

# 5 Villages Alive

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## Take time .....

“Penstemons are great!” “Rubbish peas”. “Best roses for ages”.

Isn't it amazing how so many people aren't just commenting on the weather (and yes- it's now raining as I write this) but are making observations which might just be of significance to growers if the climate really is changing. Perhaps it's especially marked in our rural villages where it is so obvious if a particular flower, shrub or tree is responding so markedly to the drought.

This weather is affecting everything to such an extent that we are starting to realise what really is the best condition needed for something to thrive. So here we are with such detailed observations of the wonderful world around us but do we discuss or even consider what conditions are best for us to flourish?



We all know we need food and drink and, hopefully, a bit of love, but what else? We are blessed with space (even if developers are trying to restrict it), but isn't there more which might separate us from the other life forms with which we share this planet? I always thought of dinosaurs as being fairly unsuccessful until I realised they inhabited Earth for about 200 million years. How can we even begin to imagine how our species will manage another 198 million when so far we've only probably managed just over 2 million?

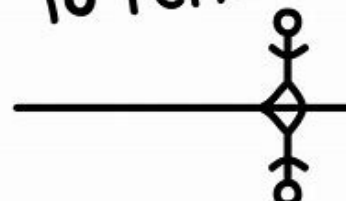
Perhaps a spiritual dimension is what is needed. We need to find time to think about what it means to be human. Maybe that's why I go to Church. It isn't that I've got the answers (I probably don't even know the questions) but it does provide a regular time to reflect on the wider world. Perhaps you find that time when walking through our fantastic countryside. Maybe your garden provides that environment. I have heard that some get deep reflective experiences when driving their car!

Is life going to get so frantic that we can't find time to see the wider picture? Perhaps it's just a sign of getting older that time seems a bit limited but somehow we need to find that time to reflect on life. If we are going to have a chance of surviving a few more million years, not just us, but a few of our leaders, are going to have to stop and think about the place of our species on this Earth.

If you are just starting on a new phase of your life, as so many people do in September, just make sure to find a time in your schedule to stop and reflect.

*Fen Marshall*

Take time  
to reflect



There's always  
a reason to  
smile .... find it!



**'To see Christ in all and to show  
Christ to the World.'**

#### 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.

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

#### SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

9.30am	Cromhall	Holy Communion
11.15am	Falfield	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Tortworth	Holy Communion
11.00am	Tytherington	Joint service with Baptists at Baptist Chapel

#### Thurs 6th

9.30am Said Holy Communion at Tytherington

#### SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

9.30am	Cromhall	Holy Communion
11.15am	Falfield	Holy Communion
11.15am	Tortworth	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Tytherington	Holy Communion

#### SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

9.30am	Cromhall	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Falfield	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Tortworth	Holy Communion
6.00pm	Tytherington	Evening Service



#### SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL

9.30am	Cromhall	Holy Communion
9.30am	Rockhampton	Holy Communion
6.00pm	Falfield	Evening Service
11.15am	Tortworth	Holy Communion
11.00am	Tytherington	Holy Communion

#### Tues 25th

10.30am Said Communion at St Leonard's, Tortworth, followed by coffee at 'The Farmer's Table.'

#### SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

#### TRINITY 18



10.00AM

**ST ANDREW'S, CROMHALL  
UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE**

#### SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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

#### TRINITY 19

Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion  
Joint service with Baptists at St James' Church



#### Plumbing the Depths

*A chance to explore and deepen  
your understanding of Christianity*

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
Grounds Café, Leyhill  
2.00pm**

*Everyone welcome*



**BENEFICE PHONE: 01454 260096**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS: [office@croftt.org.uk](mailto:office@croftt.org.uk)  
or email Jan Leach on [jan@leach13.plus.com](mailto:jan@leach13.plus.com)**

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[revfrances@croftt.org.uk](mailto:revfrances@croftt.org.uk)

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Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200  
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Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017  
Su Joyce - 01454 260542  
Tortworth: Hilary Legg 01454 413234  
Tytherington: John Williams 01454 412515 or  
Phil Coward 01454 281444

- If you wish to use any of our parish churches for an event, you should always check with the Churchwarden before making any arrangements, as services may be taking place of which you are unaware.



- ALL enquiries regarding Baptisms and Weddings must be made to the Benefice Office in the first instance.

#### Bellringing in the Benefice

##### Monday:

Cromhall (from 7.30pm)

##### Thursday:

Tortworth (8.00pm – 9.00pm)  
Tytherington (7.45pm – 9.00pm)



**Please contact the Chaplain, Rev Sue: 01454 600674 or [revsue@crofft.org.uk](mailto:revsue@crofft.org.uk), Churchwardens (details on page 2) or Benefice Office 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@crofft.org.uk](mailto:office@crofft.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.crofft.org.uk](http://www.crofft.org.uk) to see the pewsheets 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 or contact the Chaplain: **Rev Sue: 01454 600674 or [revsue@crofft.org.uk](mailto:revsue@crofft.org.uk)** 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.



Thank you to Cromhall Horticultural Society, Tytherington Fun Day Committee, Tytherington Gymkhana, Tytherington Baptist Church and Mr Eric Pitt for their kind donations to our 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@outlook.com](mailto:geoffrey.crosthwaite@outlook.com)
- 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.

## Craft & Chat at Thornbury Library First Thursday of the month 2pm - 4pm

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.

New faces welcome!



## OPEN GARDEN THANKS

Jill & Dave Bailey would like to thank everyone who supported their Open Garden in July.

It was a lovely sunny day and £454 has so far been raised for the RNLI and St Peter's Hospice. A big thank you from us both.





## Ride and Stride

September 8<sup>th</sup> is this year's sponsored event to raise money for the Historic Churches Trust. If you would like to take part in any way I'd love to hear from you.

For the last two years I have cycled around the local Churches and covered about 50 miles. Others have joined in for all or part of the ride. Sponsors are always needed and I usually set up a JustGiving page to make it easy (although I'm always happy to just receive cash). 50% of the money raised goes to your local Church and the rest goes to other Churches in Gloucestershire who need it. You may not have anything to do with your local Church, although most people find them quite attractive, and would not really want to see them fall down! It's always a very enjoyable day even if you only want to come for a couple of miles. I may even drag my little granddaughter along in a trailer for part of it this year and I'm sure she'd love some other young company! There's more details at [ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride](http://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride).

Fen Marshall

## Marlwood Pupils Past and Present



You are invited to the Marlwood Alumni Launch Evening

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
6.00pm for 6.30pm**

*Celebrate students past and present by joining together to enjoy food, drink and entertainment by former Marlwood staff and pupils.  
An opportunity to reconnect and reminisce with your contemporaries.*

£20 to include a 'welcome' drink, buffet and live entertainment. Dress code: smart casual

Find us on Facebook - MarlwoodAlumni or email: [marlwoodalumni@gmail.com](mailto:marlwoodalumni@gmail.com)

Tickets available [https:// www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/marlwood-alumni-launch-event-tickets-47510937493](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/marlwood-alumni-launch-event-tickets-47510937493)



## 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 1,800 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, concerts and theatre as well as purely "educational" topics. Details of all our groups can be found on our website: [www.thornburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.thornburyu3a.org.uk).

Our next Welcome Meeting will be held on Monday 8 October 2018 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](http://www.thornburyu3a.org.uk) or for membership enquiries [membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk) Alternatively phone our **Membership Secretary, Jackie Gitsham on (01454) 858438** or **Chairman, Alison Makepeace on (01454) 415019**

## Volunteer needed

We need a volunteer to deliver 5 Alives in Church Avenue and Eastley Close, Falfield.

If you would be willing to do this, please contact [5alive.falfield@gmail.com](mailto:5alive.falfield@gmail.com)



## ASHWORTHY CATTERY

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## Peter Grudgings 1925 - 2018

Peter Grudgings, who died peacefully at the age of 92 on the 29th June 2018, will be remembered by a variety of people in different ways.



As headmaster of Tytherington School, he touched a lot of lives as a teacher; equally he will be remembered for his beekeeping and as a smallholder.

He moved to Tytherington in Easter 1967, with his wife, Jean, and a growing family of 4, to take up the headship of Tytherington school. A man of many parts, born in 1925 in Loughborough, he served in the Navy in WWII, and took up teaching soon afterwards.

With early teaching posts in Leicester and a burgeoning family, he moved to Northend, South Warwickshire, to take up the deputy headship of Gaydon School in 1960 along with the V Bombers stationed at the base.

Moving to Tytherington in 1967, he worked as head master for 25 years until retiring in 1982 when he took up his long-held wish to own a smallholding. Buying the property from Charlie Fowler and living in caravans until the rebuild was complete, he threw himself into smallholding, keeping sheep, goats, geese, chickens and other animals whilst seeing his family grow up.

Always keen to impart knowledge, he founded the local U3A group and became a dedicated beekeeper along with his long-term friend Don Streatfield, selling his wares at both Bristol and Thornbury farmers' markets.

With a love of France and Italy (and red wine) he took time to travel to Namibia and the Hindu Kush amongst other places, whilst continuing his love of words and poetry - along with a quirky sense of humour, he penned various poems. But his main love was the smallholding at Townsend Orchard, including the replanted cider orchard, but especially his beekeeping.

*Matt Grudgings*

### On Giving Up Beekeeping at 90

There is no more keeping bees, my hives have gone for sale.  
I've given away my smoker, gloves, hive tool and veil.  
No more swarm collection, no clambering in trees,  
No scrambling on scaffolding,  
Or fumbling under eaves.  
No more stings on face or arms.  
No endless searching for a Queen  
She's not below the crown board  
Or in the frames between.  
My extractor's broken; of jars I'm all bereft.  
I've no more half pounds for each departing guest.  
Farewell good Queenie, drones and workers all,  
I have no golden harvest to bedeck my market stall.

*Peter Grudgings*



## Life at The Huts in Tytherington

by Eric Pitt

My mother used to send me down to the village to obtain food supplies: pork steaks from Boyt the butcher (where I met Bert Nelmes, known as 'Pig Killer'), milk and confectionery from Frankie Kingscott and Les Shipp in Duck Street. Bread and cakes were delivered by horse and cart from Thompsons of Thornbury.

Between 1938 and 1943 I cycled to Thornbury Grammar School; schooling was interrupted on many occasions by air raids and, after I reached the age of 16, I had to spend nights at the school on 'Fire Picket' because of incendiary bombs.



John Rouch,  
Head of TGS  
1935 – 1964  
Photo:  
thornburygram-  
mar.org.uk

I was made a school prefect by the Headmaster, Mr SJV Rouch and was also a member of the school's football team. Mr Rouch said that the halfback line of Pitt, Panes and Lewis was, he considered, the best he had seen in his time as Head. I ended my schooling in June 1943, having obtained my Bristol University School Leaving Certificate, with a credit in Geography.

After my school days were over, I worked at Grovesend quarry, where my father got me a job. He was foreman on the tarmac plant which provided tarmac for airfields etc.

I recall an incident in south Gloucestershire where my father and Uncle Alf had a lucky escape. They had been rabbiting on a farm in Shepperdine in my uncle's lorry (roast rabbit with swede made a very appetising meal). They reached home and had just put the lorry away in the shed when they heard the scream of falling bombs.

Dad dived under the lorry and Uncle Alf ran across the road to his house, badly injuring his foot in the process. The shed was blown in but Dad had the good fortune to crawl out unscathed, however, the lorry almost disappeared into a bomb crater. Two bombs fell on the railway embankment close by and four high explosive bombs fell at the side of the A38; mud and debris blocked the road for six hours. Dr E M Grace from Thornbury, (a relative of the famous W G) came out to stitch up Uncle Alf's badly damaged toes by candlelight.

In September 1943, at the age of 17, I joined 40 Platoon D company Tytherington Home Guard. After twelve months, I received my calling-up papers and after a medical at Prewett Street, Bristol, was placed in Grade 1. I received my enlistment notice for the Royal Navy calling me to present myself on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1944 between 9am and 12 noon to the officer commanding HMS Royal Arthur at Skegness, Lincolnshire.

Eric as a member of the  
Tytherington  
Home Guard  
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tonroots.co.uk



### 'The Last Ballade'

- a play with music portraying the end of the relationship between Frederick Chopin & George Sand  
performed by Michael Lunts

**Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 at 7.30pm  
in the Cossham Hall, Thornbury**

Relive the stormy end to one of the great romantic relationships. Chopin's music provides the background to a riveting drama about the composer's tempestuous affair with novelist and 'femme fatale' George Sand.

Many of the pieces that Sand inspired are played live as part of the action as Michael Lunts portrays both Chopin the man and Chopin the musician in this unique fusion of drama and live music. The first in the Autumn series of concerts raising funds for the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1).

Tickets £14 (to include interval nibbles) available from Thornbury Town Hall or by phoning 01454 412272.

### St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group

#### Annual Golf Day

by kind permission of Thornbury Golf Centre

**Friday 5th October from 11.00am**

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



Entry is £140.00 per team of four  
(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.*





## TYTHERINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF ANY OF OUR SERVICES/ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT  
*Mr Brian Allen (Pastor)*

Contact Number: - 01179 793104

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SEE ALSO THE CHURCH WEBSITE: [www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org](http://www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org)

2nd	Joint Service at Chapel (Guest Preachers – David Finney & David Hulse Thornbury BC)	
9th	“Corinth” [Acts 18:1 – 17] ¶*	Brian
16th	“Priscilla & Aquilla” [Acts 18:18 – 28]*	Brian
23rd	“Ephesus” [Acts 19:1 – 22]*	Brian
30th	“Riots” [Acts 19:23 – 41]*	Brian

\* SERVICE WILL INCLUDE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR OUR YOUNGER PEOPLE

¶ SERVICE WILL INCLUDE HOLY COMMUNION

N.B. ALL SERVICES COMMENCE AT 11:00 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

*Everyone is welcome to join us.*



### Benefice Ramblers



**Sat September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Led by Eva*

**Meet at Post Office Cottage,  
Cromhall at 10 am to share lifts.**

4-5 miles Cotswold Way Horton and Hawkesbury Area .

Pub lunch available at end of walk.

**All welcome**

For more details contact Eva at 01454 299251

### CROMHALL SENIOR CITIZENS Tat3



**Thursday Sept 20th  
at 3pm**

**we will meet in  
Cromhall Village hall  
for tea and a chat**

*All welcome*

Ring Ann 294200 or Eva 299251 for further  
information

### “FASHION SHOW” AT M&CO CELEBRATING TMTG’S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Thornbury Musical Theatre Group are teaming up with M&Co to put on a catwalk show at their fashion store in St Mary Centre, Thornbury on the evening of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm.

TMTG, a registered charity, is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and, instead of treading the boards of the Armstrong Hall, some members of the group will be strutting their stuff on the catwalk as they act as models for the evening. M &Co will be showcasing a selection of their Autumn and Winter stock as it is brought to life on the catwalk. There will be a mix of styles on show and a selection of clothing for men.

For those who love a fashion show and would like a night out to view the new stock in a relaxed format and meet members of TMTG, don't delay in getting your ticket soon as they will be in high demand, especially as there will be only 50 tickets on sale.

Tickets are available from M&Co in Thornbury priced at £5 (to include a drink). Those attending will be given a 10% discount voucher valid for two weeks. For ticket enquiries call 01454 413125.

Doors open at 7pm.

### Candlelight concert in Rockhampton Church.



### 'Seven Pieces for Seven Ages'

With Nicki Barnes / Nicola  
Woodward - Flautist

**Friday October 12th at 7.45pm**

Please join me for an evening of meaningful music for flutes in aid of the charity War Child. Following a sell-out concert last year, I am very much looking forward to playing music that is special to me for such a good cause.

*The programme will include C.P.E Bach's powerful Sonata in A minor; 'Truth' a new original composition, Wissam Boustany's 'And the Wind Whispered', and I will be joined by friends for 'A Lovely Story' by Anze Rozman for Piccolo, three flutes, alto and bass flutes. I will also be performing a selection of lost gems, the 'Chants de Nectaire' by the little-known genius Charles Koechlin, which I have recently recorded in Clifton Cathedral and this concert will launch the CD.*

**Tickets £10 (£5 for under 16s) to include a glass of wine. Call 07973 796508 or email [nicki@tombarnes.co.uk](mailto:nicki@tombarnes.co.uk) [www.rockhamptonfolkfest.org.uk](http://www.rockhamptonfolkfest.org.uk)**



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Contact Ian Cooke on 01666 890261  
[www.bridgewebs.com/tresham](http://www.bridgewebs.com/tresham)

**Cancer Research UK  
Fun Wine Tasting Challenge**  
Thornbury and District  
Cancer Research UK Committee

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
St Mary's Church Hall,  
Eastbury Road, Thornbury

**7.15pm for a 7.30pm start**

**Tickets: £15 per person** (includes different wines plus cheese, pate and nibbles) obtainable from Jennie on 01454 415856 or any of our Committee Members



**Sam Hutchinson**  
FITNESS

**Back-Care Pilates**

Back-Care Pilates is a 12-week Pilates-based course designed to help people with back pain. The next courses start on the 10th & 11th of September, 2018. Only 8 places are available on each course, so please book early.

For more information, or to book your place, please contact:

[sam@samhutchinsonfitness.com](mailto:sam@samhutchinsonfitness.com)  
07977 632003  
[www.samhutchinsonfitness.com](http://www.samhutchinsonfitness.com)

Day & Time	Location
Mondays, 10:30-11:30am	Christ the King Social Club, Thornbury
Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm	St Helens Church, Alveston

### WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER



Come to the Schoolroom at the rear of Tytherington Baptist Chapel on Weds Sept 5th, between 2:30 & 4:00 p.m. Meet your friends from Tytherington for a chat over a cuppa & some savoury snacks & cake.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Lifts could be arranged for those have difficulty attending. Please contact Brian or Ren on **01179 793104**

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## CROMHALL VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

### The Retailer's Rhyme

Four and twenty helpers turning up for shifts.  
Selling everyday essentials and birthday cards and gifts.  
Pasties for a quick lunch, some crisps, a drink, a cake.  
Eggs and flour and dried fruit for those with time to bake.

Weighing letters, counting notes; no time to stop for Sue  
Folk are sending parcels; there's even quite a queue!  
"Some friends have turned up and we haven't any gin!"  
"Don't tempt me with that lardy cake – I'm trying to get thin!"

Sweets for the children who love their penny chews.  
A notice board for adverts and all the village news.  
Washing powder, batteries and even birthday candles.  
But I'm really very sorry; we've never stocked fork  
'andles!

Bacon for breakfast, litter for the cat.  
Take your time, have a browse or stop for a chat.  
We're not "Open All Hours" and Tesco's not our style  
We're somewhere in the middle, a shop with a smile.



### "INTO THE WOODS" - A FAIRY TALE MUSICAL

Thornbury Musical Theatre Group will be performing the Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's fairy tale based musical "Into the Woods". Rarely seen on the amateur stage this musical is something a little different for our audiences. **Performances at the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury 24 - 27 October at 7.30 pm nightly, including a matinée on Saturday at 2.30 pm.**

"Be careful what you wish for" seems to be the ongoing theme. The story follows The Baker and his wife who wish to have a child, Cinderella who wishes to go to the King's Festival, and Jack who wishes his cow would give some milk.

When the Baker and his wife are visited by the neighbourhood witch, who reveals to them that she placed a curse on their family, the two set off on a journey into the woods to reverse the curse. There, we meet Little Red and the Wolf, the Witch's daughter Rapunzel, and the Princes chasing after their loves.

It would appear everyone has got their wish and will seemingly live happily ever after, but when Jack's beanstalk brings a visit from an angry Giant, we see how the consequences of their actions haunt them in disastrous ways.

The show is suitable for children of Key Stage 2 and older.

Tickets from £10.50. Box Office 07516 270140 or book online [www.tmtg.org.uk](http://www.tmtg.org.uk). Tickets also available at Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings at 53 High Street, Thornbury from 29 September.

## Tytherington War Dead remembered



**At the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War One we remember those Tytherington men who gave their lives for their country.**

**KING Gordon Pte** 2651 1/6th Gloucestershire Regt Died 20 May 1915 age 24. Son of John Henry & Elizabeth Hannah, Stidcot Farm, Tytherington. Commemorated at Lancashire Cottage Cemetery Belgium. II.B.7

**COUSINS Joseph Pte** 5759 killed in action 26 August 1916 South Somerset Light Infantry, Commemorated at Thiepval Memorial

**DAVIS Albert V L/Cpl** 25177 12th Gloucestershire Regt killed in action 22 April 1917 age 19. Son of Thomas & Emily of Tytherington. Commemorated at Arras Memorial France

**RUGMAN James Pte** 32675 died 4 August 1917 8th Yorks & Lancs Regt Commemorated at Longuenesse St Omer Souvenir Cemetery France IV.D.9

**JEFFERIES Sidney Pte** 10767, killed in action 21 June 1915 7th Gloucestershire Regt Commemorated at Helles Memorial Turkey

**BROWN Jesse Charles Pte** 97563 108th Coy Machine Gun Corps (Inf) Died of wounds 23 Nov 1917 Son of Charlotte of Tytherington. Commemorated at Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery Manacourt Somme II.C.12

**WILLIAMS Fred Pte** 41409 Worcestershire Regt died of wounds 19 Jan 1918, 29. son of Robert & Agnes, Tytherington. Commemorated at Etretat Churchyard Extension France II.A.13

**RUGMAN Louis Pte** 267458 2/5 Gloucestershire Regt died 21 March 1918 Commemorated at Poziers Memorial Somme Panel 40-41.

**DANIELS George Cpl** 13733 1st South Wales Borderers died 26 June 1918 age 27. Son of Thomas & Mary of Tytherington and buried in Tytherington Parish Churchyard

**PEARCE Reginald Charles** Died 21 August 1925 of war wounds. Born 1895. Son of Herbert & Catherine of Tytherington

**LIVALL Maurice** Died 24 August 1924 of war wounds. Born 1897 Son of George & Mary Livall of Tytherington.

**More information can be found here:-** [http://www.tytheringtonroots.co.uk/war\\_memorial.htm](http://www.tytheringtonroots.co.uk/war_memorial.htm)

**Rockhampton Village  
Autumn Clean Up Event**  
Help keep our Village clean and tidy

**SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER 2018**

Starting at the Village Hall  
10am - 12noon

- Tea/Coffee served at the start
- Bacon Rolls will be provided after the litter picking
- Bags, Gloves and Litter Pickers will be provided

To volunteer please contact: Cllr Tina Mitchell-Skinner on [rockhamptonpc@gmail.com](mailto:rockhamptonpc@gmail.com) or telephone Eirian Vaughan Parish Clerk on 01454 261319



St James' Church, Tytherington



# Coffee Morning



Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 10:30am – 12:30pm

## Everyone Welcome

Please come and join us for coffee or tea and a slice of cake in the church

**Produce Sale: cakes, plants, preserves, etc.**  
(Contributions Welcome)

Proceeds to Church funds





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**From Councillor  
John O'Neill:**



Just a brief update where we are with the Joint Spatial Plan which plans 105,500 new homes for the four local authorities to 2036, but of more importance to us is the strategic development locations at Buckover (3,000 homes) and Charfield (1,200 homes). It was anticipated that the examination in public would take place in the autumn, this will consist of two public hearings one legal and one technical, due to slippage the examination is already underway in private this was moved to January, it has now been decided that the findings of the examination would be unlikely to be returned to the Councils before the local elections in 2019 and the tentative date for the examination in public will be May 2019. This would suggest that there is unlikely to be any decision on the JSP or the Local Plan that is closely aligned until late 2019.

We continue to monitor speeds on our rural roads and a new permanent vehicle activated speed sign has been sited on the B4058 at Cromhall, we have also made a request to have the vehicle activated sign located at Longcross re-sited at the village entrance on the Tortworth Road which also has issues with speeding vehicles.

To further combat speed on the B4058 a speed reduction scheme will be going out to consultation in the near future; this is a scheme to reduce the speed limit on the road from the Downs Road (Wickwar turning) to the westward approach to Cromhall from 50mph to 40mph reducing the speed where vehicles enter Cromhall. We will also be working with the neighbouring ward to attempt to reduce the speed of vehicles entering Cromhall from the eastern approach from 50mph to 40mph.

John O'Neill [John.oneill@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:John.oneill@southglos.gov.uk)

**Shared Lives Scheme Drop In  
at Thornbury Library  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 10-12 noon**

Are you a caring person? Do you have the time, energy, motivation and a spare room to be able to support a vulnerable adult in your own home?

If you are interested in finding out more pop into the library on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September and find out more from the Shared Lives Team.

**ST JAMES'  
CHURCH,  
TYTHERINGTON**



**HARVEST 2018  
HARVEST EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY 23rd SEPT  
11.00am**

**BRING AND SHARE  
HARVEST SUPPER  
SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER  
7.30pm  
IN CHURCH**

***Please bring your own soft and alcoholic drinks, and crockery, cutlery & glass***



**Further information from  
John (01454 412515) or  
Val (01454 417445)**

**Concrete Flower Planters**

We hope that many users of the A38 through Falfield will now have had the opportunity to see that the concrete planters at each end of the 40mph speed limit on the A38 have been brought back into service.



The Parish Council would like to thank both The Gables Hotel for undertaking the task of planting up the four planters at the northern edge of the 40mph limit and also HMP Eastwood Park for undertaking the same task and the supply of bedding plants for the four planters at the southern edge of the 40mph speed limit. It is hoped that these planters will continue to be maintained on an ongoing basis.

**LAST CHANCE  
TO COMPLETE MISCHIEF MAKERS,  
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018 -  
Ends Saturday 8th September!**

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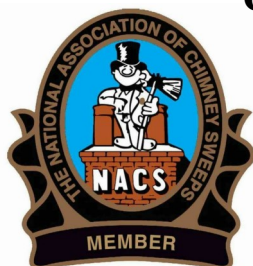
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(services followed by refreshments)

**Pastor:** Rev. Chris W. Crocker



*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."*  
(Romans 12:2a, 2018 Chapel Theme Verse)

[WWW.CROMHALLCHAPEL.ORG](http://WWW.CROMHALLCHAPEL.ORG)

*Unfortunately, no details of services or activities were available at  
time of going to print.*



From September 2014 until March 2019 each month with the exception of January, February, April and August Falfield will remember those individuals from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915

**Charles William Cole**

Killed in action on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1915

**John Banks Jenkinson**

Killed in action on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1914

For information on all those remembered on the War Memorial go to: [http://www.falfield.org.uk/1914\\_18\\_centenary.html](http://www.falfield.org.uk/1914_18_centenary.html)

**Alveston Gardens Association**

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
**A Presentation by Mary Fenton**  
**"A Taste of Chile"**



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
**Out and About with the AGA**  
**Dr. George Hargreaves**

All welcome - Visitors (£3)  
Full programme on [www.alveston.org](http://www.alveston.org)

## 5 ALIVE DISTRIBUTION

We are very grateful to all those volunteers who help to get copies of 5 Alive to our doors each month. It is often a thankless task but like all the things we take for granted, it doesn't happen by magic.

Once the magazine has been sent via email to the printers, we wait until the 1100+ copies are delivered to Cromhall shop where they are then sorted by Patrick or Neal into the requisite number for each village. They then take them to individuals in each village who are responsible for counting them out for the village distributors. Occasionally there are extra items to go out with the magazines; these might be flyers of some sort, which are destined for every reader, or something specific to one village e.g. flower show schedules. We try to keep these 'extras' to a minimum because we know that it makes more work for everyone and if the flyer relates to a commercial enterprise, we charge for the distribution.

Once in a while something goes wrong and people find themselves wondering who to contact, so to help you reach the correct person to deal with any problems you might have, here is the contact list for those responsible for organising the distribution in your village:

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| • Falfield     | <a href="mailto:5alive.falfield@gmail.com">5alive.falfield@gmail.com</a> |              |
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#### TORTWORTH CREAM TEAS



The last cake has been baked and the last scone creamed and jammed as the Cream Tea season has drawn to a close with an uplifting celebration of Hymns (with Pimms)!

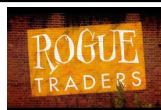
Thank you to all the bakers, washer-uppers, tea makers, and all those who helped prepare and clear away; but most of all thank you to all our visitors; some regular, some occasional and some surprising! – we have enjoyed meeting you all, and hope that we shall see you all again at St. Leonard's soon.

The £758 raised will form an essential part of maintaining St. Leonard's Church but more important is the opportunity to extend a welcome to friends new and old.

#### Carers Support Centre Drop In at Thornbury Library - Supporting Carers into Employment

**Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-12 noon**

Carers Support Centre are supporting unpaid carers and former carers who have been out of work for more than 12 months to move closer towards their employment and training goals. An Advisor from the Carers Support Centre will be here to give free advice and support, drop in anytime between 10.30 am and 12 noon.



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#### Thornbury Citizens Advice Bureau

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

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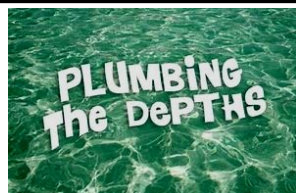
## Falfield Parish Council report on July meeting

The first business of the meeting was to co-opt Mrs Jane Hathway onto the Parish Council resulting in the Parish Council now having a full complement of seven members. One planning matter was discussed in relation to the conversion of a stone barn into a dwelling at Whitfield. Councillors agreed to repeat their comments made on a similar application for the site made in 2015. It was noted that the Public Rights of Way Officer had agreed to put down a quantity of stone chippings on the public footpath between Sundayshill Lane and Eastley Close following a request received from a parishioner at the June meeting regarding its condition during wet periods. In view of the General Data Protection Regulations which came into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May Councillors agreed to register the Parish Council with the Information Commissioners Office at a cost of £40 a year.

Following the meeting a report has been receiving from a parishioner concerning dog fouling on the green space opposite Church Avenue. If you walk a dog, even one belonging to someone else, you are responsible for clearing up after it. Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act of 1996, anybody who lets their dog foul land open to public access and does not clear up afterwards can be given a £50 fixed penalty notice.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall with the agenda being published on the notice board and the Parish Council website five days prior to the meeting.

James Carpenter, Clerk & RFO  
[parish.clerk@falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)  
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### Plumbing the Depths

*A chance to explore and deepen your understanding of Christianity*

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Grounds Café, Leyhill**  
**2.00pm**

**Everyone welcome**



## Crosswords unveiled..... in Cromhall Village Hall

I don't suppose there is anyone who has never attempted a crossword but have you ever wondered how crosswords, which so many of us enjoy, are compiled or perhaps, how crosswords can be solved?



If you have even the tiniest bit of interest in the answers to these questions then our next supper evening is for you!

Keep the **6th October** free in your diary and come along to enjoy a good hot meal and what will undoubtedly be a fascinating talk given by a local person who compiles crosswords for national newspapers - it's sure to be an evening with a difference!

**Tickets cost £12.50 each, available nearer the date, in Cromhall Village Hall, 7.00pm**

*All profits from the evening will go to support St. Andrew's Church, Cromhall.*



### FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS FOR JULY 2018

	High	Low	Average
Temp	32.0 °C	10.7 °C	20.4 °C
Dew Point	20.0 °C	7.7 °C	14.5 °C
Humidity	99.0 %	30.0 %	72.3 %
Precipitation	44.7 mm	Year to Date	455.9 mm
Wettest Day	28.2 mm on Sunday 29th June		
Wind Speed	28.0 km/h	--	1.9 km/h
Wind Gust	36.0 km/h		
Wind direction	ESE		
Pressure	1031 .0 hPa	1001. 9 hPa	

Go to [www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=IENGLAND1163](http://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=IENGLAND1163) for live weather information from the Falfield weather station

### STORYTIME & RHYMETIME FOR BABIES & PRE-SCHOOLERS – WE'RE BACK FROM MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER!

**Storytime** returns on **Monday 3rd September** at the earlier time of **2pm - 2.30pm** and **Rhyme-time** returns on **Friday 7th September 10.30am - 11am**. Both sessions run term-time only. 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!



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- Copy date is **strictly before midnight on the 19th of each month** (but the earlier we receive material the better).

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- If you want to submit an advertising poster or similar, black and white is preferable as it reproduces more clearly.
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