Benefice community newsletter for Tytherington, Rockhampton, Cromhall, Falfield and Tortworth



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Life is for living



Somewhere in the back of my mind I recall a comedian who would skip around saying "smell the flowers, hear the little birdies tweeting tra la tra la la".....in a parody of children skipping around a garden or is my mind playing me false ?

This somehow came to mind when I was in Cornwall recently, as I watched the holiday makers..... few of the adults really looked as if they were relaxed or having a good time most looked rather grim and many had

their noses stuck in their phones and were trudging along with multiple bags of purchases or huge beach bags containing who knows what. The children on the whole were more into skipping mode, but were then scooped up by harassed mothers convinced they were going to be abducted or mown down by a passing cyclist (this being a pedestrianized area) or worse, get dirty!

It made me wonder if children really enjoy seaside holidays these days. Some seem to need to

be constantly 'doing' something or being entertained by various electronics devices, shopping or grazing. Then I looked further afield down on to the beach where the tide was receding and I was thrilled to see children with nets and buckets puddling about in the rock pools getting messy, smelly and WET! But the majority were being mini adults, wearing some definitely grown up slogans on their tee-shirts and just milling around.



Then this week I read that the head of OFSTED has suggested that we are wrapping our children in cotton wool so that they will be unable to deal with the knocks and bumps that they'll face when they become adults and I felt I was not alone with my negative thoughts while sitting in the glorious Cornish sun.

Perhaps it is time to call a stop to iPads and phones at meals, create times when families just talk, yes, and probably argue; encourage the kids to run wild now and again, climb trees, fall in rock pools, get muddy and most importantly LAUGH; make wonderful real memories for the future, not just another picture on your iphone...... be carefree if only for a week,

We crinklies all remember it never rained when we went on holiday, the sun always shone, the sea was lovely even if we were shivering and Dad loved building the best castle on the beach, though we were little involved in the construction, eating ham and sand sandwiches and at the end of a busy day pottering on the beach, fish and chips wrapped in newspaper

....remember being a carefree child again, if only for a week, some of that joy might rub off and make the other fifty one weeks of the year more bearable.

Remember too that childhood is very short and seems to getting shorter all the time and just ENJOY smelling the flowers, being moved by rainbows or fantastic sunsets and most of all allowing children just to be curious wide eyed children..... you cannot relive your life, you only have today, so LIVE IT whether we are eight or eighty!!

Hilary Legg

There's always a reason to smile find it! Live your life, take chances, be crazy. Don't wait. Because right now is the oldest you've ever been and the youngest you'll be ever again.



The CRoFTT Benefice

To see Christ in all and show Christ to the world'

www.croftt.org.uk

You are invited to join us at any of the services taking place in the benefice.

Midweek Eucharists in the Benefice

There will normally be a said Eucharist at Tytherington on the first Thursday at 9.30am and on the fourth Tuesday at 10.30am, alternating between Falfield and Tortworth, followed by coffee either at The Huntsman or The Farmers' Table. Please double check in the weekly pewsheet.

NB From 1st July, services at both Falfield and Tortworth will start at 11.15am to enable clergy to travel between churches less frantically.

| SUNDAY 3 RD | | TRINITY 12 |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 9.30am | Cromhall | Holy Communion |
| 11.15am | Falfield | Morning Prayer |
| 11.15am | Tortworth | Holy Communion |
| 11.00am | Tytherington | Joint service with |
| | | Baptists at St James' |

Thursday 7th

9.30am Holy Communion at Tytherington

| SUNDAY 10 TH | | TRINITY 13 | |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--|
| 9.30am | Cromhall | Holy Communion | |
| 11.15am | Falfield | Holy Communion | |
| 11.15am | Tortworth | Morning Prayer | |
| 6.00pm | Tytherington | Evening Prayer | |

Wednesday 13th

7.00pm Falfield

'Embrace'



'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 of God in us can be nurtured and brought to fruition; a time for you to embrace some of the basic disciplines of the Christian spiritual life

Thursday 14th



Learn & Explore 10.30am at Falfield Village Hall followed by soup & roll lunch. Everyone welcome.

SUNDAY 17TH

| 9.30am | Cromhall |
|---------|--------------|
| 11.15am | Falfield |
| 11.15am | Tortworth |
| 11.00am | Tytherington |

TRINITY 14 Morning Prayer Morning Prayer Holy Communion Holy Communion

SUNDAY 24TH

9.30am Cromhall 11.15am Falfield 11.15am Tortworth

Tuesday 26th

10.30am Said Eucharist at Falfield followed by coffee at The Huntsman.

| SUNDAY | 1 ST OCTOBER | TRINITY 16 |
|---------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9.30am | Cromhall | Harvest Fetival |
| 11.15am | Falfield | Morning Prayer |
| 11.15am | Tortworth | Holy Communion |
| 11.00am | Tytherington | Joint service with |
| | Ba | ptists at Baptist Church |

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| | Peter Reeve 01454 260549 |
| Tytherington: | John Williams 01454 412515 or |
| | Phil Coward 01454 281444 |



Ride and Stride Saturday 9th September 2017

As mentioned in the last 5 Alive, I thought I'd have another go at this fundraising event. One or two others have shown interest in joining me this year but if anyone out there would like to come as well, that would be great. Last year I cycled about 50 miles and I'd hope to do the same again. My sister can't come this year but hopefully it will be just as sociable. If 50 miles is too much, then just come along for part of it; I'll let you know the route when I've got round to planning it!

Oh, and if you just can't bear the thought of it then just follow the link to sponsor me! www.justgiving.com/Fen-Marshall1

50% of the money raised on the Justgiving page goes to the Historic Churches Trust. If you'd rather just give me money then that too would be very welcome; I'll make sure it gets into Church funds!

Fen Marshall



TRINITY 15

Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion 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.

- On the first Thursday of the month Tytherington are holding a Eucharist at 9.30am but please check by ringing 01454 417445
- On the fourth Tuesday at 10.30am there will be a Eucharist alternating between Falfield and Tortworth, followed by coffee either at The Huntsman or The Farmers' Table.

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 or use the prayer tree at St Leonard's.

Visiting

Visiting is part of the Church's Ministry. If you would like a visit 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:-

- Make sure someone tells one of the ministry team that you are going into hospital – ask them to pass on the message as appropriate.
- 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.



Thank you to Tytherington Baptist Church, Falfield Parish Council and Anony Mouse for their kind donations to our running costs.

Each 20-page edition costs £334 to print, so we are always grateful for donations 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'.



Learn & Explore

During the June and July sessions of Learn and Explore, we looked at the first seven chapters of Nehemiah. After the August break, Learn & Explore will resume on Thursday 14th September,

when we shall 'finish off' Nehemiah.

This session will be held in the small hall at Falfield Village Hall, starting at 10.30am with coffee. We will have home-made soup and a roll afterwards (with a donation to charity). We aim to be finished by 12.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us; it would make it easier for catering if you would let us know beforehand if you would like to join us for lunch. Please ring 01454 260364.

Rogue Traders and Licensing Contact Details

If you think you have been the victim of a scam or rogue trader, please contact Trading Standards Citizens Advice Consumer Service: Mon to Fri 9.00 – 17.00 Ring 03454 04 05 06

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.



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.

Thornbury Citizens Advice Bureau

Contact Details: The Old Police Station, 35 High Street, Thornbury, BS35 2AR



Telephone Advice Service: 03444 111 444 Mon to Fri 10.00 - 14.00

Drop In and Appointments: Tue & Thurs 10.00 – 13.00

Townwell Tots

Need a break?

Why not join us at Cromhall Chapel Hall - a free 'stay and play' where parents/ carers can relax and chat whilst the children play.



Toys and refreshments available. Short singing time and bible story to

conclude.

10.15am to 12 noon Sept 14th, 28th, Oct 12th Nov 2nd, 16th, 30th Dec 14th – PARTY! www.cromhallchapel.org

NB Parent/carer responsible for their children at all times.

St Andrew's CE VC Primary School Cromhall



Is your child due to start school in September 2018?

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Wednesday 20th September 2017

Open Afternoon 2.00pm to 3.00pm & Open Evening 6.00pm to 7.00pm

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Contacts:

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Green Tel: 01454 294498

Email: Standrewsprimary@sgmail.org.uk Or follow link from www.cromhall.com

Come and see for yourself - all welcome





THORNBURY DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INVITE YOU TO **A MURDER MYSTERY EVENING**. An actor led event with THE RED HERRINGS

New to Thornbury, a plot called **TRAGEDY IN THE TWENTIES** set amongst the turmoil of the Labour government in 1924 and its attempts to improve relations with revolutionary Russia (U.S.S.R).

THE CHANTRY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017 COST £12.50 including canapes and a 2 course Chantry Supper. In aid of building repairs.

GUESTS ARE INVITED TO DRESS IN 20s STYLE OF CLOTHING



From September 2014 until March 2019 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





will meet in Cromhall Village hall on **Thursday Sept 21st at 3pm**

All welcome.

Giles from Age UK will give a short talk and answer any questions you may have.

This will be followed by the usual tea and chat.

Contact Eva 299251 or Ann 294200 if you wish to be picked **up**



BENEFICE RAMBLERS

Saturday Sept 23rd Weaving along the Stroud Valley

- Meet outside Post Office Cottage at 9.30 am to arrange car sharing
- 6 mile ramble across fields, lanes, tracks and canal path with 3 stiles
- Dog friendly
- Bring a packed lunch

Contact Ann & Fe for more information 01454 294200



THORNBURY AND DISTRICT U3A

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 course. We already have over 1,700 members and around 90 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, other less often and they include physical activities, crafts, board and card games, organised visits to gardens, lunches, wine tasting, concerts and theatre as well as purely "educational" topics.

Our next Welcome Meeting will be held on Monday 16 October 2017 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 www.thornburyu3a.org.uk or for membership enquiries membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk Alternatively phone our Membership Secretary, Rosie Bailey on (01454) 419977 or Chairman, Alison Makepeace on (01454) 415019

> Alveston Gardens Association on Monday 4th September 7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

Fancy a visit to "Cactus Country?" David Hartnell Explores Arizona, Nevada and California All welcome – Visitors (£3) Full programme on www.alveston.org



Achieving together with enjoyment and confidence

Tortworth VC Primary School takes reception to Year 6 children from Tortworth, Falfield and the surrounding area and is very fortunate to have extensive grounds which now include a fantastic 'Wild Wood' area as an outside classroom. We also provide breakfast and after-school club, available from 7.30am until 6pm.

Ofsted rated us 'Good' in April 2015 and we are continuing to improve both levels of teaching and learning throughout the school to give the best possible start in life to our children with exceptionally experienced teachers and support staff.

Come and see for yourself and let us show you around!

We also have a school hall available for lettings, please contact the school for more details.

Contact the school on 01454 260510 or office@tortworthprimaryschool.org.uk

LAST CHANCE TO COMPLETE ANIMAL AGENTS. SUMMER READING CHAL-LENGE 2017 - ends Saturday 16th September

There's still time for children to read their six books to complete the challenge - and collect their medal & certificate and their FREE child entry voucher to Wild Place, or free library DVD hire from the library. See Facebook for latest updates.





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'Winter in Majorca'

a portrait of Frederic Chopin in drama and music written and performed by Michael Lunts

Saturday September 9th 2017 at 7.30pm in the Cossham Hall, Thornbury

Winter in Majorca' is both a play and a concert rolled into one. Professional actor and classical pianist Michael Lunts will re-visit Thornbury with another of his highly innovative one-man shows to portray composer Frederick Chopin as both man and musician in this atmospheric drama about Chopin's stay in a deserted monastery at Valldemosa on Majorca with his lover, the novelist and femme fatale, George Sand.

Incorporated into the action are live performances of some of the beautiful and haunting pieces Chopin composed there.

This extra special event is to raise funds for the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1).

Tickets: £13 (to include interval nibbles) can be obtained from Thornbury Town Hall or by 'phoning 01454 412272.

Tytherington WI



At our July meeting – Members' Night – we visited `Organic Blooms' at Latteridge, where we enjoyed a pleasant evening

learning about the work which goes on behind this cut flower farm. They achieved Soil Association Certification earlier this year and grow a wide range of flowers both in greenhouses and in the open.

Since our meeting last month, some members have taken advantage of AFWI events at the Federation Lunch at Bristol Golf Club and to Stratford-on-Avon and its Theatre, both of which were most enjoyable.

Our next WI meeting will be on Monday 18th September, when there will be a talk by Dr Francis Burroughs entitled `A Victorian Head

Gardener', and the competition will be for a funny shaped vegetable.



CALLING ALL KEY STAGE 2 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO LOVE READING!



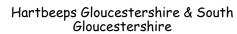
The Chatterbooks monthly reading group for children aged 8-11 years has space for new members.

Meetings will take place on Saturday mornings from 11am-midday. There is no cost to take part. Parents /carers - please email us to enquire about a place for your child. Include your child's name, date of birth and a contact phone number in your message and send to: thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk or speak to a member of staff, when you next visit the library.

The next Chatterbooks session takes place on Saturday 30th September at 11am.

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ST PETER'S HOSPICE

ANNUAL GOLF DAY

by kind permission of Thornbury Golf Centre

Friday 6th October from 11.00am

This is a four ball Stableford competition to be played for the Mens, Ladies and Mixed Team trophies, plus prizes.

Entry is £140.00 per team of four and includes a hot buffet.

For more information please contact 01454 417543 or email k.burgess@talktalk.net.



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

ADVANCE NOTICE

From 1st October new opening times will come into effect at Thornbury Library. Look out for more details in the next magazine issue.

TYTHERINGTON UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

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For bookings, telephone 01454 413288. Email: info@theswantytherington.co.uk

O P E N I N G

Saturday 9th September from midday.

Free fizz and bubbles between 12pm and 2pm There is live music throughout the day and evening as well as a bouncy castle for the children during the day. If you would like to eat and sample our fantastic menu we would advise booking a table in advance as we are expecting to be very busy We can't wait to show you the new look Swan and what we have on offer!

See our

Facebook

page for events

and live music

coming soon





A huge *"Thank you"* from Tom Child's family

To friends, friends of friends and of course family, thank you! So many people have contributed; I publicly wanted to say it.

Since Tom died in January this year we have been able to give to Teenage Cancer Trust (TCT) over £ 20,000. This figure continues to rise with more people coming up with fun and challenging events.

Here's a quick rundown of our fundraising through the months:

- A party in April to coincide with the Grand National race, provided enjoyment as we enjoyed races on the lawn on a fantastically sunny day and gambling in a good cause netting a sizeable donation.
- Tea and cakes and soup were consumed to support the cause at Rockhampton Cricket club in on Easter Monday.
- In May the Bristol 10K was run, under the team name "Jog On", by mum, sister, auntie cousins and friends. I think we all enjoyed it more than we expected to!
- June saw three local businesses support TCT at their stand at new Berkeley Show; thanks go to Geoff Tuck, Rob Harber and Neil James.
- On the last day of June, the Three Peaks (Ben Nevis, Scafell and Snowdon) were scaled in under 24 hours by Tom's brother Matt and friends, Andy & Ryan. Don't think they saw much of a view at the top of any peak!
- A fantastic garden party in July with Strawberry Teas and superb entertainment despite dreadful weather conditions was put on by Chris & Ian Walker. Thank you.
- A team of 4 cycled over 300 miles from London to Paris over 4 days in the middle of July. The team, named TJC14, included Dad and 3 other "MAMIL"s, friends from Yate Hockey club! The team trained hard, so actually coped very well with the distances and some tough weather.

Community involvement

Money has also been donated from events not directly linked to our

fundraising. We would like very much like to thank the Hill Village fun run organisers and Hill Village Hall Cream Teas for generous donations. We are also very grateful for money raised at Rockhampton's FolkFest teas going towards TCT funds and also profit from the village calendar.

August now gives us time to reflect on how much has been achieved. Energy put into all these events will have positive impact for other young adults facing cancer and has personally helped our family making something good come from our loss.

https://www.teenagecancertrust.org/about-us/how-we-raise-and-spend-money

One last mention of a forthcoming fundraising challenge is for Chris Child (Tom's cousin) attempting his first Iron Man event. He will swim 2.4 miles in the sea, then jump on his bike and cycle 112 miles to then complete the day by running a marathon!! This is some effort! Look out for him training around the lanes and doing laps at Cromhall Quarry.

Just in case you would like to add to the total in memory of Tom, here is a link to donate. Donations can also be given in at Green Farm Rockhampton. https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-child3

AgainThank you ! Liz Child







1st Falfield (St George's) Scout Group

Our Scout Group Hall is located in Eastley Close, Falfield and we welcome young people from Falfield and surrounding areas, including Stone, Rockhampton, Tortworth, Leyhill, Cromhall and Charfield.







Beavers are aged 6 to 8 years old They enjoy all that Scouting has to offer; being introduced to outdoor activities, having the opportunity to be creative, explore their local community and experience the excitement of a Beaver Scout Sleepover with their friends.

During their time in the Colony, Beaver Scouts will get a chance to try a wide range of different activities, going on trips, days out, as well as sleepovers





Cubs are aged 8 to 10½ years old and excitement and adventure are key. Their programme offers a huge variety of activities surrounding areas of fitness, global and beliefs. Cubs are introduced to exciting outdoor skills and take part in adventurous activities, as well as camps and residential experiences.



The Scout Section is for young people aged between 10½ and 14 years. Scouts are encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities as part of their programme including traditional Scouting skills, such as camping, survival and cooking, as well as a wider spectrum of adventurous activities, from abseiling to zorbing

What times do we meet?

- Beavers Friday 6.30 pm until 7.30 pm
- Cubs Tuesday 6.30 pm until 8 pm.
- Scouts Wednesday 6.30 pm until 8.30 pm

Want to join the adventure?



Contact Arnold Tucker, Group Scout Leader, Tel: 01454 261824 or Mob:07879 674807 Email: <u>groupscoutleader@1stfalfieldscouts.org.uk</u>



Sea Sunday

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection for Sea Sunday. A total of £118 has been sent to the

Mission to Seafarers from the benefice.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, TYTHERINGTON 100+ CLUB SUMMER DRAW

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Autumn is on the way.... A new Yoga season starts on 5th & 6th September 2017



Join us

or

at Stone Village Hall TUESDAY EVENINGS 19.30 - 21.00

at Falfield Village Hall WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 13.30 - 15.00

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We Grew Up in Falfield by Ann Riddiford

Unbelievably, it is now ten years since I completed 'We Grew Up

In Falfield' which raised urgent funds to save St George's church from closure.

The book was in two parts: the first taking a trip through the various areas and hamlet of the parish, giving interesting facts about the locations, whilst the second was comprised mainly of interviews with people who resided (or once resided) at those locations. Many of the stories made entertaining reading and a thread of humour ran through the book in an effort to prove that history doesn't have to be boring!

Over the past decade I have received a number of favourable comments, often from unexpected sources. Thornbury Library continues to have at least one copy for loan and within the past few weeks I have had enquiries as to whether the book is still available. Some of the enquiries have come from people newly moved into the village, which is encouraging. My response to such requests has been to try the library or the charity shops.

However, if there is sufficient interest, further copies could be made available. If anyone is interested, perhaps they could let me know: Mrs Ann Riddiford, 22 Castle Street, Thornbury BS35 1HB Tel. 01454 418838 or via 5 Alive editor, Kay Rea.

Thornbury Volunteer Centre

Volunteer Centre With autumn upon us and winter around the corner you may be dreading the return of long, dark

Health and Education Trust

Teacher Member

evenings and cold, miserable days. If you are looking for something to occupy your time and keep you in touch we may be able to help. Thornbury Volunteer Centre helps people find something worthwhile to do in their local community whilst having fun and making friends. We have volunteering opportunities which cater for every age, gender, disability, skill level and time available. We have opportunities for those interested in volunteering with all age groups and opportunities in conservation, fundraising, driving, befriending, administration, IT, craft activities and much more. The majority of these opportunities require no specific experience; just a willingness to help others is often enough. Any amount of time that you are able to spare would help, once a week or month or maybe just a few hours as a one-off can make all the difference.

If your group or organisation needs volunteers we can publicise these opportunities in the local press, local parish magazines, e-bulletins and websites and, if requested, via Do-it the National Volunteering Database.

For more information please contact Thornbury Volunteer Centre at The Town Hall, 35, High Street, Thornbury between 10.30am-12 noon Monday-Friday. Alternatively, visit our website at www.volunteer thornbury.co.uk, telephone us on 01454 413392 or email mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk.

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Cromhall Parish Council Report July 2017

Key headlines from Cromhall Parish Council meeting held on 9th August 2017 which may be of interest to parishioners.

Vacancy for a parish councillor

There is still a vacancy for a councillor. If you are interested please contact the clerk clerk@cromhallpc.org.uk for further details

Cromhall Parish Council Grants 2017

The aim of this scheme is to support and promote an active community in Cromhall by providing financial support for community organisations working for the benefit of Cromhall parishioners, with the intention of improving the range of services and activities in the parish.

Cromhall Parish Council has a small budget for the award of grants to the community. Applications for this year open on 1st September 2017 and applicants must return a full application form when applying for a grant. The closing date is 31st October 2017 and grants will be considered at the November meeting of Full Council.

Grants awarded by local councils to organisations are usually made using the Local Government Act 1972 s137 which gives the "Power of local authorities to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised". See application form for full terms and conditions:

For further details and an application form please contact <u>clerk@cromhallpc.org.uk</u>

Mike Line - Chairman Cromhall Parish Council

St Andrew's Church, Cromhall

Harvest weekend

Saturday Sept 30th Harvest Supper in Cromhall Village Hall Tickets available from Peggy, Ann or Cromhall Village Shop. *All welcome*



Sunday 1st October 9.30am Harvest Celebrations at St Andrew's Church

Harvest produce and flowers to decorate the church will be welcome on Saturday morning or leave in porch

As last year, all five churches in our Benefice are supporting the Archbishop of Canterbury's 'Mustard Seed Appeal'. Funds raised will provide essential financial services in local communities. Trained volunteers will give people the skills they need and somewhere to turn to receive help, support and advice.

All donations of dried and tinned food will be delivered to Thornbury foodbank.

| | | CROMHALL CH www.cromhallchapel.org | IAPEL SERVICES www.cromhall.com | |
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| | | Pastor: Rev. C | hris. W. Crocker | |
| SUNDAY | 10.30am 6.30pm | Morning Worship & Your Evening Worship | ng People's Sunday Club | |
| TUESCromhall Crafters Evening. Join us on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel hall at 7pm for an evening of craft making. Also please join us each fourth Thursday at 6.30pm at Cromhall Village Hall. Bring your own craft or art activity and enjoy tea and conversation. Next Crafters evening: 12th Sept at 7pm in the chapel hall. Come and Meet Each Other | | | | |
| WEDS | 13 th & 27 th at | n – House group Bible Stuc 7.30pm – Bible Study & Pra m – Area Bible Study with (| dy & Prayer. ayer. Guest Speaker Roger Chilve | rs |
| THURS | "Townwell Tots" will meet on 14 th & 28 th Sept from 10.15am till 12noon 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"flier. | | | |
| Sunday service speakers during Sept are:- 3 rd (am) Rev Maurice Wheatley; (pm); John Bishop. 10 th (am) Robert Simpkins; (pm) Nathan Cracknell. 17 th (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) Peter Cresswell. 24 th (am) Damon Ujvarosy; (pm) David Newman | | | | |
| 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

Cromhall Crafters

A group of people interested in doing everything crafty or homemade.



Come join us for a chat, cuppa and ⁴ bring your own crafting to do.

2nd TUESDAY of the month 7 - 9pm at Cromhall Chapel Contact: Rebekah 07715473384

4th THURSDAY of the month 6:30 - 9pm at Cromhall Village Hall

Contact: Charlie Bull 07733004585

CROMHALL FLOWER SHOW & VILLAGE FAYRE

DON'T FORGET the 71st Cromhall Flower Show & Village Fayre on Saturday 2nd September at 2pm.

Schedules have been delivered locally but if you haven't received one, they are available in Cromhall Village Shop or you can download a copy via **Cromhall.com.** Take a look at the categories, hints, tips and rule reminders and enter as many as you like - there really is something for everyone.

Amongst the attractions this year are the Fun Dog Show, Dodington Parish Band, Punch & Judy, Animal Antics and Ferrett Racing.

New additions include **Wellie Wanging** and a **Tug of War** competition. We're are looking for teams or make one up on the day. To find out more or to enter your team please email <u>peter@66design.biz</u>.

Refreshments and food will be available throughout the day with our Beer Tent, Tea Tent, BBQ and Ice Cream Stall.

We look forward to seeing you on the 2nd September.

Candlelit Flute Recital 'One World, One Flute' Thursday September 21st 7.45pm at Rockhampton Church



Nicola Woodward, flautist, known locally as Nicki Barnes, will be launching her new programme of folk-influenced flute music 'One World, One Flute' in an atmospheric hour-long candlelit concert on September 21st at 7.45 in St

Oswald's Church, Rockhampton.

The concert will include repertoire from Europe, the Americas and Far East and will be performed on flute, alto flute, piccolo, Thai wooden flute and Irish whistles. Nicki will give fascinating insight into the instruments and repertoire and she will be joined by Soprano Louise Hambly-Smith for some beautiful arrangements of Irish folk songs.

The concert is timed to coincide with the UN International Day of Peace and all proceeds will go to WarChild Charity.

Tickets £10 (students £3) to include a glass of wine, from 07973 796508

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL ONE STOP SHOP OFFICE HAS LEFT THORNBURY LIBRARY

The council's One Stop Shop service, which operated inside Thornbury Library for the past three years, closed permanently on 30th June.

Alternative One Stop Shop offices are situated in Patchway, Yate and Kingswood, full address details at www.southglos.gov.uk/ contactus.

You can also report a range of issues from missed bin collections to pot holes online at www.southglos.gov.uk/reportit



Falfield Action Group Update

Heneage Farm – Appeal Submitted!

As expected, Cotswold Homes have lodged an appeal against the refusal of their planning application at Heneage Farm.

The Planning Inspectorate has confirmed the appeal will be heard by an inquiry, as requested by the applicant. The inquiry will have a bespoke time line, so only dates for submissions are currently known:

- Deadline for Comments from interested parties: 20th September 2017
- Submission of Statement of Case Local Planning Authority (LPA): 20th September 2017
- Statement of Common Ground (LPA & Developer): No later than Inquiry Date minus 4 weeks

If you raised an objection to the original application, you should have received details from SGC and have the opportunity to add any further comments to those you have already made.

If you haven't commented, you are also welcome to submit your views.

Full detail of how to comment are available on the Planning Inspectorate website: https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk

The Planning Inspectorate's appeal reference is **APP/P0119/W/17/3180086**

The Planning Inspectorate's guide to taking part in appeals by inquiry can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-appeals-dealt-with-by-an-inquiry-taking-part

Although the appeal is detailed on the South Glos Planning Portal Planning Portal search page (click appeals - ref 17/00040/REFUS), the correspondence to and submitted by South Glos in respect of the appeal are (at the time of writing), only available in the documents section of the page for the original application (Ref PT16/0770/O). To date they have only uploaded their initial correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate and their completed questionnaire and related documents (including all comments received for the original application) which they submitted on 16th August.

'Rule 6' interested parties can elect to be more directly involved with the appeals process. It is unusual for individuals to be granted 'Rule 6 statues', however community groups can be. The Action Group is therefore in the process of deciding whether to progress down this route.

If you would like to get involved or help in any capacity, please contact Sue Hicks - Email: falfieldactiongroup@gmail.com

ACT NOW TO KEEP FALFIELD RURAL!

Many thanks as always for your support.

Falfield Action Group.

Octopus Drama Group Thornbury presents:

"*Littleford's Got Talent"* written by Lizzie Lindsell Christ the King Church Hall, Thornbury, 11th to 14th October 2017, nightly at 7.30pm

Tickets: £7 (£6 concessions) available from the 15th September from Chappell & Matthews, High St., Thornbury, Karen on 01454 413783 or you can order them from the web site <u>www.octopus-thornbury.co.uk</u> with all profits from the show going to Jigsaw Thornbury.

Come and see this original piece, written specially for the group by Lizzie Lindsell.

STORYTIME & RHYMETIME FOR BABIES & PRE-SCHOOLERS WE'RE BACK FROM MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER!

Storytime returns on Monday 4th September 2.15pm-2.45pm and Rhymetime returns from Friday 8th September at the earlier time of 10.30am-11am. Both sessions run term-time only.

Toilets & nappy changing facility available – ask a member of staff. Breast-feeding welcome. It's a great way to meet other local parents, new faces are always welcome – and it's FREE! No booking required, just turn up - we look forward to seeing you!



GLOSS FM puts the Local back into Radio!

GLOSS FM, the local station for Thornbury and District is back. The first Saturday breakfast show was triple-headed by seasoned broadcaster Chris Criddle, David Wrench and Glyn Michael.

"I was a bit rusty after all these years, but hopefully listeners did not notice the mistakes too much" said Glyn. This first show introduced some of the new regular features on the station, such as the Thornbury Gazette local news headlines, presented by our very own Aaron Sims.

This milestone marks the completion of Phase 1 of the project to bring local radio back to Thornbury and District. The Phase 2 ambition is to secure permanent premises to operate from. "We're hoping a local business or land-owner can offer us a space from where we can host a small local radio station" explained Glyn, continuing "This would allow us to build an even better operation and make us much more accessible to the local community".

Immediate plans are in place to introduce a regular "What's On" guide and to secure some more advertising deals to promote local businesses.

It is hoped eventually that the station will secure a permanent FM frequency in a subsequent Phase 3 of the project. The station has been working with the Government regulator Ofcom to find a suitable frequency, and recently local MP Luke Hall has got involved with discussions.

GLOSS FM is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at <u>www.GLOSSFM.co.uk</u> This website also has full details of the station including schedule, presenters, travel and events.

Tytherington Local History Group AGM & American Supper

Please also bring suggestions for guest speakers/ topics.

> Friday 8th September 2017 7.30pm

in the Baptist Schoolroom

Everyone welcome.

Open Garden Thanks



Jill and Dave Bailey would like to thank everyone who supported their Open Garden on 23rd July. The sum of £566 was raised for RNLI and Macmillan Cancer Support, which was

amazing considering the rain, thunder and lightning!

WIN TICKETS TO THE HIT COMEDY MUSICAL 'THE WEDDING SINGER'

The Thornbury Musical Theatre Group will perform 'The Wedding Singer' at the Armstrong Hall from 25th - 28th October.

Based on the classic movie of the same name, 'The Wedding Singer' will transport you back to 1985: a time of big hair, loud music and when money was everything. Robbie Hart, a small-town wedding singer is engaged to marry the love of his life, but fate has other plans. Meanwhile, will Julia Sullivan, a cheerful if slightly naïve waitress ever marry her slimy boyfriend Glen and fulfil her dream of becoming Mrs Julia Guglia? Featuring a totally awesome 1980s score, this show will leave you with a smile on your face and a head full of catchy tunes.

Performances 7.30pm nightly and matinée on Saturday at 2.30 pm. Tickets from £10.50, group discount available. Box Office 07516 270140 or book online www.tmtg.org.uk. Tickets also available at Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings, 53 High Street, Thornbury from 23 September. For a chance to win two tickets to opening night, enter our **80s impressions** competition. Send your 80s celebrity lookalike photos to us. Plus, join us during the week of the show to browse our gallery of entries. Entries to <u>publicity.committee@tmtg.org.uk</u> or take your entry on Saturdays to Lisa Costa's. The competition closes 11th October.

| Val. | FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS FOR JULY 2017 | | |
|---|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| | High | Low | Average |
| Temp | 29.5 ⁰ C | 9.1 ⁰ C | 17.8 ⁰ C |
| Dew Point | 19.2 ⁰ C | 4.7 ⁰ C | 13.7 ⁰ C |
| Humidity | 99.0 % | 35.0 % | 79.1 % |
| Precipitation | 95.2 mm | Year to Date | 415.8 mm |
| Wettest Day | 23.1 mm on Friday 21st July | | |
| Wind Speed | 26.7 km/h | | 1.6 km/h |
| Wind Gust | 36.0 km/h | | |
| Wind direc- tion | WSW | | |
| Pressure | 1025. 6 hPa | 1001 .6 hPa | |
| Go to <u>www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-</u> <u>station/dashboard?ID=IENGLAND1163</u> for live weather information from the Falfield weather sta- tion. For the highs and lows during 2016 go to: <u>www.falfield.org.uk/weather.html</u> | | | |

A report from South Glos Councillor, John O'Neill

A roundup up of relevant items in South Gloucestershire and the Five Alive area at this time:

- the Council Savings Programme continues to make efficiencies, some of which have more of an impact than others
- the plans to sell the Civic Centre at Kingswood were changed with all office staff now transferred to Badminton Road offices, the Council will retain the Council Chamber and meeting rooms at Kingswood with the ground and first floors being leased to Sirona Health Care and the Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership
- the One Stop Shop in Thornbury library has now closed, this was the least used of the one stop shops and additional computer terminals have been placed in the library to assist those wishing to complete forms online.
- Residents will be getting used to the new waste strategy with recyclable items collected weekly, the second part of the strategy will be introduced later in the year, probably November with the new reduced size black bin for residual waste.

The Cotswold Homes application at Moorslade Lane, Falfield for 115 homes and 100 space car parking site that was refused by the Development Control committee earlier in the year has now gone to appeal. The appeal will be decided by means of a public inquiry, it normally takes around six months for the appeal to be heard, those with an interest or who wish to comment can make submissions to the Planning Inspectorate in advance.

It is anticipated that the Joint Spatial Plan will be released in draft form in September, residents will recall that this is the West of England plan that proposed a 2,200 home garden village at Buckover and a further 1,000 homes at Charfield. The impact on the road network in the area will be colossal if these proposals go ahead, with junction 14 of the M5 already struggling with capacity issues it is clear that significant investment in our highway infrastructure would be required to accommodate this growth. The draft JSP will be followed by a further consultation before an examination in public by the Planning Inspectorate.

Further investment in superfast and ultrafast broadband with £2m from Broadband Delivery UK and £1m from the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership has seen contracts signed with BT in July that will bring higher broadband speeds to a further 4300 homes and businesses by the end of 2018, areas set to benefit are Cromhall, Falfield and Tortworth.

John O'Neill, <u>John.oneill@southglos.gov.uk</u>



Alveston Gardens Association

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

Monday 2nd October

Out & About with AGA 2016 Dr. George Hargreaves

Visitors welcome



Falfield WI

As I write this, members are cooking, creating and sewing for the Thornbury Horticultural show entries. It is a friendly community show and we enjoy entering for it.

Our picnic in June saw a very wet and windy evening and we all squeezed into our hostess's large conservatory to enjoy a social evening with the 'Standing Stones' saxaphone group playing for us. Some of us managed a tour of the lovely garden in between the showers.

July's meeting included a fun time making paper flowers with Emily Davis. It is amazing how so many crafters can make such a hugely diverse range of flowers using basically the same materials.

Members were advised that the competition at the November meeting will be a Christmas card, and these will then be used for the Christmas delivery to older folk around the village.

We hope that everyone has had a lovely summer holiday despite the weather and we look forward to seeing members for the September meeting which includes a talk from Paul Heyden on 'Working with Wood'.



THE JULIAN TRUST NIGHT SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS www.juliantrust.org.uk

As we are currently buying all items in the top list, we would particularly appreciate donations of these if possible. With many thanks.

We urgently need THESE items, please:

Corned Beef Tinned Chilli con Carne Tinned Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Tinned Custard Large Sandwich Bags UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk Hot Chocolate Tinned Potatoes Tinned Peas

These items are also useful:Tinned FruitCurry Cooking SauceHoneyPicklesCleaning SpraysTinned TunaTinned TomatoesTinned Mixed BeansGravy Granules/Stock cubes (Chicken & Beef)MarmaladeMargarineTinned CarrotsTinned HotdogsBaked BeansWith sausages

N.B. We do NOT require: Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Squash, Horlicks/Ovaltine, Irish Stew, Sardines / Pilchards / Mackerel, Cornflakes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Pasta/Grain Rice, Porridge, Tomato Soup, Vegetable Soup, Meat Soup, Chicken soup, Baked Beans, Tinned Ham/Spam, Red and Brown Sauce, Savoury Biscuits, Sweet Biscuits, Jam, Tinned Sweetcorn, Peanut Butter/Nutella, Kitchen Roll, Toothpaste/Shampoo, Soap (bars), Cooking Oil, Razors, Bleach, Toilet rolls, Extra Long Matches, Washing Powder, J Cloths/Scratchy Pads/Dish Cloths, Shower Gel, Washing-up Liquid

heritage open days



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.

Thornbury & District Community Association offers:

- regular talks about The Chantry,
- beautiful gardens to view and
- a display of artefacts unearthed by Thornbury Museum.

Cream Teas will be available during the afternoon.

> SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2017 1.00 - 6.00pm www.thechantry.org.uk Tel 01454 414268

Falfield Parish Council Report

Consultations

The Parish Council understands that the next consultation period for the West of England Strategy: Towards the Emerging Spatial Strategy which was due this summer has been delayed and is now expected to take place later this year. However the South Gloucestershire Strategic Planning Team have arranged a number of community events to consult on the new Local Plan (2018-2036) and the emerging West of England Strategy, which identifies the 5 new strategic development locations within South Gloucestershire. One such event concentrating of the Buckover Garden Village Concept will be held in Falfield Village Hall on Friday 6th October 2017 between 2pm and 8pm.

Planning

Land at Heneage Farm, Moorslade Lane - 115 dwellings plus a Park & Share. As many will know this application was refused by South Gloucestershire Development Control (West) Committee in February this year. The appellant has now lodged an appeal with the Planning Inspectorate over this decision and a Public Inquiry will take place early in 2018. **Anyone wishing to make any comments must do so before 20th September 2017.** Details of the appeal lodged along with how to make comments can be found on the Planning Inspectorate website at: <u>https://</u> <u>acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/</u> entering Case No 3180086 in the search box.

Street Lighting

With the winter nights now fast approaching parishioners are reminded that they can report on line issues concerning street lighting as well as damage to road surfaces or potholes directly to South Gloucestershire Council at <u>http://</u> www.southglos.gov.uk/general-information/online -services/report/

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm** in Falfield Village Hall.

James Carpenter, Clerk & RFO, <u>falfieldpc@googlemail.com</u> www.falfield.org.uk/parishcouncil

Alveston Local History Society

Alveston Methodist Church

Weds 27th September 2017 at 7.30pm

Vikings & the Severn Estuary - Tony Roberts

Visitors welcome £2.50

CRAFT & CHAT DROP- IN FOR ADULTS AT THORNBURY LIBRARY SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2pm-4pm

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and all who love to make things... A chance for people who love crafting to get together and share inspiration. No charge and no booking required. Just turn up and bring your craft project with you.

Your magazine: How to send copy, adverts or gifts for '5 Alive':

NEWS COPY:

Where? News items should be sent to Kay Rea, The Bungalow, Moorslade, Falfield, GL12 8DJ Tel. 01454 260364 Email: kay.rea@btinternet.com *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 Wottonunder-Edge, Glos, GL12 8DJ. Tel. 01454 260364 Email: kay.rea@btinternet.com

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|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
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| Eighth of page: | £10 | £8 |

There is a 10% discount for advertisers paying for a year's advertising in advance and 5% for those advertising 6 months in advance

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

