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HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS?

What is the ideal holiday? Few of us are quite sure......



'Today the main roads of Lakeland during the summer months carry a constant stream of fast moving traffic as dense as that of the Brighton and Portsmouth Road on a Sunday and some who remember them in the old days, when they were travelled only by a few coaches and wagonettes, are aghast at the change.'

Quotes from an article in the Daily Telegraph of the 1st August 1923, could have been written last week, the idea of holidays and summer weather have not much changed, although in 1923, few could manage more than a single Sunday

School charabanc outing to the seaside. It was not until 1938 that the unions negotiated one week's paid annual holiday for some workers. Unbelievably, it wasn't until 1998 that statutory paid leave became law and for the first time two million workers became eligible for paid leave.

The article also mentioned that ... 'there are more walkers for pleasure now than ever before, and they have joys and richly deserve to have them, which are unknown to those who sit in cars there must be something wrong with us if we do not somehow contrive to enjoy our holidays though the weather prove indifferent.'

I seem to remember, during my school summer holidays (not in1923!) the sun always shone when it was thought normal to 'play out'. We didn't jet off to Disneyland or have to be constantly entertained, I often played alone in the fields and allotments behind our house, generally just keeping out of the way of any chores my mother tried to interest me in. Later, I confess to scaling the gates to our school playing field and playing netball or tennis with friends all day long.

I assumed that world would never change but alas I turn to the August 2023 newspapers and read of the death and destruction caused by wildfires, rising temperatures causing untold distress, famine and disease; I have to pause and wonder what we are doing to this beautiful world of which we are custodians for relatively few years. What can I reasonably do to help? Forego flying long distance to Australia to visit my family? Turn the temperature on the central heating down? Use less single-use plastic? Buy an electric car? The list goes on and on. Is my small contribution worthwhile, when I turn the page and read more coal-fired power stations are being opened in China? Do my feeble efforts just fit into the 'holier than thou category' or am I really helping the planet?

The slightly pompous final words from 1923 'To each his good time; after all, we usually get the holidays we deserve' is still relevant in 2023 but how about holidays in 2123? A trip to Disneyland Moon or in tropical heat or unceasing downpour? Will we cycle or walk to Severn Beach (no fossil fuels available) for our seaside holidays - or perish the thought - will the whole area have disappeared due to rising sea levels?

There's always a reason to smile find it!



Destroyed homes and buildings in the aftermath of the fire in Lahaina in August. *Photograph: Governor Josh Green/Zuma/Shutterstock*

Hilary Legg





8th September
7pm
Tytherington Rocks
club house
Top of Woodlands rd
GL12 8UU

Friday

We encourage everyone in the local area to come along.

We would also like to welcome anyone who wants to get involved join our team any capacity on growing our vision on providing a facility for people of all age to get involved in football.

Betty Mary Llewellyn (nee Padfield) 1929 - 2023

Betty was born on 31st July 1929 in one of the original bungalows in Cowship Lane, Cromhall. She was christened in St Andrew's Church.

Her younger sister Margaret was born a couple of years later in the adjacent bungalow & her grandparents lived a stone's throw away at Hunter's Hall. Betty attended Cromhall School & after passing her exam went to Wotton Grammar School.

The family, father Jim, mother Mary Ellen (Nellie) & sister Margaret took over the village shop in Townwell in 1940. It's now called The Old Post Office.

Betty learnt to play the piano & organ and quite often, during the war years, played for Sunday services when the usual organist was on military service elsewhere. After nine years

Betty with son Peter and husband Raymond

the family sold the shop & moved to Nailsea.

Betty is survived by her husband Ray. Both have always loved returning to Cromhall for the Garden Fete &

Flower Show and, although as the years went by they recognised fewer & fewer familiar faces, they have fond memories of their visits.

Cromhall Churchyard

A big thank you to all who care for St Andrew's Churchyard.

It has been a difficult year with periods of drought and high temperatures, followed by

heavy continuous rain. Then the green bins were not collected due to the strike by South Gloucestershire Council. In spite of all of these prob-



lems, the churchyard is looking great.

Well done and thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work.

Cromhall PCC

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, TORTWORTH



Friday 15th September 12.30 - 2.00pm

Soup and a roll £5

Proceeds to The Leprosy Mission

Everyone welcome



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People like Vavi

Sri Lanka is known for its beautiful landscape, abundant wildlife and historical sites that make it a centre for tourism. However, since 2019, the country has faced the worst economic crisis in its history. Families struggle with shortages of food, fuel and other essentials. Three in ten households do not have enough food. Perhaps you feel that this is not uncommon in many countries - even our own, but leprosy makes things far worse.

Even though there is a cure, leprosy robs people of family, jobs and dignity because stigma and discrimination mean that people with leprosy do not come forward for diagnosis but live in fear, hiding their symptoms for as long as possible. However, if the disease is not treated early, those affected may lose their mobility and their sight.

Poverty and poor nutrition make the effects of leprosy worse; people are more vulnerable to catching the disease and their bodies are less able to make a good recovery.

When Vavi received her diagnosis of leprosy at the age of 32, her friends turned on her because of their fear of the disease; they stopped her from using the communal well on which she and her family depended for water for drinking, cooking, washing and cleaning. She was mistreated at work because side effects from the cure for the disease made her work more slowly and eventually she lost her job.

Through one of TLM's partners in Sri Lanka, Vavi now has a well of her own, plants to help her grow coconut trees and vegetables, training to get the most out of her garden and a growing sense of independence.

Our fundraising for Harvest this year will be a series of three soup lunches to be held on the third Friday of September, October and November at St Leonard's, Tortworth, in support of the work of The Leprosy Mission. Please join us if you can.

LEGO CLUB at Thornbury Library

Listen to a story or some poems, then create your own LEGO masterpieces and display them in the library for your family and friends to see.

> FREE Every Saturday 9.30am no booking required

Open Garden Thanks

Jill Bailey would like to thank everyone who



came to her Open Garden on July 23rd. We were so lucky with the weather and raised £ £620 for RNLI and 🏓 Alzheimer's – a fan-

tastic amount – once again, many thanks.

Tortworth Parish Meeting in the Estate Office

Tuesday 5th September at 7pm

Open to all parishioners and everyone welcome.

Rhymetime at Thornbury Library

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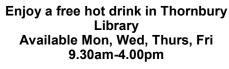
Weds Sept 13th

at 3pm in Cromhall Village Hall

for tea and a chat.

All senior citizens living in and around Cromhall are welcome.

For more information, contact Ann on 01454 294200. New visitors always welcome.



Use the computers or use your own iPad, phone etc. (wifi available). Read a book, a newspaper, browse the

shelves, enjoy a communal puzzle or just relax.



View 5 Alive online

Remember that 5 Alive is available online and in colour at:

- www.falfield.org.uk
- https://cromhall.com/cromhall/standrews-church
- www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk

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VISITING RINGERS

There will be a group of visiting ringers at

St James', Tytherington,

on

Monday 4th September from 11.30am to 12.45pm.



Local peace of mind service – Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney

Many people are surprised that the law doesn't always work in the way you would expect, if you become seriously ill and when you die.

John Baden-Daintree, solicitor, says "Almost every adult needs an up to date Will and Lasting Powers of Attorney. Otherwise they may not realise it. However they will often be leaving a legal mess for their family to sort out."

Examples include:

- spouse or partner not having the right to insist on you having the treatment or care you would want if you are too ill to speak for yourself.
- Your savings being frozen with no easy access even to pay for your care as Kate Garraway MBE discovered.
- Depending on your finances and whether you are married your partner could receive nothing when you die and / or your nothing for your children.
- The inheritance you wanted to leave behind being used up in paying your care home fees. As a couple need to put protection in both their Wills whilst both still have capacity.

The Court (OPG) has issued guidance that everyone over 18 should have powers of attorney in place. So someone **they** trust can make decisions for them. Preventing others taking advantage.

Michelle Baden-Daintree adds, "It is sad when we meet clients who have left it too late to put in place the protection they really needed in Wills and Powers of Attorney".

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Lasting Powers of Attorney - Ensure your wishes are followed by appointment of those you trust, in case of serious injury or illness



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"CALENDAR GIRLS" – the count down is on

After months of rehearsals final preparations are being made by amateur group Collaborative Productions to perform "Calendar Girls". There will be four performances of this popular play written by Tim Firth at Rangeworthy Village Hall from 21 to 23 September. This event is a fund raiser for (1) BUST which sup-



ports the breast care centre at Southmead Hospital, and (2) Blood Cancer UK.

The play is based on the inspiring true story of eleven WI members

who persuaded one another to pose for a charity calendar with a difference to raise money for the Leukaemia Research Fund. Calendar Girls is a funny, charming and touching tribute to the fundraising efforts of a group of extraordinary women. It is a story of love and friendship, and a celebration of what can be achieved when human beings come together with a common goal.

For over 16s, three performances 7.30pm and Saturday matinee 2.30pm. Tickets £12 and £10 (concessions) from www.ticketsource.co.uk/collaborative-productions or TicketSource 0333 666 3366. Cash bookings at Rose & Crown, Rangeworthy.

One small request. To enable us to give more money to the charities, it would help enormously if audience members could bring **CASH** to purchase in-house items such as programmes, raffle tickets and refreshments.



Thank you to Mrs A Greenhalgh, Mrs T Witchell, Anon, Tortworth Plants

and Mrs P Godsell for their kind donations to our printing costs.

Donations are always welcome, particularly from those organisations which use this magazine to publicise their events.

We prefer payments by BACS (Account Name: Benefice Newsletter Bank Sort Code:55-61-38 Account No: 72008733 Reference: Your name to allow us to identify the payment.)

Regular donations may also be made by standing order.

For further details please contact our Treasurer, Mr Geoff Crosthwaite telephone 01454 294140

Email: 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 or the editor.



"Ready, Steady, Read"

This year's Summer Reading Challenge finishes on 9th September for all primary age children.

Don't forget to come and get your certificate, medal, and free swim voucher when you have read our six books



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Thornbury Volunteer Centre

Thornbury Volunteer Centre invite you to join them at a Volunteer Fair on **Thursday 14th September** between **9am - 1pm in St Mary Shopping Centre**, Thornbury.

There will be charitable and volunteering stalls who will be promoting their organisations, publicising volunteering opportunities and selling a wide range of goods.

Please visit us and find out how you can make a difference to your local community.

This event is sponsored by the St Mary Centre, Thornbury and South Glos Council.

Thornbury Volunteer Centre can be contacted via mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk

ST JAMES' 100+ CLUB - SUMMER DRAW PRIZE WINNERS

1st No 52 M Brown, 2nd No 8 T Norton, Joint 3rd

> No 165 - C Creasey, No 122 - A Barrow, No 114 - D Williams.



Tytherington Local History Group Autumn Programme

All meetings take place at 7.30pm in the School-room located at the rear of the Baptist Church on Itchington Road. Talks last about an hour and are followed by refreshments. There is a small charge for admission: Memebers £2, Vistors £3 and anyone is welcome to join us for the talks.

Friday 8th September

Alveston's Norman Hunting Lodge with John and Pauline Wilson-Smith

This follows the group's pre-Covid visit to the Lower Hazel Dig and the brief appearance this Spring of our chairman, Roger Howell, on 'Digging for Britain' with Alice Roberts.



There will also be an update on Bristol University's Summer excavations

************ Friday 13th October

'Dogs in the basement chickens in the loft.'

When Newark Park became a part of the National Trust.

with Helen Roberts

Originally built as a Tudor hunting lodge by the Poyntz family of Acton Court, Iron Acton, Newark Park near Wotton-under-Edge, is our nearest NT property.

Friday 10th November The Journey of a Lifetime

Patrick Howell returns by popular request to tell of his three-month adventure via the Panama Canal to the Galapagos and Tahiti

Friday 8th December

AGM Further details nearer the time



Alveston History Society Weds 27th September 2023

Professor Richard Coates will talk about 'Local Place Names'

7.30pm at Alveston Methodist Church Visitors are welcome for a charge of £5

Cream Teas at Saint Leonard's

In the midst of some very wet weather Cream Teas on 23rd July was a thankfully dry afternoon. It was a joyous occasion and we were thrilled to welcome many old friends and new including a reunion of the Pratt family with Jenny and recently retired John, along with other members of the family.

As a direct result of the newly improved slope into the churchyard (designed and installed by Fen and friends) and our excellent 'facilities' in the Peel room, we were delighted to be joined by at least 6 wheelchair users including Mrs Brock, Mrs King and Mrs Carpenter, who much enjoyed the opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours.

Inside the church, besides the usual delicious array of scones and cakes, Peter Reeve once more showed us all the beautiful drone video, taken inside and outside of St. Leonard's, which he had painstakingly edited and set to music. It will be a lasting memorial to Peter's years of service as churchwarden at Tortworth.

Community Learning Sat 2nd and 9th September 9.30am - 12noon at Thornbury Library

Come along to find out about, and sign up for, free courses throughout the Autumn with Aimee from South Gloucestershire Community Learning. See our online Course App for more detailed information and any updates to course listings: South Gloucestershire Community Learning Courses.

You can also find regular updates on our Facebook page.





Bridge Lessons





Bridge is a fantastic game for people of all ages, and backgrounds.

Lessons are starting again this autumn.

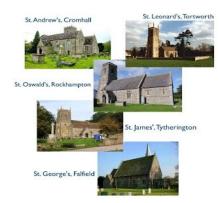
Have fun Compete

Socialise 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





Church services and information

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

Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200 Headley Pain 01454 269017 or

Sian Hogg 07986699986/sianhogg@gmx.com

Rockhampton: Liz Cullimore 01454 412208 Tortworth: Liz Cullimore 01454 412208 Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or Fen Marshall 01454 260821

Tytherington: John Williams 01454 412515 or

Phil Coward 01454 281444

If they are unavailable, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. Please bear in mind they do have other lives and may not be available instantly. However, leave a message and they will deal with it as soon as they can. Failing that, contact **Rev. Graham Stacey, the Area Dean on graham@stbarts-camandcoaley.org.uk or Tel. 01453 709859**

Cromhall Sun 10th Sun 17th	9.30am 3.00pm	Holy Communion led by Rev. Ian Gardiner Harvest Service followed by shared tea (any donation of a small plate of cakes/sandwiches would be most welcome.)		
Falfield Sun 3rd Sun 10th Sun 17th Sun 24th	3.30pm 10.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Pet Service Holy Communion Morning Prayer Join Rockhampton	PET SERVICE Sun 3rd September 3.30pm at St George's, Falfield	
Sun 1st Oct	3.30pm	Harvest Festival with Archdeacon Hilary Watson		
Rockhampton Sun 24th	10.30am	Holy Communion		
Tortworth				

Tortworth Sun 6th

Sun 6th 10.30 am Holy Communion with Rev. Jennifer Cole

Sun 17th 10.30am Prayer walk around the churchyard. A unique opportunity to experience the

beauty of this place.

Sun 1st Oct 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev. Rob Axford

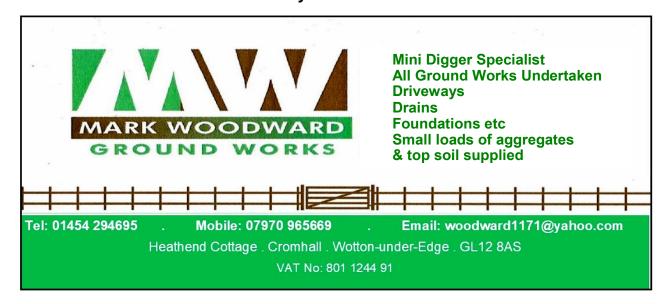
Tytherington

Sun 3rd 10.30am Joint service at Baptist Church

Thurs 7th 9.30am Said Holy Communion

Sun 17th 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev David Powe

Everyone welcome



ST PETER'S HOSPICE GARDEN PARTY



Sunday 16th July dawned wet and miserable, but by 2.30pm the sun was out and the Garden Party was in full flow, thank you to the weath-

er man!

We were delighted to welcome 105 visitors to the lovely gardens of Geoff Durston and Carol, who are amazing hosts, and we thank them for their continued support.

The raffle and book stall both did a brisk trade, as did the ladies in the tea room. The event was enhanced by the amazing music of Panache Steel Band, who captivated their audience with not only the music but their enthusiasm for what they were doing.

We are delighted to record a profit for the day of £1,354.00, a fantastic result for a fantastic afternoon. Our sincere thanks to all who



supported us on the day and sent donations, before and after the event, we are most grateful. This goes towards the vital work of the Hospice within our local community. Thank you.

Kath Burgess, Severnside Support Group

"Sight Support West of England drop in" at Thornbury Library

Support and advice for people with visual impairments.

Last Library session is 18th September

After September you will find them at The Sight Support Charity Shop & Resource Centre

18 High Street, Thornbury, BS35 2AH

Alveston Gardens Association Monday 4th September "From Oasis to Sandy Point" with Pam Turner

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

All welcome - Visitors (£3)

Ukrainian Storytime at Thornbury Library

Mondays at 4pm

Please tell your Ukrainian

family, friends, and colleagues, about Zoya, a Ukrainian teacher, who will be in the library every Monday at 4pm to share stories, reading, etc, from the Ukraine

Get help from Thornbury CAB Town Hall, Thornbury. Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon



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Have You Read...?" A book group for everyone



Come and enjoy an open book group with a difference No set novel to read. Just drop in for an hour for refreshments and a chat

Friday 1st September 2pm - 3pm

Thornbury Choral Society

Thornbury Choral Society resumes rehearsals



Congratulations to Thornbury Choral Socie-

ty on reaching its 60th Anniversary.

After our Summer break, Thornbury Choral Society resumes rehearsals on Monday September 4th at 8.00pm at the United Reformed Church on Chapel Street. The first rehearsal will be preceded at 7.30pm by the AGM.

We shall be preparing for our Autumn Concert, which will be in St. Mary's Church on Saturday, November 25th at 7.30pm.The choir will be performing "The German Requiem" by Brahms and some pieces by Mendelssohn.

On Monday, September 11th, we will be holding a "Welcome Evening" at 7.30pm prior to the rehearsal. If you are interested in finding out more about us, do come along. We are always looking to recruit new members. We are sure that there are many new residents who have come into the area, enjoy singing and are looking to meet new people. Do come and find out more about us.

For more information look on our website www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk

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3rd Joint Service at Chapel [Romans 12:9 – 13] Brian
10th [Psalm 27]* Brian
17th "Pisidium Antioch" [Acts 13:13 – 25] Brian
24th HARVEST SERVICE Brian

*Service includes Holy Communion
All services commence at 10:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise stated)

Everyone welcome

'UNDER THE SEA' - St Andrew's Church

What a lovely afternoon we all had on Saturday August 12th and the rain stayed away.

A big thank you to Anthony and Lucy for all their organization. The craft tables were a great success (especially with the adults!) and the children had great fun with the games. Starfish cakes and Clam Shell Cookies were enjoyed by all, with tea, coffee, or squash available all afternoon.

Finally, everyone enjoyed searching for treasure in the churchyard. I am pleased to say that there was no sign of the Giant Pirate Octopus!

Look out for the next family event and come and join us.

Cromhall PCC



Thornbury Art Club September events

All meetings are held at St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, Thornbury, BS35 1DR)

Tuesday 5th Sept. and every Tues. Tuesday Painting Studio Group 1.30-4.30pm.

Tel. 01454 414433

Thursday 7th Sept. and every Thursday. Thornbury Art Club, Thursday Painting Studio Group 1.30-4.30pm. Tel.07776271010

Thornbury Art Club monthly Club Night 26th Sept. 7.15 for 7.30pm.

Vicki Norman will be giving an oil painting demonstration, which will include tips and useful observations for painters in all media. Visitors welcome. Non-members £5. Tel. 01454 414433 for further details.

We are also planning to begin an evening weekly Studio Group. Beginners and experienced painters are all welcome to any Club activities.

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or find us on www.facebook.com/ ThornburyArtClub

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Ride + Stride to Save Our Historic Buildings

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust's Ride+Stride, will be held on **September 9th 2023.** This remarkable initiative invites participants to explore the stunning churches of

Gloucestershire and North Bristol, while raising funds for the preservation of these cherished historic buildings.

Ride + Stride encourages participants to fundraise by visiting churches in the area on the day of the event. Some try to visit as many as possible while others take their time exploring a select few. Previous participants have used various modes of transportation, including walking, cycling, public transportation, and even horse riding, as they travel between churches. On the day of the event, many churches will open their doors, providing participants with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the beauty of these magnificent buildings and enjoy refreshments along the way.

Funds raised through Ride +Stride are divided between the participant's nominated church and GHCT. The trust then uses the contributions allocated to GHCT to provide grants to churches and historic buildings throughout Gloucestershire and North Bristol. These grants play a pivotal role in ensuring the longevity of these architectural treasures, allowing them to serve as vibrant community spaces and be enjoyed by future generations. Previous grants have been utilised for roof repairs, enhancing accessibility, and improving facilities, among other vital projects.

St Leonard's, Tortworth, benefited from a GHCT grant of £4,000 in 2016 towards cleaning & preserving its stained glass.

The event welcomes everyone, whether they are members of local churches or simply admirers of the area's historic buildings.

To stay updated and learn more about how to participate, please visit our website at https://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride or follow us on social media:

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Join us as we worship the Lord each Sunday, followed by refreshments.

3rd (10.30am) Simon Carey 10th (10.30am) Geraint Howells 17th (10.30am) Tom Brown 24th (10.30am) Philip Clements (6.30pm) Damon Ujvarosy (6.30pm) Damon Ujvarosy (6.30pm) Damon Ujvarosy

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 6th and 20th we meet in various homes in the area; 13th and 27th we have Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall and on zoom.

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom): 5th and 19th at 7.00pm;12th and 26th at 9.30am

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 12th September at 7.00pm. Join a friendly group of ladies to work on your own craft while we chat over a cup of tea.

Townwell Tots has finished in Cromhall but any parents or carers with their pre-school children and babies are welcome at our new **Sunshine Tots** at Charfield Christian Centre (opposite the petrol station in Charfield, GL12 8SR) every **Tuesday during term-time from 10:15-12.00 starting on 12th September**. It will be the same leaders, the same coffee, tea and cake and the same programme as Townwell Tots. You will be very welcome!

Ladies' Breakfast: Saturday 30th September at 9.15am. Join us for a delicious breakfast followed by a talk by Jean Bond on Marquetry.

Crafts and Coffee: Saturday 9th September from 10.00 till 12.00 noon. Come and see a display of crafts including marquetry, fire juggling, pyrography and painting. There will be a craft for the children to do and tea, coffee and cake.

Verse of the year for 2023: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:16 and 17

Grant - Giving Programme 2023 - Thornbury and District League of Friends

Thornbury and District League of Friends has now celebrated **TWO** very successful years of community grant awards and support. Since the closure of Thornbury Hospital at the end of 2018 we have also continued to support the Henderson Rehabilitation Unit at Grace Care Centre and the Outpatients in St Mary Centre. Examples of recipients to date: Jigsaw; Krunch; Phase; Haven Memory Café; New Siblands School; Friends of Castle School; Great Western Air Ambulance; Thornbury Community Permaculture Project; Lip-reading classes.

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

The 2023 programme will operate as follows:

20 October: Grant Programme launch event (for details see our Facebook page);

17 November: Last date for Grant Application submission;

24 November: Announcement of Grants awarded.

In the meantime **please contact Andrea** for further information regarding the above programme (email <u>abates1101@msn.com</u>).

The last event of the year will be our **AGM on Thursday 30 November** (for details see our Facebook page). We desperately need several more active members to help us put on future events, so if you are interested in assisting in ANY way please contact Andrea.

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

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/



Bristol Care Homes supports care staff development in collaboration with UWE

Bristol Care Homes has implemented a pathway which supports employed care staff to develop into nursing professionals whilst maintaining their employment and earn while they learn.

They have 4 high quality care homes in North Bristol and South Gloucestershire. Bristol Care Homes pride themselves on the quality of care they provide, and the investment they put into the development of their staff team. Their latest investment has come in the form of a pathway to support care staff to attend the University of the West of England and qualify as a Nurse Associate



Bristol Care Homes has 4 members of the team who have followed this pathway so far. Elena from Glebe House, Sarah from Quarry House and Shahira from Field House have all recently successfully earned their Nurse Associate foundation degrees from the prestigious UWE University. Jemma from Beech house is currently still on the course and due to qualify in the next few months.



"Here at Bristol Care Homes, we care about our staff just as much as we care about our residents. This is the reason why, amongst many other benefits, we offer great career pathways to anyone who is looking to develop and grow professionally.", says Richard Crocker, CEO of Bristol Care Homes.

Bristol Care Homes is committed to providing excellent lifetime care to residents and great career opportunities to staff. Two of its homes have CQC 'Outstanding' rating, whilst its resident fees remain extremely competitive and good value. The career development pathways ensures that people who join or work in the company strive to provide that excellent standard of care to residents while also growing professionally within the company.

If you are keen to work for an employer who invests in staff support and development, please visit their website: www.bristolcarehomes.co.uk

Job Vacancy - Cromhall Clerk

Cromhall Parish Council is looking to appoint a part-time Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. This is a permanent, home-based position, working 10 hours per week. This may vary dependent on workload, including attendance at monthly evening meetings.

The successful candidate will be highly organised and have high levels of administrative and financial skills and the ability to guide and advise councillors on a wide range of issues to ensure the parish council complies with policies, procedures, and regulations. The current precept is £22,330.00

Applicants should be confident in working alone and be able to prioritise and meet tight deadlines. Strong verbal and written communication skills are essential, as are IT skills and experience of managing a website to promote the Council through its website and ensuring the information is regularly and accurately updated using WordPress.

Knowledge and experience of working within a Local Government environment is desirable but a successful applicant will be expected to have, or to be willing to start working towards the CiL-CA qualification within one year of employment. The Council is committed to training and will develop a program of learning to support the successful candidate in their role and achieving the CiLCA qualification.

Salary: depending upon skills, experience, and qualifications, is graded LC1 (above substantive range) SCP13-17 – £23,023 – £24,920 (per annum, pro rata to hours worked, pay award pending)

Benefits: home working allowance (in accordance with HMRC rules) and NEST pension.

Information on Cromhall parish council can be found at www.cromhallpc.org.uk where you can download the application form.

Alternatively please email clerk@cromhallpc.org.uk, contact Mark Daniel Chair of the Council, on 07746 741834

or email: markdaniel.cromhallpc@gmail.com for an informal discussion.

Closing date for applications is 21st September 2023

Interviews will take place on 28th September 2023

Cromhall parish council is an equal opportunity employer and has signed the **Civility and Respect Pledge**.



Edward Jenner: a man who changed the face of the world

A talk by Professor Gareth Williams at St. Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Road, Thornbury,BS35 1DR

Saturday 9th September 7.30pm Tickets £7.50 from AAGThornbury@gmail.com



TYTHERINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Our next 'Afternoon Tea' session will be held from 2.30pm on WEDNESDAY 6th September

in the Schoolroom at rear of chapel

Everyone welcome.



The Bristol Ensemble An American Landscape by Candlelight

Bernstein: West Side Story Suite,
Gershwin: Concerto in F,
Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue
Philip Glass: Mishima,
Copland: Hoe Down from Rodeo
This programme has been specially arranged for
Piano and string quintet for the Bristol Ensemble.



Musicians: Viv Mclean (piano), Roger Huckle (violin), Marian Givens (violin), Carl Hill (viola),

Harriet Wiltshire (cello), Jub Davis (bass).

at the United Reformed Church, Chapel Street, Thornbury, BS35 2BA, Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm

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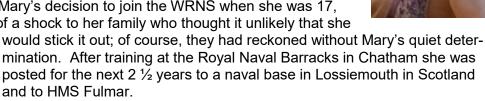


Mary Lilian Davies 1942 – 2023

St Leonard's Church at Tortworth has lost one of its most loyal members with the death of Mary Davies on 17th July at the age of 80.

Mary started life in Milton, Weston-super-Mare, on the 16th November 1942 – life during war time was disrupted; her father was serving in the army and their one and only meeting took place when she was eighteen months old as he was later killed in action in the far east and buried at Kohima. Despite the struggles of the immediate post-war era, Mary's home life was comfortable and loving.

At the age of 15 she left school to work in a wool shop where she would stay for the next 2 years. Mary's decision to join the WRNS when she was 17, came as something of a shock to her family who thought it unlikely that she



In 1968 Mary married the love of her life, Keith Davies, a keen biker. Although Mary had her reservations about his biking activities, the marriage lasted some 40 years during which time their daughter, Fiona, was born.

When Keith obtained a job in Marchwood power station in the New Forest, the family moved from Weston to Lyndhurst, where new and lasting friendships were formed, and Mary started working for the CEGB. The next

move brought them to Charfield, where Mary and Keith would spend the rest of their lives.

After initially working in a shop in Wotton, Mary went to college in Dursley before going on to work in the stores office at Berkeley power station but in 1984 she was diagnosed with lung cancer. Despite this, she remained incredibly stoical throughout, returning to work shortly after having her lung removed. Given the prognosis of a life expectation of five more years, Mary's indomitable spirit proved medical predictions wrong.

Mary's faith was very important to her throughout her life, and she became a regular worshipper at Tortworth, prayerfully serving as a member of the Parochial Church Council and acting as its secretary for many years. As well this she was a quiet presence; when any tasks needed doing, whether it be cleaning, coffee-making or washing-up at cream teas, Mary would be there to help with whatever needed doing.

Although she was a woman with many interests, especially reading, listening to Radio 4, gardening, travel and history, Mary's overwhelming love was for her family whom she cared for and supported in so many ways.

Her grand-daughter, Claire, described her as, "a fascinating woman of many talents, unfailingly kind and generous." Who could want a better epitaph than that?

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More details next month.



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Laughter, song and touching wartime letters to delight Thornbury Arts Festival audiences

COMEDIAN Alfie Moore and an uplifting gospel choir are among feature performances in this year's Thornbury Arts Festival.

An engaging reading of wartime letters exchanged between actress Celia Johnson and her husband Peter Fleming is also part of the festival programme this autumn.

With closure of the town's Armstrong Hall complex still causing major difficulties for festival organisers, they have found alternative venues for the events planned.

But the determined volunteers hope a mix of three evening shows, a variety of lunchtime talks and a guided walk will appeal to a wide range of festival-goers.

The programme will run on seven days between September 27 and October 4, with the first evening performance featuring *Britain's Got Talent* semi-finalists, the BIG Gospel Choir.

The singers have regularly appeared on TV and their powerful voices and beautiful vocal arrangements will fill St Mary's Church on Thursday, September 28.

Cop-turned comedian Alfie Moore, star of the hit BBC Radio 4 comedy series *It's a Fair Cop*, will entertain an audience in Tytherington Village Hall on Friday, September 29. Alfie spent 20 years on the beat, where a keen sense of humour was key to his success and his survival, and dealing with everyday incidents generated a host of "just couldn't make up" stories.

On Saturday, September 30, Marlwood School drama hall, Alveston, will host *Posting Letters to the Moon,* when letters written by Celia Johnson and Peter Fleming during the Second World War will be read by their daughter, Lucy Fleming, and Simon Williams, who plays Justin Elliott in BBC Radio 4's The Archers.

Celia told of coping with a house full of evacuated children, learning to drive a tractor, dealing with rationing and becoming an auxiliary policewoman, while continuing to act. In 1945 she starred in the film *Brief Encounter*, for which she received an Oscar nomination.

Peter was away for most of the war and wrote about his adventures and trials working on deception in India and the Far East.

The lunchtime talks will be given in Thornbury's United Reformed Church, with topics ranging from wartime Land Girls (speaker Fiona Warin) and the NHS at 75 (Dr Nancy North) to writing a debut novel (Justine Pullan) and the life of an auctioneer (Philip Taubenheim).

Meanwhile, the festival's popular guided walk will see local historian Meg Wise leading a party around Thornbury on Sunday, October 1, to discover where some of the town's ancient inns and beer houses used to be and learn about the history of pubs still open today.

Visit the festival website www.thornburyartsfestival.org.uk for full details about events and tickets.

Sweet Cucumber Pickle

2 lbs cucumbers, diced (unpeeled)
2 sticks celery, finely chopped
1 pint cider vinegar
1lb soft, brown sugar
1/4 tsp ground cloves

2 large onions, finely sliced 1 oz cooking salt 1 tsp mustard seeds ½ tsp ground turmeric



- Put the cucumber, onions and celery in a large china bowl with the salt.
- Mix well, then cover and leave for 2 hours.
- Rinse the vegetables under cold, running water, then drain well and place in a large pan.
- Add the vinegar and bring to the boil.
- Simmer for about 15 minutes, until the vegetables are soft, then add sugar and spices.
- Stir until the sugar has completely dissolved, then bring to the boil. Remove from heat and leave until quite cold.
- Pot and seal in the usual way.
- The pickle can be used straight away but improves if kept.

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