherington
Said Eucharist

SUNDAY 4TH
9.30am  Cromhall
9.30am  Rockhampton
11.00am  Falfield
11.15am  Tortworth
11.00am  Tytherington

TRINITY 15
Eucharist & Baptism
Eucharist
Morning Prayer
Joint service with
Baptists at St James’

2 00—5.00PM  PICNIC & BRAMBLE
RAMBLE AT OAKHALL FARM,
SUNDAYSHILL, FALFIELD  See
page 4 for details

Tues 6th
11.00am  Tortworth
Said Eucharist

Thurs 8th
12.15pm Food for Thought
at St Leonard’s, Church, Tortworth
Please ring 01454 260364 before
10.00am if you are coming

SUNDAY 11TH
9.30am  Cromhall
9.30am  Rockhampton
11.00am  Falfield
11.15am  Tortworth
11.00am  Tytherington

TRINITY 16
Morning Prayer
No Service
No Service
Eucharist
No Service

Weds 14th
7.00pm  Embrace at St George’s, Falfield

‘Embrace’
Second Wednesday each month at
St George’s Church, Falfield,
at 7.00pm

An invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life
We invite you to create the space where the life
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tion; a time for you to embrace some of the basic
disciplines of the Christian spiritual life

BENEFICE PHONE: 01454 260096
E-MAIL ADDRESS: office@croftt.org.uk
or email Jan Leach on jan@leach13.plus.com
Churchwardens:
Cromhall:  Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200
Rockhampton:  Beth England 01454 260882 or
Margaret Oliver 01454 417685
Falfield:  Headley Pain 01454 269017
Tortworth:  Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or
Peter Reeve 01454 260549
Tytherington:  John Williams 01454 412515 or
Phil Coward 01454 281444
Visiting

Visiting is part of the Church’s Ministry. If you would like a visit from someone from the church, please call the Benefice Office and we will do our best to arrange it.

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

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

During the vacancy, please contact the Churchwardens (details on page 2) for matters concerning funerals and email the Benefice Office for enquiries about weddings and baptisms.

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

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

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

During the vacancy there will normally be a midweek Eucharist at Tortworth at 11.00am on the first Tuesday of the month but please check the pewsheet.

Tytherington are holding Eucharist on the first Thursday of the month at 9.30am but please check the pewsheet.

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

Please let the Churchwardens know if you wish us to keep someone in our prayers.

We are always grateful for donations to keep this publication going as our funding depends on advertising and the generosity of our readers.

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

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

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

Please remember to make cheques out to ‘Benefice Newsletter’.

The Churpel Society present

**Get Ready**
Performances 13th, 14th, 15th October at Tytherington Village Hall
Adults £7.50   Children £5.50
Tickets on sale on from Thursday 8th Sep from 6.00pm
Then Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Hall from 7.30pm
Box Office 01454 418553

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DROP-IN AT THORNBURY LIBRARY TO SEE A COMPUTER SUPPORT VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers are at your service – there is no charge. Monday morning (10-12) - best for quick queries on a drop-in basis. Tuesday morning 9.30am-11.30am for 45 minutes free 1:1 support which must be booked in advance at Thornbury Library. We have free WiFi - if your device is portable (e.g. laptop, iPad or similar tablet) feel free to bring it with you.
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St Andrew’s is a small Church school set in the village of Cromhall.

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We would love you to join our school!

Please come along to our Open Afternoon (2:00pm – 3:00pm) or Open Evening 6:00pm – 7:00pm, by appointment please) on Wednesday 5th October 2016 or take a look at our website.

CRoFTT BENEFICE
PICNIC & BRAMBLE RAMBLE

SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER FROM 2.00pm

Oakhall Farm, Sundayhill, Falfield

Bring a picnic and pick blackberries on this organic farm.

Soft drinks available

ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD

St James’ 100+ Club Summer Draw

1st no. 204 I Williams
2nd no. 18 K Livall
3rd no 158 S Bryant
Bonus no 69 T Fawkes

Our final draw for 2015/16 will be drawn at our Harvest Celebrations (see page 10) and afterwards we will be writing to ask you to join our 2016/17 draw.

CROMHALL FLOWER SHOW & VILLAGE FAYRE

70th ANNIVERSARY

Date for your diary: SATURDAY 3rd SEPT 2016

2016 Entertainment confirmed:

JAMMA DE SAMBA

FUN DOG SHOW

ANIMAL ANTICS

FLUFFY RETREAT FERRET RACING

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Thornbury Citizens Advice Bureau
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Telephone Advice Service: 03444 111 444 Mon to Fri 10.00 - 14.00
Drop In and Appointments: Tue & Thurs 10.00 – 13.00

GOLF DAY
A four ball Stableford competition will be held by kind permission of Thornbury Golf Centre on Friday 7th October.
Team entries are invited for a team of four at £130.00 per team.
Hot buffet following the Golf, and excellent prizes. For further information please ring 01454 417543, thank you. All profits to St Peter’s, please come along and join us.

5 Alive online
For those wishing to access 5 Alive online from a smart phone or tablet the QR code is now available and will give access to the Falfield website.
Sponsored Cycle Ride
Ride+Stride is a sponsored event organised by the Historic Churches Trust in which people all over England walk, ride, or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside from Cornwall to Northumberland. The money they raise helps to save historic churches, chapels and meeting houses for future generations by helping to fund urgent repairs and the installation of modern facilities. Ride+Stride opens the doors to some of England’s most rare and unusual churches, chapels and meeting houses.

St Leonard’s, Tortworth has been granted money from the Historic Churches Trust towards their stained glass conservation work and Fen Marshall has agreed to take part in Ride+Stride this year. 50% of what he raises in sponsorship will go towards the windows at St. Leonard’s, and 50% will go to the funds of the Trust for distribution to other projects.

His 50 mile route will include all the benefice churches as well as others such as Sharpness, Berkeley, Wickwar, and St Paul’s, the Hackett, Thornbury. In all he hopes to visit 14 churches.

If you wish to sponsor him you can send cheques directly to him or donate via the “just giving” website. Just search Fen Marshall on the “JustGiving” website and donate.

Read more about the Tortworth Stained Glass project on page 18.

Townwell Tots
Need a break?

Why not join us at Cromhall Chapel Hall?

A free drop-in where parents/carers can relax and chat whilst the children play.

Toys and refreshments available.

Short singing time and Bible story to conclude.

10am to 11.30am on 2nd and 4th Thursday of month.

Begins Thursday 8th September 2016

www.cromhallchapel.org

NB Parent/carer responsible for their children at all times.
A message from Councillor John O’Neill

Just a brief roundup of what is current in the 5Alive area:

- Cotswold Homes development at Moorslade Lane - it was anticipated that this application would be determined by the Development Control committee in September, however the Council and Highways England are still in discussion about the capacity issues of junction 14 and a response from Highways England is yet to be received, this is placing a lot of uncertainty around the September date for determination.

- An EOI (expression of interest) has been submitted on behalf of the Tortworth Estate for their garden village concept of 3000 houses at Buckover to the Department of Communities and Local Government. This currently has tentative support from the local planning authority, but would require a full assessment before proceeding any further, much will depend on the response from DCLG expected in the autumn if this proposal meets the criteria for this concept.

- Broadband continues its rollout as further funding becomes available with cabinet 11 upgraded to fibre in Falfield, there will also be further upgrades for Cromhall and Tytherington to reach more residents full details are not available at this time with Openreach still in the planning stage for these areas.

- The Council has approved its new waste strategy which will see all recyclable items collected each week and sorted at the kerbside, the change that will have the most effect on residents is the change from a 240ltr black bin to a 140ltr bin which will still be emptied fortnightly, those with medical conditions should be able to retain the larger bin and families with infants will be able to receive nappy sacks for collection outside the bin. These changes will take effect next spring, probably in June 2017.

John O'Neill, John.o'neill@southglos.gov.uk, Tel. 01454 261972

BOOKSTART BEAR CLUB STORYTIME AND RHYMETIME FOR BABIES AND PRE-SCHOOLERS

- Storytime returns from the summer break on Monday 5th September 2.15pm – 2.45pm

- Rhymetime returns on Friday 9th September 11.15am-11.45am (note new timing).

We welcome new faces – these activities are FREE and no booking is required. Breast-feeding welcome. Nappy changing facility available – please ask any member of library staff.

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We stock a wide range of locally sourced food including:

- A large range of breads and baked goods – delivered Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. (Speciality items available on request)
- Fresh meat; bacon, ham, chops and sausages - delivered Tuesday and Thursday. (You can also order from our butcher’s wide range of products)
- Homemade cakes (eat your heart out Mary Berry) delivered Wednesday and Friday.
- Fresh fruit and vegetables – delivered Thursday. (Veg. box orders placed on Wednesday morning can be picked up Thursday afternoon)
- Fresh milk, and free range eggs are also always available.

We also have a wide range of groceries from coconut milk to wine vinegar, cleaning products, greeting cards, as well as beers, wines and spirits. We can also take orders for daily newspapers and weekly magazines.

Prescriptions placed with the Wotton surgeries can be delivered to the Village shop for collection.

Best of all; if you put in an order, it will be waiting for you.

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**BRIDGE**

Learn how to play, or to improve at, this most stimulating and social of card games.

I run courses in Wotton-under-Edge. They are designed for anybody who wants to have fun, learn an enjoyable hobby and make new friends.

Come on your own or with a friend, you are assured of a warm welcome. Contact Ian Cooke on 01666 890261 or tresham.bridge@gmail.com

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**Falfield Village Hall Bookings**

To book the village hall, please email falfieldvh@gmail.com or visit the Falfield village website www.falfield.org.uk to complete a booking form online.

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**Cromhall Parish Hall & Recreation Trust AGM**

Our AGM will be held on Monday 5th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

As always, we are looking for new and enthusiastic members to join our happy committee. We have just a few meetings a year and would welcome any new faces.
TYTHERINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH
FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF ANY OF OUR SERVICES/ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT
Mr Brian Allen (Pastor)
Contact Number: - 01179 793104 Email:- allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk
SEE ALSO THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org

4 Joint Service at St James’ Val & Brian
18 GUEST PREACHER CERI MORGAN DAVIES
25 “Christian life-rules (2)” [Romans 12:14 – 21]* Brian

* SERVICE WILL INCLUDE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR OUR YOUNGER PEOPLE
N.B. ALL SERVICES COMMENCE AT 11.00AM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

‘PARENTS & TOTS’
Our ‘PARENTS & TOTS’ group will meet on Thursday September 15th. Are you a parent/grandparent of a 0 – 3 year old? If so, why not join us in the School-room at the rear of the Chapel for a time of friendship, play & refreshments. If interested please come along or, if you cannot, but are interested, contact Ren on 01179 793104

Everyone is welcome to join us.

‘FOOD FOR THOUGHT’
LUNCHES
SECOND THURSDAY
OF EACH MONTH
THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER
12.15 - 1.45pm
at
St Leonard’s Church,
Tortworth
Soup & roll £5
Please ring 01454 260364 before 10am if you are coming

COFFEE MORNING
at Daldry Gardens, Olveston on Tuesday 20th September 10.30am and 12noon
All proceeds to St Peter’s Hospice. Stalls, Bring and Buy table and raffle. Please come along and support St Peter’s, your local Hospice, we will be delighted to see you.

Food for Thought
On the second Thursday of each month an average of 12 -15 people come together for home-made soup and bread. The venue moves around the parishes of the benefice; in the Summer we meet in the churches but as the weather gets less warm, we try to meet in people’s homes if possible. (Offers of a venue are always welcome!)

Some people just join us for lunch but there is an opportunity for those who wish to stay and look at some part of the Bible. This is not a deep intellectual discussion but just a chance to look more closely at something we may have read but not thought about before. At the moment we’re looking at some of the psalms.

The £5 we each donate for the soup and roll goes to charity. Over the past twelve months we have donated around £1,000 to charities including: Practical Action, Freedom from Torture, USPG’s Rapid Response Fund for Refugees and the Church Urban Fund.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our next session at St Leonard’s church, Tortworth on Thursday 8th September starting at 12.15pm.
ST JAMES’ CHURCH
TYTHERINGTON

HARVEST 2016
BRING AND SHARE
HARVEST SUPPER

SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 7.30pm
VILLAGE HALL ANNEX
Please bring your own soft and alcoholic drinks
Further information from
John (412515) or Val (417445)

followed by
HARVEST EUCHARIST
SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER
11.00AM

Zumba Thornbury are holding their annual 3 hour Zumbathon 10-1pm on Sunday October 9th at the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury.
We invite you to collect sponsorship and do the whole 3 hours to raise money for whatever registered charity you support.
Entries can be solo or a team of up to 4 of any age.
Anyone can do Zumba – you don’t need to know the moves because it’s fun and easy-to-follow!
You can also attend and buy a ticket if you don’t want to do sponsorship and we’ll split the ticket money equally between all the charities nominated by those collecting sponsorship.
Tickets are £20 adults and £10 children.
Go to www.zumbathornbury.com and click on book a class to book your space, we’ll email you a sponsor form.
Cakes, refreshments and raffle on the day too!

Merry Mechanicals Theatre Group presents William Shakespeare’s most beloved romantic comedy. In a bewitching tale of love and fantasy, four star-struck lovers and a hapless band of would-be thespians are dragged into the feud of a warring Fairy King and Queen, with plenty of mischievous fairies on hand to make sure “the course of true love never did run smooth.” Local audience members will recognise plenty of familiar faces in the cast from various Thornbury drama societies, as well as some wonderful talent new to Thornbury.

A Midsummer Night’s Dream
at Old Down Country Park
Thurs 1st, Fri 2nd and Sat 3rd
September at 7.30pm
Bring a picnic and a picnic blanket (some seating available). Tickets (£10) will be available at RA Bennett Estate Agents on The Plain, or by phoning Sarah Cullyer on 01454 411573.

NB Change of venue
Severnside Ramblers September
Meeting point for all walks: Weekend and evening walks meet at the Blue Zone, Aztec West BS32 4TD. Friday Ambles continue to meet at the Aldi car park, Brook Way Bradley Stoke, BS32 9DA. Both are served by First Bus service 73 (please check times). We operate a car-share policy: drivers appreciate a voluntary donation towards petrol costs – suggested amount for this programme is 10p per miles plus a share of any toll or parking charges. A suggested donation for each walk is given in the programme. Times given are departure times from meeting point.

Friday Ambles: A morning sociable stroll for about 2 hours, within easy driving distance. Lifts available from Aldi meeting point. Usually optional pub or café stop at end of walk. See www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk for more details

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<td>Blaise/Kings Weston. Mostly good paths, tracks. One fairly steep climb. No stiles.</td>
<td>9.30 Aldi</td>
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<td>Helen/Howard 07815 463259</td>
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<td>Isle of Portland. Portland Bill.</td>
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<td>Sun 4th</td>
<td>Priddy. Walk in the Mendips with views of Glastonbury &amp; Wells. Wookey Hole for ice cream. Some hills to be expected.</td>
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<td>11.5 miles</td>
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<td>Northam &amp; Earthcott. Many unexplored paths in local area.</td>
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<td>Yate. Walk around Yate area. Footpaths, part of FVW &amp; Common land. Steps and 1 stile.</td>
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<td>Sun 18th</td>
<td>Mendip Sortie. Charterhouse, Beacon Batch, Long Wood, Black Rock – round of Cheddar Gorge (top) and return via Velvet Bottom.</td>
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<td>Keynsham. River Chew and Queen Charlton.</td>
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<td>Sun 25th</td>
<td>Dursley. Takes in Dursley Hill, Tynedale Monument, Wotton &amp; Breakheart Hills. Can be steep in places.</td>
<td>08.30 AW</td>
<td>10 miles</td>
<td>Ken 0117 931 5108</td>
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<td>Fri 30th</td>
<td>Wickwar – Lower Woods. Fields (some stiles), &amp; woodland – may be muddy.</td>
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<td>2hrs</td>
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DISCOVER FESTIVAL. SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2016

Join us for the Discover Festival – your chance to discover and enjoy something new throughout September and October in South Gloucestershire. Discover presents a showcase of local groups, events and places, many of which you can enjoy all year round. So whether you want to learn something new, find a hobby, meet new friends, get out and about in nature, catch a performance or explore one of our historic buildings, there’s something for you. You can just turn up to some events and some require booking. Most are free but there is a small charge for some.

Highlights at Thornbury Library include:
- **Saturday 24 September** - Meet some unusual animals up close, with Zoolab –drop-in between 10.30am-12. No booking required – free of charge.
- **Saturday 15 October** - Craft workshop: drop-in between 2-4pm and have a go at a variety of crafts. Just turn up – small charge applies for materials.
- **Wednesday 19 October 7.30pm** – An evening with best-selling author Jane Shemilt: advance booking essential, small charge applies.

For more festival highlights, pick up a brochure in your local library. To find out more or to book, go to www.southglos.gov.uk/discover. Tickets may also be purchased in person from your nearest South Glos Library. Tickets are non-refundable whether purchased online or in person. For the latest updates follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/discoverouthglos.
Thornbury Picture House – A Screen Near You! at The Cossham Hall, Thornbury.

'Samba' is a cracking start to the season on Friday 2nd September from the team behind the runaway hit 'Intouchables'. Samba is a Senegalese young man who finds himself in France without a visa hoping to legalise his situation while at the same time supporting his family back home. The adventures of Samba will make you laugh, and they will make you sad. Either way, they are a clear representation of the reality for thousands of men who are completely forgotten by the world, and who were born to struggle.

Friday 23rd September sees 'Trash', a brilliantly exciting film from start to finish. Acted by three boys recruited from the streets of Brazil shown trying to earn enough to eat from recycling plastic and tin cans. However, the significance of what the boys find as they comb through the giant mountains of trash of Rio de Janeiro is a mystery.

Membership costs £25 for the eleven film season. See: www.thornburypicturehouse.org or phone TPH Chair on 01454 414457 or pick up a leaflet from the Town Hall.

FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

July was a busy meeting which started with the co-option of a new Councillor followed by a briefing from Tortworth estate about the Buckover Garden Village Concept document. Parishioners had the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. For a summary of the briefing, comments made and questions asked please refer to the full minutes found on the Falfield website. Tortworth Estate will be holding Public workshops in September so look out for details on the noticeboard and Falfield website.

Other highlights from the meeting included the following: a meeting with Cotswolds Homes has been arranged for 28th July with any information being feedback to parishioners at the September meeting; the Parish Council's assets annual inspection and risk assessment has been completed and the Polices Sites and Places Final Submission document has been released for further consultation with everyone having until 8th September to respond. The Orchard View Green Space has been listed as a Designated Green Space in the document and the Parish Council may have a further meeting to approve any response to this consultation. Finally, you may already be aware that the Parish Clerk has resigned and the Parish Council are in the process of recruiting a new Clerk.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 20th September 2015 at 7.30 pm in Falfield Village Hall.

Dawn Bramley, Clerk to Falfield Parish Council, falfieldpc@googlemail.com

* NB change of date
SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER*
THE SWAN, TYTHERINGTON,
END OF SUMMER FETE
MUSIC, ALE AND CIDER FESTIVAL
FANTASTIC END TO THE SUMMER, LOTS OF STALLS FOR ALL THE FAMILY
SEVERAL LIVE BANDS THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND EVENING.
WE WILL BE RAISING MONEY FOR TYTHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL.
CREAM TEAS AT ST LEONARD’S, TORTWORTH

The last Cream Tea of the season will take place between 2.00 – 4.30pm on Sunday 18th September

We look forward to welcoming you

Proceeds to St Leonard’s church funds

TMTG PRESENTS ‘THE WIZARD OF OZ’

Rehearsals are in full swing for the Thornbury Musical Theatre Group’s next blockbuster show, the colourful fantasy musical ‘The Wizard of Oz’. This popular show will be loved by children and adults alike, a perfect outing for the half term.

Look out for more details in the October edition and join Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion on their journey to the Emerald City.

Wednesday 26th - Saturday 29th October at 7.30 pm
Matinées on Friday 28th & Saturday 29th at 2.30 pm
at the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury
Adults £12.50, Concessions £10.50, Family ticket for 4 £38.

On Opening Night all tickets will be on a 3 for 2 basis. Group discounts of 10% can also be arranged via our Box Office for 10+ seats. For ticket enquiries, please call Angie at the Box Office on 07516 270140.

Tickets are bookable online at www.tmtg.org.uk and will also be available at Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings at 53 High Street, Thornbury from 26th September.

For more information about ‘The Wizard of Oz’ go to our website www.tmtg.org.uk or follow us on Facebook.

A Meeting of Minds
a play with music featuring Rachmaninov’s Second Piano Concerto performed by Michael Lunts
Saturday September 17th 2016 at 7.30pm in the Cossham Hall, Thornbury
Tickets £13 (to include interval nibbles) from Thornbury Town Hall or phone 01454 412272
To raise funds for the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1)

CROMHALL HARVEST SUPPER

7pm
Cromhall Village Hall
Saturday Oct 1st
Bring & Share
Donations to Harvest charity
(See page 14 for details)
Followed by
Harvest Service
St Andrew’s Church
9.30am - Sunday Oct 2nd

All welcome
This year we have decided to support the Archbishop’s Mustard Seed Appeal with the benefice’s Harvest Festival financial contributions.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has spoken out about creating a more just financial system to help over 8 million people who are struggling with debt in the UK. Many resort to high cost loans to cover the cost of basic necessities such as food and fuel. Problem debt and exploitative lending are having a devastating effect on their physical and mental health, their families and entire communities.

Following successful pilot work in two regions, the plan is for a national roll-out to tackle the issue head-on. The Archbishop of Canterbury’s Mustard Seed Appeal is raising vital funds to make this happen.

The Church Urban fund has been asked to develop the Just Finance Network, to deliver essential financial services, training and support across England.

Churches and individuals are being encouraged to support this scheme, raising funds by Harvest, to enable the national roll-out of this invaluable initiative. We in the CRoFTT benefice want to be a part of the fundraising events for the Mustard Seed Appeal as we work together to build a just financial system.

To find out more about the scheme, go to www.mustardseedappeal.org.uk

www.juliantrust.org.uk

At the Harvest services in the Benefice we shall be collecting items for the Julian Trust Homeless Shelter in Bristol. Please give what you can to help.

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CROMHALL CHAPEL SERVICES
www.cromhallchapel.org  www.cromhall.com
Pastor: Rev. Chris. W. Crocker

SUNDAY    10.30am     Morning Worship & Young People’s Sunday Club
            6.30pm     Evening Worship

TUES     Cromhall Crafters Evening. Join us on the second Tuesday of each month for an evening of craft making. Bring your own craft or art activity and enjoy tea and conversation.
            Come and Meet Each Other

WEDS    7th Sept at 7.30pm – House group Bible Study and Prayer at various homes in the area.
            Please ring 01454 294065 for details.
            14th, 28th, Sept at 7.30pm – Bible Study & Prayer in the Chapel Hall.
            21st Sept at 7.30pm – Area Bible Study with Tim Cracknell.

THURS  8th & 22nd Sept at 10am till 11.30am in the chapel hall, a free drop-in where parents/Carers can relax and chat while the children play. Please see more details on the “Townwell Tots” flyer.

Sunday service speakers during September are:-
            4th (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) David Frampton
            11th (am) Rev David Hughes; (pm) Pastor Chris.
            18th (am) Philip Greenow; (pm) Damon Ujvarosy
            25th (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) Derek Cleave.

Please visit the chapel website www.cromhallchapel.org

There is now a prayer box on the outside wall of the Chapel. If anyone has a concern they would like our small prayer group to pray for, please do drop us a line.

A warm welcome awaits you at all of our meetings

Tytherington Village Shop & Post Office

Thank you Debbie

In July, Debbie Brock took the difficult decision to step away from her position as Shop Manager, after a fantastic eighteen years in the role. Throughout that time, she has been a tower of strength to us all and has played a huge part, along with Joyce, in ensuring the shop’s continuing success.

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Daphne Brown.

Tytherington Village Shop Association

Requires a volunteer to undertake the role of Shop Manager

Providing oversight for the day to day smooth running of the shop and working with the Management Committee on medium and longer term planning, the main duties are:

- Ordering and managing stock and ensuring its delivery/collection as necessary
- Working with the Assistant Manager to provide support and management for the team of volunteers
- Arranging cover for volunteers as needed
- Oversight of monthly distribution of vouchers
- Checking the shop’s email account, responding as required and printing bills for payment
- Reporting to quarterly meetings as a member of the Management Committee

The role would lend itself to a ‘job share’ arrangement so the committee would welcome two people willing to divide the responsibilities between them

Full training and handover will be arranged with Debbie Brock

If you are interested please contact Daphne Brown (Chair) on 01454 413487 for more information

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Ambrose Henry Johnson

With the passing of Ambrose Johnson on 21st July 2016, one chapter of over a hundred years of Tytherington history reached its end.

Born in the village on 10th July 1915, Ambrose was an active participant in the life of the village, taking a particular interest in football, cricket and tennis. He was educated at the village school before moving on to Thornbury Grammar School at the age of 11 and, on completing his education, started work in 1932 for Colonel and Mrs Murray at Whitfield House (now the Park Hotel). Ambrose’s experiences there as an under-gardener and assistant chauffeur also extended to gun-loading for his employers at shooting parties. Recalling these times for ‘We Grew up in Falfield’, Ambrose remarked that the wages were low and it wasn’t the job he would have selected out of choice. Yet, on reflection, he said they were happy times and provided him with much valuable experience.

In 1938 Ambrose’s life took a very different direction when he followed his father’s footsteps and began a long career working at Tytherington quarries. Unable to serve in the forces because of an injured arm, Ambrose spent the war years as a Special Constable and ARP warden.

Clearly a man who was not afraid of hard work, Ambrose built his own home, ‘Quoins’, at the heart of the village and from there continued, along with his family, to contribute to all aspects of village life. He showed a keen interest in what was going on around him up until the very end of his life and he will be sadly missed by Alice, his family and all who knew him.

Alice writes:

Barely a week after celebrating his 101st birthday, Ambrose became unwell and was admitted into Southmead Hospital where he passed away on July 21st 2016.

His funeral on August 10th saw Tytherington Church full of family and friends and afterwards at ‘The Swan’ everyone was able to swap happy memories of times spent with him. The overall conclusion was that he will be sorely missed in the local community.

The Church flowers were enhanced by a donation from the Evacuee who stayed with the family during the War and has kept in touch ever since.

Alice and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and letters of condolence – the quantity has been staggering!

SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER
LAST CHANCE TO COMPLETE
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2016

The Big Friendly Read, Summer Reading Challenge 2016 comes to a close on Saturday 10th September. Don’t miss out on this last chance to collect your finishers’ medal and certificate – you’ll want to take it to school to show your teachers!

Found
A small Bible in a brown leather case was found by the post box in Tytherington in July.

If you have lost your Bible and think it is yours, please contact Val Johnson 01454 471445, or valj475@gmail.com.
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Octopus present
'A Melodramatic Evening with Sherlock Holmes'
Weds 5th - Sat 8th October
7:30pm at Christ the King Hall, Castle Street, Thornbury

Accompany us to the depths of Dartmoor; to the wild, fog-ridden and treacherous Grimpen Mire, as Holmes and Watson attempt to unravel the mystery of the 'Curse of the Baskervilles'. Why, for centuries, has a fiendish hound haunted the Baskerville family? Who is the elusive L.L? What is the meaning of the cryptic warning note sent to Sir Henry Baskerville - and can Sherlock Holmes prevent the hound from striking again?

Tickets are available from 7th September - £7, £6 concessions from RA Bennetts Estate Agents on The Plain or Karen on 01454 413783.

All proceeds from the show will go to 'Holding out Hope,' a charity supporting children and adults living Eastern European institutions and 'Life Skills,' a Bristol charity teaching children to keep safe through unique theatrical scenarios which provide a realistic learning environment.

Tortworth’s stained glass windows

St Leonard’s, Tortworth, is well-known to walkers for the chestnut tree, reputed to date from the Battle of Hastings, which stands just outside the churchyard but inside it has a better kept secret – its stained glass windows.

When the medieval Church, which stood on the spot, was remodelled in the 19th Century, one of the things saved was some of the original glass from the 15th Century. This includes a portrait believed to be of King Edward IV – a unique artefact from the Wars of the Roses. It reflects the supposed location nearby of one of his many mistresses. Some of the leading stained glass craftsmen of the 19th century were also employed to create new windows which are recognised as being fine examples of the craftsmanship of the period.

Unfortunately, after the centuries, the windows are now damaged and in urgent need of repair and restoration – a task which has fallen to the 23 or so worshippers who now share the responsibility of the upkeep of this historic Church and its history. The cost is likely to total around £45,000 and work is due to begin in September.

To really appreciate the quality of these windows and the characters depicted, binoculars or a telephoto lens are a great help and if you look upwards you can see the damage and if you get really close you can see what a dreadful state the lead is in.

If we do nothing the windows will rapidly deteriorate; although we have obtained some grants, there is still a long way to go.

On page 6 of this month’s 5 Alive you can find details of what Fen Marshall has decided to do to help raise funds. If you want to make him sweat then that is an easy way to donate! (although only 50% of what he raises will go to Tortworth). Otherwise you can send cheques made out to Tortworth PCC to any member of Tortworth PCC or one of the Church wardens.

In the Spring, when the work is complete, we are hoping to celebrate with the help of a well-known expert in the world of glass.

Sparklers presents
MESSY PLAY

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BENEFICE RAMBLERS

Saturday Sept 17th
A walk around Slimbridge

(approximately 5.75 miles)
A very gentle amble through delightful varying countryside, admiring pretty homes and farmyards.

Enjoy a picnic on the canal bank if weather good or eat at pub in Slimbridge.

Meet outside Post Office Cottage, Cromhall, at 10.30am to share lifts.

Please contact Ann 294200 or Eva 299251 if you are planning to come.

St James’ Church, Tytherington
Coffee Morning
Sat 24th Sept 10.30am – 12.30pm
Everyone Welcome

Proceeds to Church funds
Produce Sale: cakes, plants, preserves, etc.
(Contributions Welcome)

Tytherington Local History Group
AGM
Friday 9th September 7.30pm
in the Chapel Schoolroom
Bring & Share
Everyone welcome

JAZZ JIVE & LINDY HOP
the fun way to keep fit or get ready to wow them at the Christmas party

Every Tuesday Evening at Tytherington Village Hall
Starting 6th September 2016 at 7.30 – only £5
Come along and join us – all welcome

Enquiries to Hugh on 01454 419442
The August 2016 Cromhall Parish Council meeting was held on 10th August; the published agenda was fully discussed and agreed actions approved. Apart from routine business, the following items affecting the village community were considered:

There has been a good response from residents of Lygon Court and Townwell to our appeal on recent parking issues opposite the Townwell Play Areas and the Parish Council would like to thank those concerned for their help in removing the child safety risks identified. However, there are two or three vehicles still regularly parked here. Please spread the word about considerate parking as there have been a number of near misses with children crossing the road where parked vehicles have reduced visibility for oncoming vehicles and delivery HGV’s reversing to the shop.

The poor visual condition of the Showman’s site was again discussed and dialogue is currently taking place to try to resolve the issue.

Consultations: Councillors discussed the devolution agreement signed by South Gloucestershire, BANES and Bristol City Councils and agreed to make a positive response to the consultation. The parish council did however express concerns about the preservation of local democracy in issues that affect communities like ours in any future Unitary organisation, to ensure we can retain a voice on issues directly impacting on our parish. We had hoped parishioners would come along and give us their views so these could be included in the response but in the event there was no public participation.

Speed Limit & Vehicle speeds through the Village: Speeding through the village continues to be an issue and the Parish Council continues to explore all avenues to try to encourage speeding drivers to act responsibly before there is a serious incident. Working closely with South Gloucestershire Council, reducing the speed limit on the section of road approaching from the Charfield direction, which is currently 50 MPH, to 40 MPH is currently being investigated. We have requested more 30 mph repeater signs and through speed assessments, have ensured continuing police enforcement speed camera presence in the village. We have also contacted the new Police & Crime Commissioner to highlight our continuing concern on this issue. A number of local residents have emailed us with their concerns and we intend to consider appropriate options to encourage drivers to respect the speed limits and the safety of residents of Cromhall.

Village Survey: The parish council delayed the publication of the village survey from 2014 in order to produce a more concise, informative parish action plan to take forward the important issues identified. The council acknowledges that the plan is limited by the original survey questionnaire and that new pressures affecting the parish have developed but we have done our best to extrapolate views on a number of significant issues identified by respondents. The Cromhall Village plan is currently being printed and copies will be distributed to each household as well as being uploaded to the Cromhall Village Web Site and will form the basis for developing, with your support, a more comprehensive Neighbourhood Plan.

Townwell Play Area: Please may we remind users of the play area that smoking, dogs and ball games are not permitted in the play area. This is for the benefit of all the children who use these facilities. Litter has also started to be a problem especially near to the seating area. There are litter bins nearby so please use them and help keep the play area a clean and pleasant facility for all users.

All residents are welcome to attend Cromhall Parish Council meetings which are held in the village hall the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. The agenda is published on the village notice board and on the www.cromhall.com/cromhall/cromhall-parish-council web site so you can see the issues being discussed.
Every September some 40,000 volunteers across England organise 5,000 events to celebrate our fantastic history, architecture and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore.

The Chantry in Thornbury will be celebrating this special day on Saturday September 10th. Please come along from 6.30pm.

You will be able to explore this fine old building which dates from the 16th century.

Live Music from 8pm
Lee McCrory
Blues in the Bar

Four Towns and Vale Link Community Transport
This is a charity based in Rudgeway. Its aim is to provide safe, cost effective accessible transport to residents and groups in the Four Towns and Vale Link areas to compliment the existing transport system. We offer a ring-and-ride service for individuals and Social Car Scheme with volunteers using their own cars.

Ring and ride
To qualify, residents must live within the Four Towns and Vale Link area and one of the following must apply:
- Be aged 60 years or more
- Have special needs
- Be in receipt of benefits
- Have access problems
- Hold a diamond bus pass

Examples of our services:
- Shopping trips
- Social visits, special events
- Work/education
- Hospital/doctor appointments
We also run various trips of interest such as garden centres, shopping trips and pub lunches. We even have minibuses to hire for group outings.
If you would like to find out more, contact Izzie Nicholls, Four Towns and Vale Link Community Transport Tel. 01454 419372

Cromhall Senior Citizens

Tat3
Thursday Sept 15th
Lunch Outing
Venue to be decided
Please ring Ann 01454 294200 or Eva 01454 299251 for further details
Fun Dog Show

SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2016
Show starts 2pm, entries ring side

Tumpy Green Equestrian Centre,
Tumpy Green Lane, Cam, Dursley GL11 5HZ
(Just off A38 Cam, opposite Haven Animal Feeds)
Tel: 01453 899002  Mob: 07799610960
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Catering in attendance
in support of St George’s Church, Falfield

Kindly Sponsored by
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The Phoenix Singers
The Phoenix Singers is an informal singing group
“a community through our love of singing”

We rehearse in St George’s Church, Falfield, on Thursday evenings, but are not a Church choir. The wide range of songs we enjoy include those from musicals, folk, country, popular - any songs we fancy having a go at!

We are now developing our Christmas programme to include traditional carols, and more modern contemporary Christmas songs, all of which will be performed at a variety of venues in the local area during December.

The Phoenix Singers would love more people to join! No previous experience necessary, no auditions. Just come along on a Thursday evening, from 7-9 pm, £2 per week. Don’t be shy! You are guaranteed a welcome!

Email: sing@thephoenixsingers.org.uk or call 01453 548588 for more details.
THORNBURY MUSEUM FREE HERITAGE WEEKEND WALKS

Your chance to book up for a FREE museum-led local history walk, as part of the South Gloucestershire Discover Festival:

Sat. 10 Sept 10am – 1pm: Beating the Bounds: It has become something of a tradition to “beat the bounds” during Heritage Weekend and “The Historic Borough Boundary of Thornbury” will be the theme of Saturday’s walk. The borough was created in about 1252 and we can no longer be sure of the exact line of the medieval boundary, but our route will be as close to it as we can get. Starting at the Museum in Chapel Street at 10am and could take up to three hours. Sturdy footwear is advised, since as well as pavements there are some field paths and stiles.

Sun. 11th Sept 2-4.30pm: Cakes and Ale: A Walk through Thornbury’s drinking past: A walk looking at Thornbury’s historic pubs and inns, past and present, starting and finishing at The Swan Inn, the ancient coaching inn on the High Street. At the end of the walk there will be tea/coffee and cake in the upstairs Function Room at The Swan and a rolling slide show of old photographs.

Booking for Walks: Both walks are free, but numbers are limited and tickets must be obtained in advance from the Museum. No dogs please, except guide dogs, and we regret that neither walk is suitable for the under 16s or for wheelchair users. Museum open: Tues to Fri, 1-4pm. Sat, 10-4. Free! Tel. 857774 email: enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk

www.thornburymuseum.org.uk

Tytherington WI
Monday 19th September
7.30pm
In the Village Hall

‘Christmas is Coming’
Pat Downes

Competition: A single flower

Visitors & new members always welcome

Alveston Gardens Association
7.30pm Jubilee Hall, Alveston
All visitors welcome (£3)

5th September
“Allotted Time – Allotted Gardening”
David Cropp
3rd October
Southern Italian Flora
Pam Forrest

Full programme on www.alveston.org

St George’s, Falfield & St Leonard’s, Tortworth

Joint Harvest Festival at St Leonard’s, Tortworth

Sunday 2nd October 11.15am

Followed by a Bring & Share lunch

Collections for the Mustard Seed Appeal & The Julian Trust
(See page 14 for details)

From September 2014 until March 2019 each month with the exception of January, February, April and August Falfield will remember those individuals from the 1st World War who are recorded on the Village War Memorial by flying the Union flag on the anniversary of their death.

During September we will remember:

John Kingscott Millard
Killed in action on 25th September 1915

Charles William Cole
Killed in action on 26th September 1915

John Banks Jenkinson
Killed in action on 14th September 1914

For information on all those remembered on the War Memorial go to: http://www.falfield.org.uk/1914_18_centenary.html
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NB if you are posting copy, please mark the envelope ‘5 Alive’.
When? Copy date is strictly before midnight on the 19th of each month, please, ready for typing on the 20th. The earlier we receive material the better, as it avoids the rush and lessens the risk of error.
In what form? If at all possible, please submit your material by e-mail (attachments should be in Word or Publisher format). There is then no need for re-typing, which not only saves time but also means there is less chance for inaccuracies to creep in. (We do, however, reserve the right of the editor to edit, and you may find that small changes are made for the sake of space etc) If you want to submit an advertising poster or similar, it helps if it’s in black and white, as it reproduces more clearly. Charities wishing to advertise events should quote their charity number.

ADVERTISING: The deadline for requests and payments for advertising in 5 Alive is the 12th of the month preceding publication.

Enquiries about advertising should be directed to Kay Rea, The Bungalow, Moorslade, Falfield, Nr Wotton-under-Edge, Glos, GL12 8DJ. Tel. 01454 260364 Email: kay.rea@btinternet.com

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Cheques should be made out to ‘Benefice Newsletter’ and sent to Kay Rea (as above).

Sat 17th Sept
An Evening of Music and Dancing with the Thornbury Swing Band

Thornbury Swing Band will be performing on Saturday 17th September at Hamfields Leisure, Berkeley (formerly the power station social club) in support of the renovation of Stone parish church.

This is a great chance to enjoy a full big band in action, with live instrumental and vocal music from the 1930s to modern times. The band features a line-up of saxophones, trombones, trumpets, male and female vocalists, supported by a rhythm section of bass, guitar, keyboard and drums. So far this year they have performed at a large charity ball in aid of Bristol Children’s Hospital, a sell-out 1940’s night at the Thornbury Arts Festival and a VE Day Dance. The players give their time and enthusiasm to raise money for good causes in the local area.

You can find out more about the band and hear recordings of them in action at: thornburyswingband.com

Tickets are £12.50, including a ploughman’s dinner and are available from Naomi 01454 260376 or Cherry 01454 260277.

Thornbury Museum displays

DISPLAYS on in the museum in September:

The 50th Anniversary of the First Severn Bridge: a small display of photos and memorabilia about the construction of the first Severn Bridge, officially opened on 8 September 1966, and the Aust Ferry it replaced.

The 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme:

The rolling 4-year display commemorating local experiences of the First World War now focuses on the Somme and on local people who fought there.

History in the Making:

This commemorates the wide range of items produced and manufactured in our local area in the past.