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

5 Villages Alive



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They think it's all over! – Or is it?

January 1st and Christmas is all over, or is it. I have many neighbours who put their decorations up on or before 1st December and then take them down on Boxing Day, Christmas is done and dusted, well the dusting and clearing up just begins.

For the church the season of Christmas continues as we celebrate the arrival of the wise men, the 3 kings, on 6th January, the feast of the Epiphany and the celebration continues until 2nd February. I sort my Christmas cards so that those with the wise men stay up with the crib through this season, the shepherds get put away and the 3 kings take their place.

We are reminded that the celebration continues into the New Year as we sing or listen to the "12 Days of Christmas" starting on Christmas Day and running until 12th night on 5th January. The clue is that it is the 12 Days **of** Christmas starts on Christmas Day and not the "12 Days **after** Christmas" which would start on 26th December.

It's an interesting debate as to whether the 12 Days of Christmas is a nonsense rhyme to test the memory or to play a game; or is it a secret code to celebrate Christmas when Christmas celebrations were banned? This is what it might mean:

- **Partridge in a Pear Tree:** The partridge represents Jesus Christ, who is seen as a symbol
- of salvation and peace.
- **Two Turtle Doves:** The two turtle doves are the Old and New Testament in the Bible.
- **Three French Hens**: The French hens are interpreted as being the virtues of faith, hope
- and love.
- **Four Calling Birds:** The birds represent the four Gospels in the Bible: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- **Five Gold Rings:** The five golden rings are thought to represent the first five books of the Old Testament, also known as the Torah or Pentateuch.
- **Six Geese a-Laying:** The six geese refer to the six days of creation, as described in the Book of Genesis in the Bible.
- **Seven Swans a-Swimming:** The swans represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit also known as the seven sacraments in Christianity. These gifts are understanding, wisdom, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.
- **Eight Maids a-Milking:** The maids are meant to represent the eight Beatitudes — the blessings listed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.
- **Nine Ladies Dancing:** The ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit, including love, joy and peace.
- **Ten Lords a-Leaping:** The 10 lords represent the Ten Commandments.
- **Eleven Pipers Piping:** The pipers represent the 11 apostles (excluding Judas Iscariot).
- **Twelve Drummers Drumming:** The 12 drummers are meant to represent the 12 points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.



These are a reminder that Christmas isn't just for a few days or weeks but for life as we take love, joy and peace; faith and hope; wisdom, counsel and fortitude with us into the new year. These are the gifts of God given to each of us in the birth of Christ, the heart of the celebration.

Wishing you every joy and blessing for 2026. *Rob Axford*

Tytherington Baptist Church



Our next 'Afternoon Tea' will be held
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Weds Jan 28th 2026

7.30 pm

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at Alveston Methodist Church

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Refreshments are served during the evening.

St. Mary's Music

3rd Sunday of the month at St. Mary's Church, Thornbury (BS35 1HQ)

Sunday January 18th 2026

The Bristol Chamber Choir.

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With Christmas a distant memory and the long dark nights stretching out in front of you, why not consider volunteering in your local community? Not only will you improve your health and happiness but by giving just an hour a week of your time you can make a huge difference to those that you help.

There are many reasons why people volunteer. For some, volunteering can be a route to employment, or a chance to try something new which may lead to a career change. For others, volunteering is a chance to meet new people, make new friends, make a difference to the lives of others and give you a purpose.

Thornbury Volunteer Centre can provide you with information and support on volunteering opportunities in the local area which best suit your needs, skills and time available, whilst making sure that you find volunteering an enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

We are contacted regularly by groups and organisations that are seeking to recruit volunteers from all walks of life, levels of expertise (from none to highly skilled) and time available.

Age, gender or disability are not barriers to volunteering. Anyone, who is able to spare some time, from an hour a week to once a month or just on a one-off basis, would be warmly welcomed by someone in the community. Volunteering is a valuable experience that benefits all parties.

To find out more please contact Thornbury Volunteer Centre on 01454 413392; email; mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk website;www.volunteer-thornbury.co.uk; twitter; @thornburyvc or Facebook; thornburyvolunteers.



Snowdrops at Painswick Rococo Garden



Sat 17th January - Sat 28th February 2026
10am -5pm

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for tea and a chat
on
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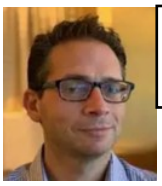
You can learn

- how a radio show is put together,
- how you prepare to present a show on Thornbury Radio.
- how you compose the links between songs - the bits that enable you to connect to the listener.
- how to do interviews as well as compiling and reading the local news.

Podcasting, the importance of social media and how you can get involved in our outside broadcasts will also be under discussion, along with other roles including finance, looking after all our broadcast equipment in a technical role and general admin.

The event is hosted by Paris Troy from GWR and Radio Bristol and our Thornbury Radio breakfast show presenter Chris Criddle.

To find out more and to get involved with Thornbury Radio for free, go to our website, Thornbury.Radio, click on the Local tab and then Thornbury Radio Academy. All the details are there plus how to register.



Paris Troy from GWR and Radio Bristol



Chris Criddle (Presenter)

St Andrew's School, Cromhall Wanted!

We have a vacancy at St Andrew's School for a Lunchtime Supervisor

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If you would like more information, contact the school on 01454 294498 or email Standrewsprimary@sgmail.org.uk to discuss.

As the school is committed to Safeguarding you will be required to have a full DBS clearance.

My Fair Lady in Tockington



The Parish Players' 2026 production of 'My Fair Lady' is taking place at Olveston and Tockington Parish Hall (Upper Tockington Road BS32 4LQ) at 7.30pm every evening from Wednesday 18th to Saturday 21st February 2026 (in February half term) – with an extra matinee performance at 2.00pm on Saturday 21st!

This well-known and lively show is packed with some of the most famous songs from the world of musicals: 'Wouldn't It Be Loverly?', 'With a Little Bit of Luck', 'The Rain in Spain', 'I Could Have Danced All Night', 'On the Street Where You Live' and 'Get Me to the Church on Time' – to name a few. It's great entertainment for all the family and certain to brighten everybody's winter evenings.

Based on George Bernard Shaw's play 'Pygmalion', My Fair Lady was written by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe. It was first performed on Broadway in 1956, starring Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews, and won six Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The 1964 film version starred Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison, and won the Academy Award for Best Picture.

Tickets go on sale from Saturday 10th January, after which you can order online at https://bit.ly/PPorders or call 01454-202011. Prices are £12 Adults, £8 Children and £14 Premium seats. Parish Players tickets always sell quickly, and My Fair Lady will be popular – so don't delay.

Find out more at www.facebook.com/OlvestonParishPlayers (not for ticket sales).

WINTER SALE – 30% OFF Lasting Powers of Attorney

"**Lasting Powers of Attorney are now even more important than Wills**" according to Martin Lewis on his recent ITV show. The money expert explained it is a mistake to leave this until you are older as you need to put them in place when you are well. However young and well you feel , he said "**the right time to put them in place is NOW!"**

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Thornbury Choral Society

Rehearsals for the new season begin again after the Christmas break on Monday, January 5th 2026. As usual the rehearsals take place at the United Reform Church,Thornbury at 8.00pm. At our next concert on May 16th,we will be performing Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle.

On Saturday, February 28th, our annual "Come and Sing" workshop will take place at Alveston Methodist Church (BS35 3RA) when we shall be studying Verdi's Requiem

Further information can be found on our website www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk

Christmas Wreaths and Churchyard Flowers

Christmas wreaths on graves are a lovely reminder of loved ones at this time of year, and you are welcome to place them. However, this is both a reminder that these (and poppy wreaths at Remembrance-tide) are the only artificial flowers allowed in churchyards, and a request that they be removed by Candlemas, February 2nd, (the end of Christmas) please.

Should you be unable to remove your wreath by then, the Wardens and those who look after our churchyards will gladly do it on your behalf.

Tytherington Film Club Dates and Films 2026



Friday Jan 16 The Roses
Friday Feb 27 Hamnet
Friday Mar 27 New membership cycle begins

For some dates we can accept guests who come with a member but please check beforehand that there will be space available

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

Evenings will start at 7.00 for refreshments and the film will follow at about 7.30. There will be an intermission unless the film is particularly short. Hope to see you there!

Daphne and Sian



OCTOPUS DRAMA GROUP TO PERFORM 'CINDERELLA'

7th - 10th January 2026

written and directed by Abi Baskerville.

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Wine Tasting Evening

Saturday 14th February 2026
7.30pm

Tickets £17.50 per person (includes wines and supper)

Please go to the website **falfieldvillagehall.co.uk** to Events to book your place.



Thornbury Orchestra Concert

Saturday 17th January 2026
3.00pm
Drama Hall
Marlwood School, Alveston

The music will include Sir William Walton's "Henry V" Suite, Cesar Franck's Symphony in D minor and Emmanuel Chabrier's "Espana". As always, the concert will be in aid of a charity based in or around Thornbury.

Tickets, available on our website or at the door, are £10 for adults, with children free.
For more details, contact info@thornburyorchestra.org.uk.

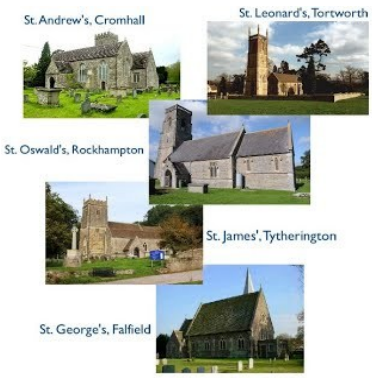
The orchestra was founded in 2002 and draws players from across South Gloucestershire and beyond. We rehearse regularly in St Helen's, Alveston and normally give two or three concerts a year, all in support of local charities. We are always keen to hear from interested players and currently have a number of vacancies.

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Falfield:	Headley Pain 01454 269017 Jane Hathway 01454 261264
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

Sun 11th	9.30am	Holy Communion led by Rev. David Powe
Sun 25th	9.30am	Holy Communion led by Rev. Rob Axford

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	Mini Carol Fest! Everyone welcome.
Sun 1st Feb	10.30am	Holy Communion

Tytherington

No Said Communion this month

Sun 4th	10.30am	Joint Service at the Baptist Church, including signing of the Covenant
Sun 18th	10.30am	Holy Communion

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

imb Independent Monitoring Boards

The Independent Monitoring Board at Eastwood Park Women's Prison, Falfield, South Gloucestershire, is recruiting new members.

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Mel's Struggle to Empowerment

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Walking through the doors of Slimming World for the first time took weeks of anxiety and tears. It felt like exposing my soul. But week after week, I showed up. I shared. I laughed. I cried. And with perseverance, I lost. Slimming World taught me that food isn't the enemy; it isn't punishment. Food can be nourishment, joy, balance and accountability not shame.

I learned that I am enough. I've now lost 8 stone 6 lb, and I'm no longer prediabetic. That victory has given me hope. My journey isn't over because now, I'm proud to say I'm relaunching the very group I first joined as a brand-new Slimming World Consultant on Wednesday January 7th, 2026 Turnberries Thornbury 9.30am & 11am.

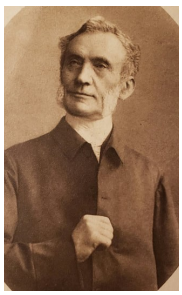
To you, I say this: you are not alone, you are not broken, and it is never too late to reclaim your life.

TYTHERINGTON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

FRIDAY JANUARY 9th, 2026
7.30pm
IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM
(Rear of Chapel in Itchington Road)

SPEAKER: DEREK POWELL

THE MULLER ORPHAN HOMES (BRISTOL)



"George Muller built and ran five large Orphan Homes in Bristol and cared for around 10,000 children during his lifetime. But he also travelled the world telling others about his Orphan Work. This second talk about George Muller will explain how on one occasion he brought the City of Bristol to a stand-still. Come and be inspired by a story from the 1800s"

Admission: - Members £3, and visitors £4
Everyone welcome

Ponies Bring Festive Cheer to Residents at Bristol Care Homes

This January, Field House will welcome the Theraponies, a wonderful initiative that brings calm, gentle ponies into care homes for residents to enjoy. This heartwarming visit is part of our ongoing commitment to creating meaningful experiences for those in our care.



Over the past few months, our homes have hosted several pony visits, and the impact has been extraordinary. Residents, including those living with dementia, have experienced moments of pure joy and connection. We've seen smiles light up faces, laughter fill the rooms and even tears of happiness as Jammy and Daisy - two adorable ponies - gently interact with residents right at their bedsides.

Why is this so special?

It's not every day you can say a pony visited you in a care home! These visits go beyond novelty – they provide emotional comfort, reduce stress,



and spark conversations and memories. For residents who struggle to communicate, the presence of these animals often brings a sense of calm and companionship that words cannot express. Life in our care homes is vibrant, engaging, and full of heart. We believe in creating moments that matter, and this event is a perfect example of how we bring joy and connection to our Bristol Care Homes residents during the holiday season.

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Falfield WI December Report

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

After a warm welcome by President Kim Rivers we sang Jerusalem. Jenny Jones has decided to retire as events manager. She has organised some brilliant speakers over the years and we all thanked her.

There will be a local walk in January. Details will follow. Our January meeting will be at the Berkeley Arms. We received our Programme Cards for 2026.

The coffee morning raised £177 with half going to Hospice South West.

Our talk for the evening was 'A Falklands Adventure'. This was presented by John Buxton assisted by Kevin Percival. The SS Great Britain returned from the Falklands in 1970 but the original masts are still on the Falklands. We heard about the war but also about the wildlife on the many islands.

We hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and that 2026 brings peace to all.

Could you be a Parish Councillor for Cromhall?

Cromhall Parish Council are seeking a new member. If you are a resident of Cromhall or the surrounding areas, keen to stand up for your community and to have a say in local issues, you could be just the person we are looking for!

But what does a parish councillor do? Being a parish councillor is all about getting involved in the everyday life of your community. You'll help make sure local voices are heard, whether that's through commenting on planning applications, looking after our green spaces, or addressing the local issues your neighbours care about.

Councillors don't just sit in meetings—they're the link between residents and the council, helping to shape decisions that make a real difference to daily life. It's a role that mixes a bit of responsibility with a lot of teamwork, and at its heart, it's about caring for the community of Cromhall and making it the best it can be for everyone.

Councillors are not paid, but you would be reimbursed for any expenses incurred.

Do I need qualifications? The main things you need to be a great parish councillor are enthusiasm and a willingness to listen to the needs of the community and bring this knowledge to council meetings. You should be willing to put forward your viewpoint and vote on council decisions during meetings, which are open to the public.

In practical terms, you should be available to attend council meetings, which are currently held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7:30pm in Cromhall village hall. Having a computer or smartphone through which you can read emails and documents would be helpful, but we can help if you need information provided in a different format or any other adaptation to help you take on the councillor role.

Who can be a parish councillor? There are some legal rules about who can sit on the council. To apply, you must be:

- Aged 18 or over
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or of the EU
- meet at least one of the following criteria:

◊ you are registered as an elector of Cromhall parish

◊ you have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during the whole of the last 12 months

◊ you have occupied (as owner or tenant) any land or premises in the parish during the whole of the last 12 months

◊ your main or only place of work is in the parish

If you aren't sure whether you qualify, please contact the Clerk for advice.

Interested? If you think this role might be for you, please contact the Clerk or speak to one of the current Councillors who can tell you more about the role and application process. You'd also be welcome to attend a council meeting to see more of what we do. The next meeting will be held on 20th January at 7:30pm in the village hall. We look forward to meeting you!

Contact details The council Clerk, Emma Pattullo, can be reached on 01454 837271 or clerk@cromhall-pc.gov.uk. Councillors and their contact details are listed on our website: cromhall-pc.gov.uk/council-members/.

THORNBURY MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP – 'SNOW WHITE' PANTOMIME

TMTG will perform 'Snow White' at Winterbourne & District Community Association 18 to 21 February.

Beautiful Princess Snow White's evil, vain stepmother, the Wicked Queen, is obsessed with being the "fairest in the land". She gets Snow White to clean up the castle ready for a visit from Prince Rupert. Things don't go to plan when the Prince sets his eyes upon Snow White and asks the Queen for Snow White's hand in marriage. The Queen asks her Henchman to take Snow White deep into the forest from where she wouldn't return. Taking pity on the Princess he leaves her with the woodland creatures, where she also meets the Mini Miners who want to be the big new boy band on the scene! Learning that Snow White is still living in the forest, the Queen sets out to finish the job herself! Snow White's friends set out to rescue the Princess, falling over themselves to look after their friend! With music and merriment to help things along it's a party not to be missed!

Performances 18th and 19th at 7.30pm, 20th at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, 21st at 10.30am and 2.30pm. Standard tickets £12.00 bookable at www.tmtg.org.uk/tickets or 07516 270140. Accessible tickets bookable by phone or emailing tickets@tmtg.org.uk

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- Citizens Advice
- Local Schools
- Local Doctors surgeries
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- Health Visitors
- Midwives

Where to get a Foodbank Referral:

- Citizens Advice0808 278 7947
- South Glos One Stop Shop01454 868 009
- Help through Hardship0808 208 2138
- North Bristol Advice Centre0117 951 5751

Donations

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Thank you for your on-going support

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Registered Charity No: 1179269

Welcomes You!



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

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

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4th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Rob Simpkins
11th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Phil Jones
18th	(10.30am) Steve Cracknell	(6.30pm) Alan Tarling
25th	(10.30am) Derek Cleave	(6.30pm) Simon Carey

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

Cromhall Crafters: Meets on Tuesday 13th January at 7.00pm. Come and join a friendly group of ladies who like to work on various crafts. Bring your own craft to work on.

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 on Thursdays from 10.00am-12noon.

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



Be a Good Neighbour this winter

This winter, South Gloucestershire residents are being asked to do their part by checking in on elderly neighbours especially those who live alone.

Chief executive of age UK South Gloucestershire, Mark Flower, said: "Loneliness is one of the most common things our clients face. It is heartbreaking, some people come to our office every week because that is the only social interaction they have.

"We wouldn't want our parents or grandparents to sit outside their homes waiting, hoping that someone will talk to them but that is something we have seen happening in South Gloucestershire in 2025.
"We are proud to be working with South Gloucestershire Council to tackle loneliness."

Councillor John O'Neill, South Gloucestershire Council's cabinet member responsible for adults and housing, said: "We can all be a good neighbour. Just saying hello can really make someone's day but you may also find that you forge new friendships and connections yourself.
"The Good Neighbours scheme gives us all an opportunity to do something for our older residents, and we are very grateful to Age UK South Gloucestershire for all the work they already do to support our elderly population."

You can be a good neighbour and help someone who is struggling or is lonely:

- Drop in for a cup of tea and a chat
- Ask if they would like help mowing the lawn or mending simple things at home
- Offer to pick up some groceries or prescriptions
- See if they need a lift to a medical appointment or to one of our Community Welcome Spaces to meet other people
- Help them set up a video call with their family
- Brighten their day with some flowers or a tasty treat
- Leave a note if they don't seem comfortable with face-to-face conversations.

You can find out more about our Good Neighbours campaign by watching our videos on Facebook page. If you are concerned about someone who could benefit from Age UK South Gloucestershire's help call 01454 411707 or email info@ageuksouthglos.org.uk



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4th	**Joint Service At Chapel {Covenant with St James'}**	**Brian**
11th	**The Baptism Of Christ [Matt. 3:1 - 17***	**Brian**
18th	**'Temptation' [Matt 4:1 - 11]**	**Brian**
25th	**The First Disciples [Matt. 4:18 - 21]**	**Brian**

All services commence at 10:30 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Stated).

***Service will include Holy Communion.**

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Everyone welcome

THORNBURY Art Club

Thornbury Art Club Tuesday 27th January 2026 Club Night.



For our opening night in 2026, we have a **water soluble oils** demonstration by **Valérie Pirlot**.

This will be a landscape as Valerie loves to capture the great outdoors 'alla prima'. In fact often she has been invited to paint live events such weddings, parties, fairs, circus shows and music festivals such as Glastonbury. Valerie is a member of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters and a founding member of The British Plein Air Painters group. Her teaching will encourage us to paint with freshness, confidence and spontaneity and will include tips for plein air painting. Valerie aims to depict the essence of a subject in a few well-placed brushstrokes. It should be a captivating evening.

We'll have a short break during the evening for free tea, coffee, and biscuits. To give us an opportunity to talk to each other and say hello to our visitors. There will be some time to chat to the artist and ask questions. Don't miss this fantastic chance to learn, socialise, and enjoy an evening of art, whether you're just starting out or looking to refine your skills. If you're interested in joining the Club, our membership secretary, Pat will be on the door to give you more information, or else contact us on

email publicrelations.tac@gmail.com

Members free, non-members very welcome: £6 on the door, cash or card.
7.15 for 7.30pm until 9.30pm.

Venue:St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, Thornbury, BS35 1DR Free parking on-site.

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Race Night



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In what form?

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