

5 Villages Alive



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A Fond Farewell

I'm writing this as I prepare to take my last couple of services in Falfield, and indeed in CRoFTT Benefice. It's a bitter-sweet time as I am looking forward to a more relaxed lifestyle, but I will miss being with so many really lovely people. Thinking back over my time since retiring from full-time ministry, and moving back to Gloucestershire, has been a reflection on an interesting journey, and one or two "coincidences" make me think that God must have had a hand in it.

Not long after my return in 2015, I met my training incumbent, Canon Michael Butler, who at that time was the Diocesan Retirement Officer; he very soon asked me if I was willing to become Bishop's Visitor to retired clergy in Wotton Deanery. This role led to my calling on Rev Sue Phillipson-Masters, and she asked whether I might be able to conduct an occasional service in the Benefice.

During 2016, the occasional service gradually developed into regularly conducting four or more services a month, with Roger also helping out by doing some Morning Prayer services. When the Diocese had no success in appointing a house-for-duty priest, in 2017 Sue and I were asked if we would commit to continue what we were doing for 3 years, to give time to review how ministry in the Benefice should proceed long term. We agreed and, for the next two years, I continued to take services in all the five churches, and to be involved in some other activities, although Sue always did far more than I did. In very early 2020, she asked me to chair Falfield PCC, to which I agreed.

Of course, no-one was expecting that, within weeks, services and meetings would cease as we started the first Covid lockdown. While continuing some online contact with Falfield folk, I regretted being suddenly cut off from my friends in the other parishes, and looked forward to the hoped for return to normal. Sadly, the Covid crisis has lasted far longer than anyone anticipated, with many people suffering terribly from illness, bereavement and isolation. Roger and I greatly missed our time in the Benefice, although were profoundly grateful (as I know many others were) to have a comfortable home, a garden, and the ability to supply our basic needs. Even when services restarted, the reduced number meant that I was still working almost entirely in Falfield, and it was a joy when folk from the other parishes joined us at St George's.

Covid disruption continued, and the original three years extended into 2021 then 2022. As many people know, my health has deteriorated somewhat during that time, and it seemed appropriate, as I approached my three-score-and-ten, that I should be thinking about "retiring" for a second time. So my final service on 28 August will be three days before my 70th birthday. In the event, Sue beat me to the finish line in the "Retirement Stakes" in May, and the Diocese has indicated that, in the fullness of time, the Benefice will be split, and the individual parishes will join in new groupings.

It is a time of transition for us all, when we need to trust where God may be leading us. I'm sure that all the parishes will be a blessing to their new benefices; the Church is not the building but the people, and all five churches have many Godly people who strive constantly for the Kingdom in prayer and action.

As I take my leave at the end of August, I will go with some lovely memories of my time with you, and the happy thought that we are bound to run into one another from time to time. You will always have a special place in my heart, and my thanks for the kindness that you have shown us both over nearly seven years. You will be much in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Frances



Farewell, my friends



Tytherington Rocks FC AGM

Tytherington Village Hall on
Friday 9th September 2022
at 7pm.
All welcome.

CROMHALL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

74th ANNUAL

CROMHALL FLOWER SHOW & VILLAGE FAYRE

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2022

FROM 2.00PM • SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD • CROMHALL

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COCONUT SHY ... AND MUCH MORE

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Remember that 5 Alive is available online at www.falfield.org.uk, <https://cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrews-church> and www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk



Stay Safe Online Course with South Glos Community Learning

- A course to help you understand online security and support you to find ways to protect yourself online.
- You will learn how to recognise threats and the steps you can take to reduce online risks.
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When: Wed 21st September – Wed 5th October 2022

Time: 11.00am-13.00pm.

Where: Thornbury Library

Email Aimee.Hilbourne@southglos.gov.uk to book your space

Alveston Local History Society

Weds 28th September 2022 at 7.30pm

**'The rise of the English Pub in the
Tudor and Stuart Period'**

with Dr Mark Hailwood (Bristol University)

Methodist Church, Greenhill, Alveston

Visitors welcome - £5 to include refreshments.



OPEN GARDEN

Aug 13th at Orchard House,
Cromhall

Thank you to everyone who braved the heat-wave and enjoyed the afternoon in Zena's garden.

The event raised over £500 towards the repair of St Andrew's Church tower roof.

THANK YOU

♣ ♦ Bridge Lessons ♥ ♠

Bridge is a fantastic game for people of all ages, and backgrounds.
Lessons are starting again this autumn.

**Have fun
Socialise**

**Compete
Exercise your brain**

The venue is the **Civic Centre in Wotton**. You don't need a partner; you can come on your own. Contact us to find out more details:

www.bridgewebs.com/wotton
tresham.bridge@gmail.com



NEWS FROM TYTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Tytherington Parish Council hope that all residents have enjoyed the summer this year and taken full advantage of the lovely weather. You will, no doubt, have seen the new Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) which is positioned along Stowell Hill Road and will hopefully make speeding drivers think again before they speed through the village. This sign will be moved around the village probably every 3 months and we can monitor the screen and also the speed of vehicles by using an Android phone.

You will also see new picnic tables on the Jubilee Field to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen. These and the VAS have been bought with CIL money which has come to the village from the recent new developments. Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) state that the parish or town council must spend the CIL income they receive from South Gloucestershire Council on: the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. Our CIL fund stands at £41,491.78 but the Parish Council have earmarked £10,000 of this money to help the Village Hall fit solar panels to the roof of the building and the Clerk has completed a Grant application for a further £10,000, which is at present pending. The Parish Council own the Village Hall building but it is run under a Charity with 3 Trustees and Hall user representatives on the Management Committee. The above items were suggestions made from the last Consultation and if anyone has any ideas on how the current CIL money can be spent then please write to the Clerk at clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk. A large portion of the CIL money received from the Walnut Field development went towards the cost of the Village Store.

The Parish Council also has money available from Section 106. Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 which is a legal agreement between an applicant having planning permission and the local planning authority, which is used to mitigate the impact of the new homes on the local community and infrastructure. New houses will mean more cars on the roads and more impact on local services. Section 106 is effectively a set of planning obligations for the developer.

Part of Section 106 is a financial contribution to the parish for assistance with meeting the needs of new residents living in the development through improvement of council assets.

The development of houses on Walnut Field and the Clements Farm development has resulted in funds possibly being available for children's outdoor sports to be spent on the Hardwicke Field amounting to £94,876.40 plus Capital Revenue of £29,103.46, and children and young people's play equipment to be spent on the Jubilee Field amounting to £51,847.12 plus capital revenue of £54,490.94. Several contractors have put in plans for both areas and a consultation will be sent to you all at the end of September. The Parish Council have to bid for this money together with any other eligible local organisations. Again, if any resident has any suggestions, please contact the Clerk at clerk@tytherington-pc.gov.uk.

The second round of the Community Benefit Funding is open to all Tytherington organisations. Applications need to be received by the Clerk by end of October for a decision in November. Details can be found on Community Grants – Tytherington Parish Council (tytherington-pc.gov.uk) and the form on TYTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (google.com) together with the Policy

Finally the Parish Council have a web site www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk and a Facebook page [1 Tytherington Parish Council | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/1TytheringtonParishCouncil) where you can keep updated on matters affecting Tytherington and Itchington..

Falfield Village Hall Management Committee



Falfield Village Hall



Saturday 24th September 2022

10am - 12 noon

Come & enjoy meeting, chatting & making new friends



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the homes in our five parishes. Apart from printing costs, all those who produce and deliver it do so on a voluntary basis.

If you enjoy reading this magazine, perhaps you would like to make a donation to our running costs if you don't already do so.

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Townwell Tots



Tea/coffee and cake available.



For details contact Sue 01454 269178

Starting September 15th 2022

Bi-weekly in term time 10.15 - 12.00 noon

A free 'Stay and Play' where parents and carers can relax and chat whilst children play.

Includes a short sing-song and children's Bible story

DON'T FORGET

The Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust gives grants to support places of worship so it seems a good cause to support. If you think that it is important to keep these places going then please sponsor me. I'll be cycling 50 miles round the area visiting Kingswood, Hawkesbury, Rangeworthy, Oldbury, Berkeley and Tortworth on **September 10th**.

I have set up a **Justgiving** page so if you just search my name and **Ride and Stride** you should find it. 50% of the money I raise will go to the county fund to be available for all our churches and 50% will go to Tortworth Church.

If you want to join me then you'd be very welcome! Thanks.

Fen Marshall



Alveston Gardens Association

"Villa Gardens of the Italian Lakes"

with Robert Bryant

Monday 5th September

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall



Don't miss a chance to see **Roger Huckle and The Bristol Ensemble**

when they return to Thornbury with a wonderful

Autumn Concert

If you are lucky enough to have seen this orchestra perform before, you will know that this group of musicians delight their audience with incredible expertise. The ensemble presents classical items featuring violin, flute, piano and double bass plus surprises from other guest musicians.



**The United Reformed Church,
Chapel Street, Thornbury, BS35 2BA
Saturday 15th October at 7.30pm.**

Tickets: £18 including a drink are available from AAGThornbury@gmail.com or 01454 850933

**Computer Support 1-1
at Thornbury Library**

Book a session with our computer volunteer for IT
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Every Thursday morning

9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am

To book any of the activities at the library, pop in,
email thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk
or tel: 01454 868006



Bric-a Brac Stall

If anyone has items
suitable for a Bric-a-
Brac stall at Falfield's
Autumn Fair on 1st Oc-

tober, please contact Linda Smith on 01454
260385



**Thornbury
Choral Society**

We restart after the
summer break on Mon-
day, September 5th at
the United Reformed Church at 8.00pm.

**At 7.30pm on the 12th September we have a
Welcome Evening with refreshments** followed
by the rehearsal at 8.00pm.

We shall be rehearsing the pieces for our Novem-
ber concert at the Castle School. We are perform-
ing "The Armed Man" by Karl Jenkins and
the "Missa Criolla" by Ramirez, an exciting South
American piece.

If you are interested in singing, or want to make
new friends come along to our Welcome Even-
ing and give us a try. There are no auditions and
everyone is friendly and encouraging.

More information is available from
www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk

Tat3

Wed Sept 14th

(please note change of day)



Summer Lunch Outing

to Nailsworth Garden Centre

Leaving Cromhall at 11.30am

If you were not at the August meeting but
would like to come, please add your name to
the list in Cromhall Shop

For more information contact Ann on 01454
294200

TYTHERINGTON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Jackie Harris on

Sir Peter Scott

*Founder of the Slimbridge Wildfowl and Wetlands
Trust*

Friday 9th September at 7.30pm

in the Baptist Schoolroom
(at rear of chapel)

Everyone welcome

Open Garden Thank You

Jill Bailey would like to thank everyone who
came and supported her 'Open Garden' on
24th July.

We raised £628 for the RNLI – our best ever
total on the day – thanks to
the helpers and the lovely
weather.



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Cromhall Parish Council

A range of topics were raised by members of the public at the August parish council meeting:

Community Shop. The chair of the Community Shop came to explain the threat posed by the rising cost of electricity and the huge impact this will have on the shop. It could mean it may no longer be viable to keep the shop or the post office open going forwards from next May. This would be a great loss to the village, as some residents are very dependent on it. If you have any ideas about how the shop can increase its income or find innovative ways to pay for its electricity, I am sure they would be glad to hear from you.

Townwell Green. Several residents came to raise the issue of the poor maintenance of Townwell Green which remains the responsibility of the developer, Heathco Homes. Grass has only been cut once this year in May and residents have recently resorted to removing weeds and "docks" themselves. One major concern in this hot weather is the large pile of grass cutting left on site. The parish council has contacted the developer, as have local residents but it is disappointing to note that ongoing maintenance does not appear a priority. The matter will be raised with South Gloucestershire Council.

HMP Leyhill. Steve Hodson, Governor of Leyhill, gave an update explaining that the development at the prison is progressing slowly, although costs of the new buildings have risen considerably since the original plans were put in place. They are hoping work will start in the new year. He also allayed any community worries over the recent temporary release failures.

If you have any feedback, or concerns about the village please, come along to the next Parish Council meeting on 14th September where members of the public are welcome to attend and raise issues during public participation. Alternatively, you can contact the Council's Clerk via email: clerk@cromhallpc.org.uk

Mark Daniel, Chair,
<http://www.cromhallpc.org.uk>

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Alistair Baldwin, Researcher, The Greatest Auction

St James' Church, Tytherington 100+ Club

Summer Draw

1st	No 173	B Jobbins
2nd	No 41	S Unwin
Joint 3rd	No 81	A Bale,
	No 124	R Keen



St. Andrew's, Cromhall



St. Leonard's, Tortworth



St. Oswald's, Rockhampton



St. James', Tytherington

St. George's, Falfield



Church services and important information

Just a reminder that the five parishes of the former benefice are now separate entities. There is no longer a benefice office or a central point of contact. This means that the churchwardens of each church need to be contacted directly.

Churchwardens

Cromhall:

Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200

Falfield:

Headley Pain 01454 269017 or

Sian Hogg 07986699986/sianhogg@gmx.com

Rockhampton:

Liz Cullimore 01454 412208

Tortworth:

Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or

Fen Marshall 01454 260821

Tytherington:

John Williams 01454 412515 or

Phil Coward 01454 281444

If you cannot get hold of them, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. But bear in mind they do have other lives and may not be available instantly. However, leave a message and they will deal with it as soon as they can.

Failing that, contact David Russell, the Area Dean on davidrussell@gmx.com or phone. (01454) 294267.

Services for September:

Cromhall:

11th 9.30am Holy Communion - Rev. Richard Amys

18th 3.00pm A Village Celebration of Harvest Praise

Falfield:

4th 3.30pm Café Church

11th 10.30am Holy Communion

18th 10.30am Morning Prayer

25th 10.30am Join Rockhampton

**2nd Oct 3.30pm Harvest Festival with
Archdeacon Ven Hilary Dawson**

Rockhampton:

25th 10.30am Harvest Festival Morning Prayer

Tortworth:

4th 10.30am Holy Communion

Tytherington:

Thurs 1st 9.30am Said Holy Communion with Rev Sheila Fisher

4th 10.30am Joint service with the Baptists at Baptist church

18th 10.30am Holy Communion and Baptism



Harvest Services

18th September

Cromhall 3.00pm

25th September

Rockhampton 10.30am

2nd October

Falfield 3.30pm

16th October

Tortworth 10.30am
Tytherington 10.30am



Sharing the Caring

ST PETER'S HOSPICE SEVERNSIDE SUPPORT GROUP

Friends of St Peter's Hospice Registered Charity No: 269177

On possibly the hottest day of the year so far, we held a Garden Party in aid of St Peter's Hospice at Grove House in Alveston, by kind permission of Geoff and Carol. The gardens looked magnificent and were greatly enjoyed by all those that attended.

Musical entertainment was provided by Jenny Pain and was much appreciated.

We entertained 130 people on the day - a superb turnout considering the heat wave. The tea and cakes ladies were kept very busy and the raffle, knitted goods and books did a brisk trade. A very big thank you to all who supported us on the day, and those who worked so hard to make it a successful afternoon.

We raised on the day the wonderful sum of £958.45 but since then most generous donations have been received towards the total amount, enabling us to record a profit of £1,373.45. What a fabulous result! This will go towards the vital work of the Hospice within our local community, both at the Hospice and with Hospice at Home help.

Diary date for next year is July 16th 2023, when we hope to see you all again.

Kath Burgess, SPH

Get a FREE Will and support Bristol Children's Hospital

We are so lucky to have Bristol Children's Hospital covering our area. It provides an unrivalled level of service when our youngsters are most in need. The Grand Appeal charity covers the many extras that the NHS cannot - making life a bit more bearable for sick children and their families.

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

The scheme means you can make a donation to support the Children's Hospital in your Will. With nothing to pay now, even giving a small percentage of what you leave behind could make a tremendous difference to help future generations of local sick children.

To thank you, under the scheme, Simpson Solicitors will prepare a Will (or 2 mirror Wills for a couple) **absolutely free** to you. You will still receive their full award-winning service. They hope that you will then leave a generous legacy in your Will for the Grand Appeal. As a further thank you, if you also need Additional Trust Protection or Powers of Attorney, Simpsons will take 30% off the usual full cost.



Michelle Baden-Daintree who runs Simpsons' local office says "I hope many people will take advantage of the scheme and leave a generous gift in their Will to the Grand Appeal. Call our friendly team on **01454 412 278** if you would like to make or update your Will under this scheme. By leaving a donation in your Will, you can gift a sick child a brighter future."

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Grant-Giving Programme 2022 - Thornbury and District League of Friends

Thornbury and District League of Friends celebrated a very successful year of community grant awards and support with over 100 guests at our Summer Party in late July at Porch House. We all enjoyed a plentiful afternoon tea and an uplifting performance by the Thornbury Good Afternoon Choir. Several of our grant recipients attended along with many friends and supporters of the League of Friends, so a big thank you to all our guests and, of course, to the choir for entertaining us with such a lively and eclectic mix of songs. There was also the inevitable raffle which was very well supported and much appreciated (especially by the winners!)

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

The 2022 programme will operate as follows:

21 October: Grant Programme Launch event – 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall;
18 November: Last date for Grant Application submission;
25 November: Announcement of Grants awarded.

In the meantime please contact Andrea for further information regarding the above programme

(email: abates1101@msn.com or m: 07736 421272).

The last event of the year will be our **AGM** to be held on 1 December at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall.

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

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Charity-Organization/Thornbury-and-District-League-of-Friends-520474571777943/>



GLOUCESTERSHIRE ENERGY FROM WASTE

Built on what used to be Moreton Valence Airfield, Gloucestershire EfW uses non-recyclable waste to generate electricity by burning it at very high temperatures.

It became fully operational at the beginning of 2020 after much controversy. The county has minimised its reliance on landfill, thereby avoiding the production of methane, one of the more harmful greenhouse gases, as well as being able to

generate enough electricity to power around 25,000 homes. In addition, the facility recycles aggregates and metals recovered from the process.

The site has a dedicated Visitor Centre where educational tours, courses and workshops on the waste hierarchy and recycling, climate change, and sustainability are available for schools, colleges, universities, as well as adult and community education groups to support sustainability-themed courses. The Visitor Centre also provides an area for community meetings and events, wildlife and outdoor amenities, and a location for business network events and meeting spaces. Use of the Visitor Centre, site visits and tours must be arranged and booked directly through the project website. Gloucestershire Energy from Waste Facility operates under an Environmental Permit which was issued and is monitored by the Environment Agency.

For more details on how to visit the Facility, please visit: www.ubbgloucestershire.co.uk or email: info@ubbgloucestershire.co.uk.



HOME LIBRARY SERVICE (books to your door)

Do you, or anyone you know, find it difficult to get to the library for books?

If the answer is yes, please contact
thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk
or ring 01454 868006

St Andrew's Church, Cromhall

VILLAGE HARVEST PRAISE

followed by
cream teas



3pm
on Sunday Sept 18th
ALL WELCOME

Harvest donations of dried food, tins and toiletries will be sent to Thornbury foodbank.

A list of items most urgently required is on their website.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF
FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL IS ON
TUES 20th SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM
IN FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

BELL RINGING at TYTHERINGTON

There will be a ringing competition at St James' on **Saturday 3rd September** starting at 3pm and lasting approximately three hours.



"Have You Read...?" is back

Come and enjoy an open book group with a difference; no set novel to read.

Just drop in for an hour at Thornbury Library on

Friday 2nd September 2.00 - 3.00pm

The Thornbury Macular and Low Vision Group

The group meets in the Methodist Church Hall on the first Tuesday of the month 10.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. We would welcome anyone wishing to join us. For more information ring John 01454 885301

Meet the author Lynne Cavendish

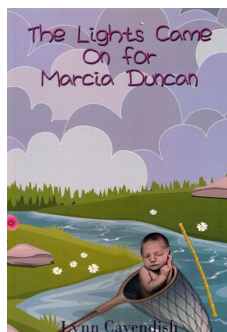
Self-Published author Lynne Cavendish

will be in Thornbury library on

**19th and 21st September
from 10am-12pm**

to chat about her book

**"The Lights Came on for
Marcia Duncan"**



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| 4 th | Joint Service at Chapel | <i>Guest Preacher Hugh Ferguson</i> |
| 11 th | 'Hymns of Praise' Service | <i>Led By the Congregation</i> |
| 18 th | 'Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Of The Tree' [Daniel 4:1 – 27] | <i>Brian</i> |
| 25 th | Harvest Festival Service | <i>Brian</i> |

§ Service includes Holy Communion
Everyone welcome

NB Afternoon Teas will resume on Weds 5th October 2.30 - 4.00pm in the schoolroom.

TO BOOK: (01454) 633786 or 632813
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present

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arrangement with Stage
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Weekdays 7:30 p.m.
**Saturday 1:30 &
6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday 30th November to
Saturday 3rd December 2022**



Thornbury Library
BFG's (Book Focus Group)
for Year 7 and upwards

Come and spend an hour discussing books
with others. A great way of finding brilliant
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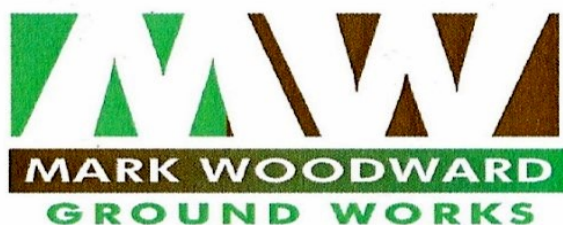
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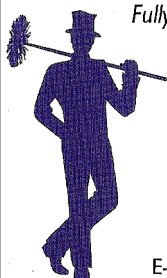
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September - month of Harvest Home, Hops and Apples



In the days of harvesting with hand tools, the 'Last Sheaf' of standing corn was always treated with great reverence, especially in northern and western

Britain. There it was known by many honorific titles: the Maiden or the *Cailleach* (old woman) in Scotland; the Neck or Gander's Neck in western England; the Mare in Herefordshire; and the *Caseg Fedi* (harvest mare) or *Gwrach* (hag) in Wales.

The last sheaf had to be cut in a particular manner. In Scotland, it was reaped by the youngest maiden or the youngest las on the farm, and must not touch the ground before being carried home in triumph. But in western England and Wales the standing corn was plaited together, all the reapers threw their sickles at it until one cut it down, whereupon he cried that he had 'got the Mare' or cut the

'Gander's Neck'.

However it was cut, the Last Sheaf was often dressed in women's clothes, or plaited into a 'Corn Dolly': 'she' then presided over the Harvest Home feast and was carefully kept for luck until the next harvest time.



*The harvest swains and wenches bound
For joy to see the hock-cart crown'd
About the cart hear how the rout
Of rural younglings raise the shout
Some bless the cart; some kiss the sheaves
Some prank them up with oaken leaves
While other rusticks, less attent
To prayers than to merriment
Run after with their breeches rent.*

From 'The Hock Cart' by Robert Herrick 1648

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18 th	(10.30am) Jonathan Brain	(6.30pm) Phil Ricketts
25 th	(10.30am) TBC	(6.30pm) Simon Carey

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 7th and 21st Home Groups – we meet in several homes in the area
14th and 28th Bible Study and Prayer in the hall and on zoom

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom): 6th and 20th at 7.00pm; 13th and 27th at 9.30 am

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 13th at 7.00pm. Join a friendly group of ladies to work on your own craft while we chat and enjoy a cup of tea.

Games Night: Friday 30th at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 24th September at 9.00am. Join us for a delicious cooked breakfast followed by a visit to Allied Force – WW2 US Army vehicle restoration company.

Townwell Tots is back! After a long break over Covid, the very popular Townwell Tots group will be re-opening on **Thursday 15th and 29th September** and every other week during term time from 10.15am - 12.00. This is a free stay and play for parents/carers and their babies and pre-school children. It's a great place to meet others in the community. Enjoy coffee and cake while the children play with a wide range of toys. We finish with a time of singing and a Bible story aimed at the very young.

Everyone welcome.



Walkathon 2022

Last year's successful Walkathon raised over £10,000 and Thornbury Rotary thanks all who took part, plus their sponsors. Proceeds were handed over to local charities and good causes who appreciated the amounts they received.

Walkathon 2022 will be run from 17th September to 1st October. Anyone wishing to take part can choose a date during this period as well as the walking route they would opt for, perhaps a 1 mile walk around the Mundy Playing Fields, or 4 miles around the paths and lanes of Thornbury, or maybe a more challenging 10 miles, linking Thornbury and the surrounding villages. Walkers can even plan their own route to suit individual/team challenges and locations.

Rotary requests that those who wish to take part access the Walkathon page of their website: www.ThornburyRotary.org/walkathon. All the details for the event are available, including application and sponsorship forms. Anyone needing to contact the organiser, Andrew Maxwell, can do so via email: ThornburyRotaryClub@gmail.com, or by calling mobile 07949 072703. Individual and team sponsors can donate directly via Just Giving: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/thornburyrotary-walkathon22>

One of this year's principal recipients of the money raised is the charity Paul's Place (South West), whose mission is to enhance the lives of physically disabled adults and those with cognitive and sensory impairment. The other main charity is South Gloucestershire Young Carers. Rotary will be supporting other local charities and good causes, as well as Butterfly Space, a UK registered charity set up to help local communities in Malawi. One of their main projects is 'Stepping Stones' which provides high level academic training for primary and nursery schools. Thornbury's own Alice Leaper is the founder of Stepping Stones and one of the owners of Butterfly Space.

Thornbury Rotary's president, Stuart Hill, said that he is keen to have as many teams taking part in Walkathon 2022 as possible, to benefit the community. The goal is to raise more funds than last year and to have fun whilst taking on the challenge. People wishing to take part are urged to contact Rotary as soon as they can to register.

Life as a Student Teacher in Saffron Walden 1887 - 1888

by Ada Male

This is the final part of an article written by the head of a school in Bristol which the mother of one of our readers worked in the 1920s/30s.

Ringworm occurred at intervals, which meant those children were not allowed in school but we found they attended the Picture House and Sunday School, the latter for fear of missing out on the Sunday School outing. To counteract this, we sent weekly lists to the Sunday Schools of children not to be admitted. The School Attendance Officer policed the Pictures. Diphtheria broke out occasionally – six little ones died in one week.

Records of the absentees through sickness were kept and it was amazing how much grant was lost through sickness. This brought the average attendance down and again this depleted the salary of the Head Teacher.

The annual examination by the HMI was an ordeal for children and teachers. Such was the rigid discipline required that it was necessary the children should understand the importance of the occasion - with, I am afraid, a tinge of fear. Classes were large – 60, 70 and 80; perhaps rooms had to be shared. Teachers wore their best clothes on the day and children likewise, if they had any. All was very quiet and the atmosphere tense – waiting – and then the watchers would herald the approach of the great ones. We had our favourites - and hoped! After many years, no special date was fixed for the fixed visit – an unknown time would be less of a parade. So, as it was impossible to wear Sunday clothes (in those days special clothes for Sunday were kept) we had to take the chance and try to keep top level every day. Good reports must be obtained for the Education Rate must be kept down by earning the highest grants. Even so, we were allowed only the barest equipment. A small tin of paint cost me as much in postage as its worth. So many explanations were needed before it was granted.

In my third school, there was much less poverty; medical inspection had come, though many parents were reluctant to accept it.

A humble beginning for the Children's Rest was started – the children on the floor with a covering of old jackets, tablecloths, etc. This was condemned in the local evening paper as being unsuitable, so deck chairs were supplied but in these the posture of the children was bad and no covering was allowed.

However, gradually the rough places were made even, methods were improved, apparatus was attractive, and the school was a happy place.

We hoped that we did not qualify for Churchill's claim that: 'My education was interrupted only by my schooling.'

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There was a musical interlude with some young folk, an interesting video of the church and surroundings taken from a drone. Lots of delicious cakes and many cups of tea were consumed.

There was much catching up on the news since the last Cream Teas Sunday before the unmentionable lockdowns, and requests for another such day next year!

Just over £600 was raised to help us keep the church open for similar happy events.

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Falfield WI

It was our turn to host the July Coffee Morning in the village hall where there were many varieties of cake for our visitors to choose from as well as a plant and book stall to browse through.

Before the pandemic, half of our members were lucky enough to be able to visit the Gloucestershire Energy and Waste facility at Moreton Valence but the visit of the second group was delayed until this August. We all found the tour most interesting and those leading it very helpful, in fact the tours have become so popular that they are full booked until October 2023. (See page 9)

Falfield WI entered the Thornbury Horticultural Show, which was held at Turnberries – a new venue for the show. Once again, we were very successful, coming away with many first prizes, three 'best in show' and three trophies. Well done, ladies!

Our walk took place at Saul Junction - I have never seen so many canal boats. Some did the short walk, whilst others took the longer route but we all met up at the café for a well-earned drink and a bite to eat. It is a good way to get to know some of our new members.

The September meeting takes place at Falfield village Hall on Tuesday 6th at 7.30pm



From Councillor John O'Neill

Cotswold Homes have submitted their planning application for 32 homes on land at the rear of Cromhall Chapel and the Showmans Site, the application is expected to deliver 11 affordable homes, the term affordable homes is defined as homes that will be purchased by a housing association for social rent, affordable rent and shared ownership.

The application will be available on the SGC planning portal very shortly for those who wish to make comments.

National Highways have once again requested the local planning authority to defer any decision on the major housing development sites at Charfield and Wickwar for a further 6 months because of the capacity issues at junction 14, a recently resubmitted application for one of the sites at Charfield indicated on the travel assessment that they had reached an agreement on a mitigation strategy for junction 14 with National Highways, but NH have since deferred any decision and asked developers to pause work to enable them to carry out further modelling of the junction, I would suggest that we are in a 'watch this space' scenario.

A re-opened rail station at Charfield will move to the planning application stage in the next 2 to 3 weeks; the station is designed to serve a 14,500 population within a 5km radius, so it is important that there are transport links from the other settlements to the station. Train services are expected to commence with an hourly service and hopefully move to a half-hourly service on the line from Gloucester, Cam, Charfield, Yate, Parkway, Filton Abbeywood and Temple Meads.

There is currently a government expansion of prisons programme that is looking to increase prison places in 2025 by 20,000 places. A recent planning approval will see the population of Leyhill increase by 120, a planning application to increase capacity at Eastwood Park is expected in the next few months.

John O'Neill, john.oneill@southglos.gov.uk

St Martha's Kindergarten, Falfield



This photograph, taken in the mid-1950s, shows pupils at the small private school which operated in what is now the small hall at Falfield village hall. It was run solely by Mrs O.E. Truss (Miss Tayler) who lived at Lower Stone. She had opened the school in the late 1940s with just a handful of pupils but by this time it had grown considerably and flourished well into the 1960s. The age range extended from about 3 - 7 years.

Pupils, many of whom were the children of local farmers and business owners, were given a very thorough grounding in the 'three Rs' before they moved on to complete their education, mainly in the local state primary schools. The fact that they came not only from Falfield but a wide area including Tortworth, Stone, Wotton-under-Edge, Thornbury and Berkeley bears witness to the good reputation the school held.

One of its former pupils, Gillian Prosser, whose father was the vicar of Falfield between 1947-58 remembers:

It was not long before I found my way round to Miss Tayler's school; St Martha's. To get there I went through the gate between our house and the adjoining school and passed Mr Gatfield's (Gatty's) workroom. As I remember he had been a prisoner of war and set up a watch and clock repair business in a shed in front of the girls toilets. They were all outside and the girls went to one block and the boys to another on the main yard. It was also here that we used to have classes outside in the summer and we all made hats to wear out of newspaper to keep the sun off us. I say 'all' but I think there were usually about 10 of us in the school. I remember when I first started that we used slates with scratchy slate pencils! Every morning without fail we all recited our times tables from 2 to 12 and I guess from then on none of us ever forgot them!*

It was such a happy time and for me the trip to school took all of a minute. In those days the milk lady came with bottles of milk for us all and straws too (which we pushed through the cardboard lids on the bottles). When she delivered to us at home she came with churns and ladled it out into our own milk jugs; a pint or a quart or whatever we needed. Her name was Miss Nursaw from Chestnut Farm. (Later to become Mrs Hindley).

Every summer we would go on the school outing. This was to Thornbury on the bus and then to the recreation ground (Mundy playing fields) where we would paddle in the paddling pool and take a picnic. We thought it was such a treat. If we did not need hats we would make boats out of newspaper to sail on the pond!

**Later this room, always known as the BBC Room, would become the Benefice Office*

Gillian's memories are taken from 'We Grew up in Falfield' by Ann Riddiford.

AUDIENCES WELCOME RETURN OF THORNBURY ARTS FESTIVAL

THORNBURY Arts Festival made a successful return after an enforced two-year absence, with three nights of entertainment well received by audiences - and a further event still to come in the autumn.

The team behind what had to be a shortened post-Covid festival this year is now already looking ahead to 2023, having been encouraged by support shown for the mini-event.

Tickets sold well for the energetic electric instrument band Stringfever, jazz singer Cate Cody and Lesley Smith's costumed portrayal of Anne Boleyn.

With the festival's traditional Armstrong Hall home still mothballed, three different venues had to be found and the organisers were grateful to be able to use St Mary's Church and Castle School in Thornbury, as well as nearby Tytherington Village Hall.

But although loss of the Armstrong Hall complex remains a difficulty, they will press ahead with plans for next year's festival while still supporting campaigners who are fighting to have the building re-opened.

The festival has run for more than 50 years and is usually staged over nine days in the spring, bringing world class and nationally acclaimed performers to the town in a programme of music, comedy, drama and talks.

The introduction of a guided walk has also been a popular addition and for this year it will be held on Sunday, September 18, when groups will be taken around "hidden Chepstow". It will include a visit to the Severn Princess ferry, which used to cross the river before the Severn Bridge opened in 1966.

Details about the event and tickets are on the festival website www.thornburyartsfestival.org.uk while queries can also be made by email to info@thornburyartsfestival.org.uk or by phoning 07591 030785.

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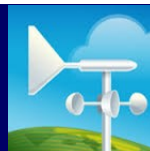


Nutty Noah mixes music with humour and plays some very unusual instruments, one of which he invented himself. Nutty Noah is one of the most in-demand family entertainers in the country, which has won him the title, "The King of all things silly!" (Ben Elton).

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Dew Point	20.2 °C	-9.9 °C	7.6 °C
Humidity	99 %	10 %	55 %
Precipitation	17.78 mm	Year to Date	312.18 mm
Wettest Day	Sunday 2nd 8.59 mm		
Wind direction	South West		
Pressure	1037.25 hPa	1010.16 hPa	
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