Community newsletter for Cromhall, Falfield, Tortworth, Tytherington and Rockhampton

5 Villages Alive



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Can't see the flowers for the rubbish?



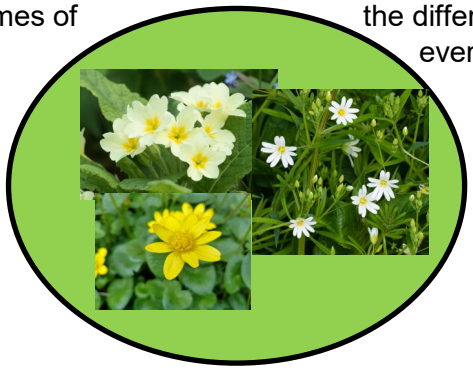
What have a Welsh road sign showing 3 way traffic, a Tesco shopping trolley, and National Grid signage, got in common? We held our annual Litter Pick recently with a great turnout of villagers, augmented by a few men from Leyhill. There were 25 of us in total. We always finish up with a bacon bap, courtesy of Tortworth Farm Shop. The weather was dry and we collected about 60 sacks of rubbish, along with a few car tyres. Stella Artois (other lager drinks are available!) again took the lead with Red Bull closing the gap in second place.

Many years ago, Keith Tippett and I decided to collect some garbage along the main road in Tortworth and nearly filled a shopping bag with it all. We were dismayed. How times have changed!

. . Some 55 years ago Di and I visited Liverpool by train. We stepped out of Lime Street station and were met with pavements strewn with huge amounts of rubbish. I'd never seen anything like it. The contrast with home was stark.

We went back about 10 years ago and again arrived at Lime Street. The difference was amazing. The pavements were spotless; not a scrap of paper in sight. OK, maybe the Council employed people to collect it regularly, but even so, it was very impressive. The sad thing was that the week before that visit, we had collected over 40 sacks of rubbish around Tortworth.

When you collect litter regularly it gets you thinking about the people who chuck it out. At first you get disgusted, then angry, then curious. Who on earth are these people who don't respect where others live? How sad that they are unable to appreciate our beautiful countryside. Anyone who can't see the primroses, celandine, daffodils and stitchwort is really missing out on what it is to be human (and it doesn't matter a jot if they don't know the names of the different flowers!). The joy of an English Spring day is something every single inhabitant should get the chance to experience. You could even have a can of Stella in your hand!



Incidentally, the items I mentioned at the start were just some of the things we collected around our parish, but I guess you'd already worked that out, along with calculating how far someone must have pushed that Tesco trolley!

Fen Marshall

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

Rhymetime at Thornbury Library

FREE

Every Monday and Friday 9.30am-10am

NB The Library opens early especially for this event.

PLEASE NOTE

All enquiries about advertising in 5 Alive should be addressed to Bridget Collett Tel: 07773 397080 or Email: bridgetcollett@live.co.uk

Alveston Gardens Association

Monday 5th May

Lillies of Greece

with Duncan Coombs

Jubilee Hall, Alveston 7.30pm

All welcome – Visitors (£3)

May Half Term Activity at Thornbury Library

Pesky Pirates Craft Session



Weds 28th May

10:30am - 12pm

All activities are free to attend, are most suitable for primary school aged children (children must bring a grown-up with them), and new faces are always very welcome.



Tytherington Village Hall AGM

will be held at 7.30 pm on

Wednesday 7th May 2025

in the Village Hall

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SOUP LUCHES AT ST LEONARD'S,TORTWORTH

Many thanks to everyone who in any way supported the soup lunches held during Lent.

We are pleased to say that £510 was raised to share between the two charities: The Children's Society and The Gurkha Welfare Trust.



Ukrainian Storytime
Mondays at 4pm
at Thornbury Library

Tell your Ukrainian family, friends, and colleagues, about Zoya, a Ukrainian teacher, who will be in the library to share stories, reading, etc, from the Ukraine.

Enjoy a free hot drink in Thornbury library!

Available Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri

10.30am - 4.00pm

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

Licensing Act 2003 Notice 2

Notice of application for the GRANT of a PREMISES LICENCE

Proposed licensable activities: Theatre, Musicals, Dancing, Other Amplified and unamplified entertainment, film shows for village and hall fundraising, the option to sell alcohol at specified events.

Name of applicant: Tytherington Village Hall Committee- Application submitted on behalf of the committee by Andrew Hunt

Address of Premises: Tytherington Village Hall, Itchington Road Tytherington, Wotton Under Edge.

Post Code: GL12 8QE

Date by which Other Persons and Responsible Authorities may make representations:

8th May 2025

A record of the application made to the Licensing Authority will be kept on a register at South Gloucestershire Council, Licensing Service, Engine Common Lane, Yate, South Gloucestershire, BS37 7PN, and the register may be inspected during normal office hours.

All representations regarding this application MUST BE IN WRITING and sent to:

South Gloucestershire Council, Department for Environment and Community Services, Licensing Service, PO Box 1954, Bristol, BS37 0DD

or e-mail licensing@southglos.gov.uk. For further assistance, please telephone 01454 868001

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and is subject to a maximum fine of £5000 on summary conviction for the offence.

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

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Producer visit

Come and hear from a fairtrade grower about the importance of fairtrade and how the fairtrade premium benefits their communities.

On Saturday 3rd May at 10:45 in the United Reformed Church (URC) in Chapel St, Thornbury, Rosibel Gonzalez Ruiz, a fairtrade coffee grower from the Odorico De Andrea co-operative in Nicaragua will talk about her life and work, as part of a visit to schools in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire area organised by the Bristol – Nicaragua link.

Rosibel will be welcomed to Thornbury by the Deputy Mayor, Helen Ball, as part of Thornbury's work towards the renewal of its Fairtrade Town status.

Her visit will take place during the URC's regular Saturday coffee morning from 10am to 12 noon, and tea and coffee will be available, as well as a fairtrade stall offering coffee and a selection of other fairtrade products.

This will be an informal visit, so please feel free to call in for a quick look or stay longer for a chat and a chance to ask questions about how fairtrade works.

More information: Mark 07564-874221

Come and join us for Teas at the Lake on 1st June



Last year the Cromhall Church team was bitterly disappointed when their planned provision of teas at Tortworth Lake coincided with a spell of really wet weather - so bad, in fact that the Estate had no option but to cancel the event.

However, we are planning to provide the teas successfully in a few weeks' time on 1st June and would be glad to welcome anyone who would like to help on the day and/or make cakes.



Do, please, get in touch if you think you can help in any way.

We need you - and St.Andrew's certainly needs any money raised!

Email Sue Wray, wraysue@googlemail.com Thank you

Thornbury u3a Coffee Morning

Alveston Methodist Church Hall, Alveston, BS35 3RA

10:30 – 11:30am on Saturday 3rd May

Members and Non-members are welcome. Some u3a groups will be represented and will be happy to answer questions. Please do come along to meet other people and have a coffee and chat.

For further information visit our website Thornbury u3a or for membership enquiries membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk

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Rosemary Fergie-Woods 1935 2025



For the last thirty years, working labradors shared Rosemary's life and she took enormous pleasure in training, competing and working with them. Indeed, they were such an important part of her life that several of them (along with their owners) attended her funeral and even joined in the singing of the final hymn.

Rosemary was born in Bristol in 1935 and died in there nearly 90 years later having enjoyed a full and varied life. Although proud to call herself a Bristolian by birth, she will always be remembered as a Gloucestershire girl, having spent the largest portion of her life in the Berkeley Vale where she first set foot when her father, Jack Angell-James, moved the family out to the safety of Stinchcombe during WW2 after having suffered close calls during the bombing of both Bristol and Bath.

Friends were important to Rosemary from her first school days to those with whom she had trained and worked as a secretary, and then her years as a naval officer's wife. Working as a guide at Berkeley Castle and later milk recording ensured friendships in the local area's farming community. Then there were those she made whilst pursuing her many hobbies and interests from riding horses, training dogs and playing bridge. Clergy who had served at Falfield where her father was churchwarden for many years also became life-long friends.

Rosemary had the gift of engaging with people immediately and drawing them in. She simply liked people, was genuinely interested in their lives and concerned about their troubles. Part of her attraction was no doubt the spark of naughtiness that made her fun to be around. Another of her endearing characteristics was her insistence on trying to feed anyone or anything that set foot in her home, be it human or animal. Hospitality was key and visitors were always offered tea or coffee and bits of cake and as many biscuits as she could find of as wide a variety as possible, or a hot meal if there was time or a bed if they would like to stay and biscuits for their dogs as well and crumpets too.

Rosemary always wanted to be doing things and learning about things. It was undoubtedly the over-riding frustration of her later years as first her deteriorating eye-sight and then her back and mobility problems led to a more restricted life. In her youth she enjoyed running. She cycled, rode ponies, played tennis, skied, swam and loved to dance. Hunting with the Berkeley Hunt was one of the pleasures of her younger days with its perfect mix for her of horses, open country, socialising and adrenaline; later when she did not ride, she would follow in the car. Having first sailed with her grandfather in Torbay, Rosemary continued to do so whenever she could. She was a member of Thornbury Sailing Club and took a course in navigation before enjoying a number of sailing holidays as crew with friends.

After her marriage in 1957, Rosemary became the mother of five children, which would have proved a challenge to many, yet even then she took on projects ranging from upholstery to rebuilding whole houses for the family to live in.

For Rosemary animals were part of her extended family and they responded to her likewise. As she became less able to get about the countryside amongst the wildlife, they seemed to start seeking her out at home. Deer, foxes, hedgehogs and hares, all trotted by. She particularly enjoyed the sight and the sound of the barn owl hunting in the orchard behind her home. Nothing gave her greater pleasure in her later life than watching and feeding the birds in the garden. "I can hear them talking to me," she would say. People might laugh but maybe she was right and the birds were laughing because they could not hear them and she could.

Rosemary was a very intuitive person. She often knew things before they became apparent to others. That spiritual sensitivity seems to have been passed down through her mother and grandmother, back to the wise women of the distant past. She certainly saw and felt spirits and had the gift of dowsing. People would seek her out to locate missing people and missing pets, which she did with some success. She saw no contradiction between this and her strongly held Christian beliefs. It was a gift from God, she would say, given to her to help other people, which was how she saw her purpose in life.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

THORNBURY Art Club

May Club Night is Tuesday 27th

Highland landscapes in Watercolour

Here's one for everyone who loves painting landscapes or would love to see how it's done.
Paul Weaver is one of our very popular and talented tutors. Tonight he will demonstrate how to achieve amazing Highland landscapes in watercolour. The evening will be fun and relaxed - Paul is always happy to answer our questions and explain his tricks and techniques. Using reference from his trip to Scotland last year, Paul will discuss and demonstrate his watercolour techniques for capturing the mountains, lochs and rural buildings he saw there.



We'll have a short break during the evening where you can enjoy **free tea, coffee, and biscuits**. It's a great time to relax, network, and connect with other art lovers, whether you're a member or just visiting for the evening.



Members free, non-members welcome - £6 on the door, cash or card. 7.15 for 7.30pm until 9.30pm. Free parking on-site at St Mary's Hall
For more details visit www.thornburyartclub.co.uk, www.facebook.com/ThornburyArtClub, email publicrelations.tac@gmail.com or Tel.01454 414433



Have You Read…?"

A book group for everyone at Thornbury Library

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 2nd May 2pm - 3pm



TYTHERINGTON 2026 CALENDAR

Please keep taking suitable photos for next year's calendar.



Falfield
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Falfield Village Hall



Wednesday mornings

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open between

9.30 - 11.30am





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Thornbury Choral Society's Spring Concert

Saturday, May 10th at 7.30pm

St. Mary's Church, Thornbury (BS35 1HQ)

Programme includes Durufle: Requiem and several unaccompanied Motets.

Also the first performance of a piece composed especially for the Society by our conductor Steven Kings entitled "Thine Enchantment"

Soloists: Martha MacLorinan (Mezzo) Dan Robson, (Baritone) James Drinkwater (Organ) and Rosie Wennick (cello)

Tickets: £18 (pre-booked) or £20 (on the door) Students £5.

Available from members, or tickets@thornburychoralsociety.org.uk or (from April 28th) from Horder's Stationers.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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Thornbury Orchestra - Concert

Saturday 7th June 2025 at 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Berkeley

Tickets: £10 for adults, Children free.
Available on our website or at the door:

Programme includes Brahms's Hungarian Dances, Borodin's Prince Igor, Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet overture, Elgar's Bavarian Dances, Le Cid Ballet by Massenet and Janacek's Lachlian Dances.

The concert is in aid of St Mary's Church, Berkeley.
For more details, contact info@thornburyorchestra.org.uk.

Founded in 2002, the orchestra draws players from across South Gloucestershire and beyond. We are always keen to hear from interested players and currently have a number of vacancies. See our website www.thornburyorchestra.org.uk for details



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 or Stephen Youngs 01454 300260, 07735 396775 churchwarden@saintandrewscromhall.org.uk
Falfield:	Headley Pain 01454 269017
Rockhampton:	Liz Cullimore 01454 412208
Tortworth:	Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or Fen Marshall 07875 560988
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. Whilst they may not be available instantly, leave a message and they will deal with it as soon as they can. Failing that, contact **Rev. Graham Stacey, the Area Dean** on **areadean@wottondeanery.org.uk or Tel. 01453 709859**

Cromhall	**NB Services at Cromhall are now on 2nd & 4th Sundays**	
Sun 11th	9.30am	Holy Communion (Rev Rob Axford)
Sun 25th	9.30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Bob Callaghan)
Falfield		
Sun 11th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 18th	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Rockhampton		
Sun 25th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Tortworth		
Sun 4th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 18th	10.30am	Church open for a coffee and cake, but no service.
Sun 1st June	10.30am	Holy Communion
Tytherington		
Thurs 1st	9.30am	Said Communion
Sun 4th	10.30am	Joint service at the Baptist church
Sun 18th	10.30am	Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to join us at any of our services.

Falfield Annual Parish (Electors) Meeting

Falfield Village Hall – Monday 19th May 2025 at 7.00 pm

The Annual Parish (Electors) Meeting is not a Parish Council Meeting. This meeting is for Parishioners hosted by Falfield Parish Council. The agenda is informal, apart from the Parish Councils Annual Report and is expected to last between 30 and 45 minutes.

If there is something specific you would like to discuss at the meeting, please contact the Clerk – James Carpenter – parish.clerk@falfiieldparishcouncil.org.uk (07484 102588)

This meeting will be immediately followed by the **Annual Parish Council Meeting**.

The agenda for this meeting will be published on the Council's website (www.falfieldparishcouncil.org.uk) and Notice Boards on Wednesday 14th May 2025

Tytherington Baptist Church



Our next 'Afternoon Tea' will be held on
Wednesday 7th May
commencing at

All are welcome.

Sandwiches, Savouries, Cakes & 'Bottomless' Coffee/Tea Pots – only £3 pp

Alveston History Association

Weds 28th May 2025
Stephen McNulty
on
'Legends of Glastonbury and medieval buildings'

Alveston Methodist Church at 7.30pm

Newcomers and visitors always welcome



Computer Support 1-1 at Thornbury Library

Book a session with our computer volunteer for IT and digital support

Every Thursday 10am, 11am, 12 noon

Rockhampton Folk and World Music Festival

Saturday 14th June 2025 from 2pm

Get ready for a day of fab music and lively dancing, in a relaxed family-friendly atmosphere – all topped off with delicious local food and drink. It's everything people love about the Rockhampton Festival!

This year's line up is packed with musical gems from across the world, from the smooth swing of The Schmoozenbergs, to Kitty Stewart & Rohan Black, Yara, and Karen Pfeiffer & Paul Walker. Add in the rhythms of Hungarian and African dance, and wrap it all up with a high energy Bavarian-style oompah band to end the evening.

There's something for everyone – kids' activities, and free music workshops for all ages. More information and great value Early Bird tickets are available from rockhamptonfolkfest.org.uk.

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Mon 2nd – Sun 8th June

VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

Volunteers are the backbone of our community, driving countless activities and initiatives. That's why Volunteers' Week is dedicated to honouring and recognising their hard work and invaluable contributions each year.

Thornbury Volunteer Centre aims to build support from all members of the Thornbury and district community by showcasing volunteering opportunities and inspiring positive change. As well as helping others, volunteering has been shown to improve volunteers' wellbeing. It's human nature to feel good after helping someone out. Volunteering can also help you gain valuable new skills and experiences, and boost your confidence.

Want to volunteer but don't know where to start? Chat with Thornbury Volunteer Centre and let us know what you're interested in, we have local volunteering opportunities to suit all levels of commitment, experience, time availability with each contributing to many different causes.

To contact Thornbury Volunteer Centre you can call in to our offices in Thornbury Town Hall, open 10.30am-12 noon Monday – Friday, no appointment necessary.

Alternatively visit our website at www.volunteer-thornbury.co.uk and search our database of volunteering opportunities, follow us on Facebook or X: /thornburyvolunteers or drop us an email at mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk We look forward to hearing from you.

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Falfield WI - April Meeting

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As it was Members Night everyone ,bar the Committee, brought along a plate of delicious food to share. All were thanked by the President.

The Pot Noodles and snacks we donated last month were distributed by the Blonde Street Angels and all were used.

Our meeting in May will include a talk by Julia Bonner called 'Nuisance - A Cautionary Tale'. Visitors are always welcome.



If you would be interested in helping to produce this magazine, please contact the editor.

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Email: kay.rea@btinternet.com

Cromhall Village

Tea @ 3



on the third Wednesday of each month at 3pm in Cromhall Village Hall

Anyone who is free is invited to 'drop in' for tea, cake and a chat with friends.

Without our village shop, there is even less opportunity to help our community thrive.

We look forward to seeing you on
Wednesday May 21st

Everyone is welcome



THE MAGIC FLUTE

Sunday 15th June 2.30pm on Rockhampton Village Green, Rockhampton, GL13 9DX.

Opera in a Box returns with a fresh take on Mozart's enchanting masterpiece making opera accessible, engaging and unforgettable for all. This is an opportunity for the family to experience opera in an entirely new way, making it both intimate and thrilling. Featuring talented young singers and artists from across the disciplines, this whimsical opera follows Prince Tamino's quest to rescue the fair Princess Pamina, bringing him face-to-face with magic creatures, trials of bravery and the pursuit of wisdom. Tickets: Adults £20, under 18 £10, under 10 free. Tea and cake available to buy. Bring chairs and somewhere to put a drink! AAGThornbury@gmail.com or phone 01454 850933.

ARMSTRONG ARTS GROUP

Tytherington and Itchington
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

What do you enjoy about where you live?

What's missing and what would you change?



Come and tell us at the Tytherington May Day Fair.
Monday 5th May
1.30 - 4.00pm



Octopus Drama Group's forthcoming comedy **'The Village Hall'** will be performed in

Christ the King Church Hall, Castle Street, Thornbury
11th - 14th June 2025 at 7.30pm

Written by Ashley Burgoyne and directed by Sue Smith, 'The Village Hall' promises chuckles a plenty, a real tonic!

Derek, Chairman of the Parish Committee, is determined to win back the coveted 'Village Games' crown for Upper Kingham, which they lost for the first time in a decade to their local rivals, Lower Kingham. Laura's determined to get her own play produced, so she starts an Amateur Theatre Group. Between the Village Games and the Theatre Group there's a constant hive of activity but there's also a dark undercurrent. Something unpleasant is attempting to disrupt the daily events that exist in The Village Hall.

Tickets: £8 on sale from 3rd May at Rosie & Rex gift shop, 30 High Street, Thornbury, 9 am - 5 pm Monday to Saturday, (closed on 5th May).

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Thornbury Foodbank Shopping list

We have a good stock of the following items thank you: Tins of hot and cold meat, biscuits and chocolates

Stock is running low on the following items:
Pulses e.g. chick peas, kidney beans
Fruit Juice
Tinned fruit
Tinned/cartons of custard
Savoury snacks e.g. crisps, crackers
UHT milk
Dried/instant noodles
Hand wash
Shampoo

Can you please make sure all items are in date and unopened?

Donations can be placed in the basket at

- Tesco
- Coop at Thornbury Fields
- Morrisons Oakleaze Road
- **Turnberrie's every Wednesday between 9.30 and 11.00am** (Please do not leave donations at Turnberrie's outside these times)

Donations may also be left at Thornbury Baptist Church in the 4-drawer cabinet when the church is open

NB Due to the unavailability of Turnberries on a Friday, our day of opening Foodbank to clients has changed to a Thursday. This will continue until we move back to Thornbury Baptist church



Thank you for your on-going support

When should you put in place Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPA)?

Martin Lewis (TV's money saving expert) has recently said that Powers of Attorney are now more important than Wills. This has raised several questions with readers.

What are Lasting Powers of Attorney? Legal documents that kick in if you become seriously ill or injured and need help. Known as LPAs, they are where you name who **you** trust to manage your money, pay your bills and to get you the medical care you'd want.

None of us wants to be a burden, so having LPAs already in place makes it much easier for those you want to support you.

Do you need LPAs if you are married? YES – otherwise your other half is likely to face a difficult Court process to prove you would have wanted them to be able access your money, when you had not named them in an LPA.

Can I do them myself, without a firm of solicitors? You can but they are quite complicated legal documents. So much so that on his TV show, Matin Lewis pointed out that 51,000 LPAs were rejected as wrong just last year.

Also most banks will still ask you for a "Solicitor-Certified" copy anyway.

So, the big question is, when should you put LPAs in place? You cannot leave it until you become ill or injured. Someone independent (usually your lawyer) has to certify you understand what you are putting in place and that there are no signs of fraud. Also, the Court takes about 3 months to register them.

Martin Lewis says do not delay. He got his in his 30s. In life we don't know what is round the corner. So however young you feel the answer is NOW!



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Tel: Simon Carey (Pastor – Elder) 07824 804305 Email: simoncromhallchapel@gmail.com

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

4th (10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) David Frampton
11th (10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
18th (10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Stewart Heap
25th (10.30am) Ed Stuart	(6.30pm) Simon Carey

Tuesday half hour of prayer on zoom: 6th and 20th at 7.00pm, 13th and 27th at 9.30am.

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 7th and 21st we meet for Bible Study and Prayer in various homes in the area. 14th and 28th we meet in the hall and on zoom for Bible Study and Prayer.

Thursday Coffee Mornings: Come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee with homemade cake each Thursday from 10.00am-12noon.

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 13th at 7.00pm. Come along and join a friendly group of ladies as we work on our own crafts and chat over a cup of tea.

All our sermons are available on the website: **WWW.CROMHALLCHAPEL.ORG**



Fry's '5 Boys' chocolate bar

This was the basis of a sermon delivered to the congregation at Tortworth on Easter Day. For some of us it was a piece of nostalgia but I'm not sure it would be regarded as a prospective success in marketing circles today.

Launched in 1902 it was once the most famous chocolate bar in the world, with its five pictures of a five-year-old lad called Lindsay Poulton showing emotions from Desperation (no chocolate), to Realisation (finding out he's got Fry's Chocolate). Apparently at the photo session, Lindsay wasn't looking miserable enough for the first photo, so his father (the photographer) tied a cloth soaked in nasty smelling ammonia round his neck to achieve the 'Desperation' face! The bar was 'retired' in 1976.



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4th	**10.30am**	**JOINT SERVICE AT CHAPEL**	**Brian**
11th	**10.30am**	**Malachi 1**	**Bran**
18th	**10.30am**	**Malachi 2**	**Louisa**
25th	**10.30am**	**Malachi 3**	**Brian**

***Service will include Holy Communion**

Everyone welcome

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, FALFIELD

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

Everyone living in the Parish of Falfield is welcome to attend.

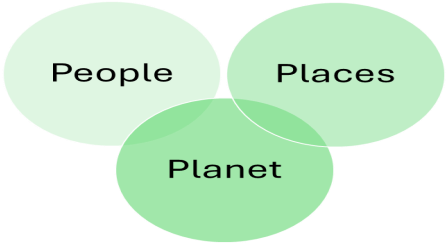
This is an opportunity to hear about the Church's activities during the past year and its finances.

The APCM will take place following the 10.30am Morning Prayer Service on SUNDAY 18th MAY 2025 AT 12 NOON IN THE CHURCH

The procedure is governed by the 2022 edition of the Church Representation Rules, available either through Church House Publishing, or online: https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/legalresources/ church-representation-rules

Tytherington and Itchington
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Tytherington and Itchington Neighbourhood Plan



What's Missing?

ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH, CROMHALL 100 EASTER DRAW



The £50 Easter Draw was won by Robert Daniels (No59) and was made at the wonderful Easter Flower Festival in the church.

The church looked amazing with many varied vases of flowers and lovely arrangements. With the sun streaming through the stained glass windows, it all looked really stunning!

The next draw will be held on Sunday 25th May at St Andrew's Church.

There are still 18 numbers free should anyone wish to support the upkeep of our beautiful church. *Mandy Bird (01454 294186)*

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Tytherington Film Club 2025

- Friday May 16 - The Holdovers
- Friday June 27 - Crossing
- Friday July 18 - Small things like these
- Friday Aug 15 - Arthur the King
- No Sept. date but Sian is arranging a showing of the Last Night of the Proms. Date is booked. More information to follow.
- Friday Oct 24 - TBA
- Friday Nov 21 - TBA
- Friday Dec 19 - TBA



Two more dates will be arranged for Jan-Feb 26, which will complete the first membership cycle

These films have been chosen in response to feedback so far. Keep your thoughts coming.

Information about titles above is available in the shop and can be sent on request.

Evenings will start at 7.00pm for refreshments and the film will follow at about 7.30pm. There will not be an intermission unless the film is particularly long.

Hope to see you there!

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

Minpins Children's Choir
Sunday May 18th at 4.00pm
at St Mary's Church, Thornbury

The choir, directed by Zoe Hynes, was formed by Stroud Choral Society ten years ago. It was created with the support of the Roald Dahl Literary Estate and particularly by Felicity Dahl, the author's widow. The name of the choir comes from Roald Dahl's final book in which the "Minpins"are a "City of Little People".

The members of the choir are aged between 8-13 years and make many public performances.

We look forward to welcoming them and look forward to your support.

As usual, admission is free and there will be a retiring collection for the St. Mary's music Fund.

Remember this date for your diary .....

Sunday 13th July at 2.30pm

Panache Steel Band at Boyts Farm, Tytherington

Cakes & hot drinks

Please contact John Williams for further information.
suenoon@ruthsclose.co.uk or 01454 412515



Olveston Young Farmers' Club

On Saturday 12th April, Gloucestershire Federation of Young Farmers' Club held Pre-Rally at Ostbridge Farm in Pilning. This is a competitions day for all young farmers' clubs within Gloucestershire to compete in a range of activities to win points for the main rally which is held in May.

By being held on home soil, our club was very lucky to be surrounded by family and friends who came along to show support. Competitions included livestock judging, fencing, farm business development, woodwork, charity shop challenge and auctioneering. These competitions are not only fun, but also encourage young people to have a go and learn new skills. The eventful day ended with prize giving in the afternoon, with Olveston coming home with many prize cards, including lots of 1st places!

The main rally will be held on 17th May at Two Pools Farm, Iron Acton. The competitions on this day will be the last ones for the year, and the last ones to count towards the main rally winner. All competitions throughout the year will have counted towards rally, and the rally winner will be announced at the Rally Party in the evening.

Currently our meetings are all for rally prep, including getting the main and junior exhibits ready, and preparing for our individual competitions. Competitions include flower arranging, cookery, bake off, crafts, photography, needlework, YFC does Mamma Mia, and sheep shearing. Members of the public are welcome at rally, so please come along for a day out to see what we get up to!





The Flower

Once in a golden hour
I cast to earth a seed.
Up there came a flower
The people said, a weed.

To and fro they went
Thro' my garden-bower,
And muttering discontent
Cursed me and my flower.

Then it grew so tall
It wore a crown of light,
But thieves from o'er the wall
Stole the seed by night.

Sow'd it far and wide
By every town and tower
Till all the people cried
'Splendid is the flower.'

Read my little fable:
He that runs may read
Most can raise the flowers now
For all have got the seed.

And some are pretty enough,
And some are poor indeed;
And now again the people
Call it but a weed.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson
1809 -92



Postcode of person completing this form is ……..

Tytherington and Itchington Neighbourhood Plan – what's important to you?

A group of local people have started work to develop a neighbourhood plan for this community. The neighbourhood plan will help guide planning decisions for our villages.

We want to understand your views at an early point in this process so that the plan reflects as many people who live here as possible.

Please can you help by answering these three questions:

Q1. What do you most enjoy or appreciate about living in Tytherington and Itchington?

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Q2. What is missing that would make a difference to you?

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Q3. What is one thing about our community that you would change if you could?

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Is there anything else you would like to say -e.g. about housing, transport, green spaces, community facilities, development and planning

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Tytherington and Itchington
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

LOOK OUT FOR AN UPDATE ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE HAVE SAID IN THIS SURVEY IN A FUTURE EDITION OF 5 ALIVE

Your magazine: How to send copy or adverts for inclusion in '5 Alive':

NEWS COPY:

Where?

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

When?

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

In what form?

- Please submit all copy by e-mail (attachments should be in **Word or Publisher** format, **not** PDF). (We reserve the right of the editor to edit, and you may find that small changes are made for the sake of space etc)
- If you want to submit an advertising poster or similar, black and white is preferable as it reproduces more clearly.
- **Charities wishing to publicise events should quote their charity number.**

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