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Oh no, the grass has to be cut...and off we go for the rest of the summer...**BUT** that is a good sign as not only is the grass growing, but so too the shrubs are beginning to show real signs of life and the daffodils are well and truly out as I am writing this in mid-March.



I think it must be my age, but the first three months of the year have gone by so very quickly – maybe that's good if summer is coming and the clocks have gone forward so we are in BST – or has that changed to something else now? I can't keep up with many of the changes that have been made in recent years, changing things I thought I knew! After all I still work in feet and inches – or yards!

When you receive your April 5Alive we will be into the month when Easter bunnies, Easter biscuits, Easter eggs, will be falling off shelves into people baskets, children will be looking forward to another break from lessons and chocolate will be on the horizon for those who gave it up for Lent. Hot Cross buns once upon a time the special treat for Good Friday have been on sale for months of course – I think they came in with the Christmas cake!

So what's all that about? Well Easter is looming – and Easter for Christians is THE celebration of the whole liturgical year. Actually we journey through many different emotions and acts of worship in the days from Palm Sunday to Easter Day – all of which are important. If we miss out on any one part, the rest don't really make sense. After all how



can we celebrate the coming back to life of Jesus on Easter Day if we have not thought about Him being put to death on Good Friday? How can we think about Jesus being nailed to the cross and the dramatic turn-around of the people who were to shout for Him to be crucified, if we have not understood and thought about the entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and the acclamations of Hosanna shouted out by those same people? Of course the Eucharist (or maybe you know this as Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) came into being after the Last Supper, which we recall on Maundy Thursday – the meal Jesus shared with His disciples just before He was arrested and the events of the crucifixion became inevitable. Throughout the world Christians will be moving through this rollercoaster of emotions. In the CRoFTT benefice we are part of the worldwide church which will walk the Way of the Cross during Holy Week so that we can truly celebrate Easter Day ...and the Easter eggs! Why not join us and experience the very special celebrations of Holy Week?

It's quite reassuring actually to know that there are some things that do not change – the love of God for each one of us is ever constant – it never changes. The awesome love of God shown in the most amazing way – that's what Easter is about. Happy Easter!

SuePM





The CRoFTT Benefice
 'To see Christ in all and show Christ to the world'
www.crofft.org.uk



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

Monthly Midweek Eucharists at Tytherington

There will normally be a said Eucharist on the first Thursday at 9.30am at St James'.

Please double check by ringing Val Johnson 01454 417445

**SUNDAY 2ND LENT 5
 PASSION SUNDAY**

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

Thurs 6th

Monthly Mid-week service

9.30am	Tytherington	Said Eucharist
10.30am	Lent Group & Soup	

Fri 7th

7.00pm Compline at Tortworth



SUNDAY 9TH PALM SUNDAY

9.30am	Cromhall	Holy Communion
11.00am	Falfield	Holy Communion
11.15am	Tortworth	Morning Prayer
6.00pm	Tytherington	Choral Evensong

Mon 10th	7.00pm	Rockhampton
Tues 11th	7.00pm	Falfield
Weds 12th	7.00pm	Tortworth

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Cromhall

Last Supper and Foot Washing



Good Friday
 1.30pm Falfield
Time by the Cross

6.00pm at Tytherington Baptist Church, followed by **procession to Tytherington Hill**

Holy Saturday

8.00pm Tortworth



SUNDAY 16TH

6.30am	Tytherington	EASTER DAY Joint service with the Baptist Church on Tytherington Hill (followed by breakfast)
9.30am	Cromhall	Holy Communion
9.30am	Rockhampton	Holy Communion
11.00am	Falfield	Holy Communion
11.15am	Tortworth	Holy Communion
11.00am	Tytherington	Holy Communion

SUNDAY 23RD

9.30am	Cromhall	EASTER 2 Morning Prayer
11.00am	Falfield	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Tortworth	Holy Communion

SUNDAY 30TH



EASTER 3
10.00AM
UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, TORTWORTH

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

9.30am	Cromhall	EASTER 4 Holy Communion
11.00am	Falfield	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Tortworth	Holy Communion
11.00am	Tytherington	Joint service with Baptists at St James'

Keep up to date with details of all benefice services and events by visiting the benefice website at www.crofft.org.uk



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Churchwardens:
 Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200
 Rockhampton: Beth England 01454 260882 or Margaret Oliver 01454 417685
 Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017
 Tortworth: Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or Peter Reeve 01454 260549
 Tytherington: John Williams 01454 412515 or Phil Coward 01454 281444

Please contact the Churchwardens (details on page 2) for matters concerning funerals and email the Benefice Office for enquiries about weddings and baptisms.

For all Benefice Business
Please ring **01454 260096**
and leave a message
or email **office@crofft.org.uk**

The office will usually be open from 10.00am until 1:00pm on Fridays when messages and emails will be dealt with.



If you would like someone to bring Holy Communion to your home please ring 01454 260096 and leave a message. We are more than happy to do this.

- **Tytherington are holding Eucharist on the first Thursday of the month at 9.30am but please check by ringing 01454 417445**

Visit the benefice website at **www.crofft.org.uk** to see the pewsheet or make a prayer request.

Please let the Churchwardens know if you wish us to keep someone in our prayers or use the prayer tree at St Leonard's.

Visiting



Visiting is part of the Church's Ministry. If you would like a visit from the church, please call the Benefice Office and we will do our best to arrange it.

If you are going into or in hospital... You can help to make sure that the church team can respond as you would like us to when you are ill. It's important that if you are admitted to hospital, you do three things:-

1. Make sure someone tells one of the ministry team that you are going into hospital – ask them to pass on the message as appropriate.
2. Make it plain to the hospital staff whether (or not!) you would like a visit. This means that when someone rings up, they won't have to spend time saying 'hang on, 'I'll just ask him/her...'
3. Make it plain what sort of visit you would like: would you prefer a friend from the church or one of the visiting team or would you particularly like a clergy visit? If you want to be certain of a private, one to one chat, don't be afraid to ask the hospital staff if they will allow your minister to come outside normal visiting hours, so that they don't take up precious time and space from your family.



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- by telephone on 01454 294140
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**breast cancer 07 JUL 2017 -
now 16 JUL 2017**

Next summer Val Johnson's son, Peter, is cycling from London to Paris all in aid of the charity Breast Cancer Now. To find out more or donate please go to <https://i2p17.everydayhero.com/uk/pete-pedals-to-paris> or ask Val or Peter more about it.



BENEFICE RAMBLERS

Sat April 22nd
10.00am start from outside
Post Office Cottage.

A walk of about 5 miles
around Alderley & Tresham

Bring a picnic.

Contact Eva 01454 299251 for more details

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FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

To book the village hall, please email falfieldvh@gmail.com or visit the Falfield village website www.falfield.org.uk to complete a booking form online.



5 Alive online

For those wishing to access 5 Alive online from a smart phone or tablet the QR code is now available and will give access to the Falfield website.



Thornbury Citizens Advice Bureau

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

Telephone Advice Service: 03444 111 444
Mon to Fri 10.00 - 14.00

Drop In and Appointments:
Tue & Thurs 10.00 – 13.00

Thornbury and District Cancer Research UK Fun Wine Tasting Challenge

Friday 21st April in St Mary's Church Hall,
Thornbury at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets: £15 per person (which includes the tasting of different wines together with cheese, paté and nibbles) from Jennie on 01454 415856 or any Committee Member.

Come and join us for what promises to be an evening of fun, whilst raising much needed funds for Cancer Research UK.

Rockhampton Village Hall 100 club

February draw winners were:-
£15 Sue Allen £10 Geoff Fisher
£5 Margaret Watkins & Sue Malpas
www.rockhamptonvillagehall.com

Many thanks to all who joined this last year. If you would like to join the 100 club in the new year starting 1st April please contact Roger Watkins 01454 260530.

Membership is £12, cheque payable to Rockhampton Village Hall 100 club. Approximately half the money goes back to the members as 4 monthly prizes and 4 extra prizes in December; the remainder goes to Village hall.

TYTHERINGTON BIG CLEAN UP



SAT 22ND APRIL 10.30AM

MEET AT JUBILEE FIELD

ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

FUN DOG SHOW

at
Tytherington May Day Fair



Monday 1st May from 2 pm

Events will include a fun dog show with a variety of classes.

There is a category for all, including waggiest tail and dog the judge would most like to take home.

Entry is £1 per class to be paid on the day.

FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Dates of forthcoming meetings, which all take place in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm, are as follows:

- **Tuesday 18th April**
- **Tuesday 16th May - This will be the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and Annual Council Meeting (ACM)**

The minutes of previous meetings can be found on the Village web site www.falfield.org.uk/council_minutes.html

The agendas for the above meetings will also be published on the Village web site (www.falfield.org.uk/council.html) and also posted on the Parish Notice Board approx. 5 days prior to each meeting."



TYTHERINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Contact Number: - 01179 793104

Email:- allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk

SEE ALSO THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org

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|------|-------------------|---|-------------|
| 2nd | 11.00am | Joint service with St James' at Baptist church | Brian & Val |
| 9th | 11.00am | PALM SUNDAY <i>Details unavailable at time of going to print</i> | |
| 14th | 6.00pm | GOOD FRIDAY service followed by procession to Tytherington Hill | |
| 16th | 6.30am
11.00am | EASTER SUNRISE Joint service on Tytherington Hill followed by breakfast
<i>Details unavailable at time of going to print</i> | |
| 23rd | 11.00am | <i>Details unavailable at time of going to print</i> | |
| 30th | 11.00am | <i>Details unavailable at time of going to print</i> | |

Everyone is welcome to join us.

EASTER CRAFT EVENT 11TH APRIL 10AM – 12PM Tytherington Village Hall



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www.tytheringtonpreschool.com

STORYTIME FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS AT THORNBURY LIBRARY

Join us on Monday afternoons 2.15pm-2.45pm (term time only) for FREE storytelling and crafts. Best suited to ages 4 and under. Toilets & nappy changing facility available – ask a member of staff. Breast-feeding welcome. It's a great way to meet other local parents and new faces are always welcome. No booking required, just turn up!

TYTHERINGTON MAY DAY FAIR Monday 1st May 2017 from 2pm Jubilee Field, Tytherington

Please note that a representative from the May Day Fair group will be knocking on your door sometime between 17th and 27th April asking for suitable items (cans, bottles etc.) for the Tombola stall.

Also, there will be a soft toy stall, so if you have any spare please take along to Tytherington Garage, West Street, where they are being collected,

Please give generously!

Alveston Local History Society
7.30pm at Alveston Methodist Church

Weds 26th April

Living on the Edge
along the Upper Severn Estuary
Rose Hewlett

Visitors welcome: £2.50



St James' Church, Tytherington
Saturday 22nd April
10:30am – 12:30pm
Everyone Welcome

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

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

Tytherington Local History Group
Baptist Church Schoolroom 7.30pm

Friday 21st April
Tytherington Railways
George Ford

Everyone welcome

FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(Registered Charity No. 1041147)



You are invited to attend the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 27th APRIL 2017
7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Everyone is welcome

The committee will be reporting on what it has achieved during the past year and what it plans for the future.

We have places to fill on the Committee, so if you would like to play a part in the running of this valuable village asset, please come and offer your services.

Tytherington Village Shop

Annual Meeting
Tuesday 25th April
in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

All members and customers are invited to come along to find out how the shop and Post Office are performing and to have their say.

Light refreshments will be served from 7.15pm.



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Ofsted rated us 'Good' in April 2015 and we are continuing to improve both levels of teaching and learning throughout the school to give the best possible start in life to our children. We currently have 3 mixed age classes with exceptionally experienced teachers and support staff.

Come and see for yourself and let us show you around!

Contact the school on 01454 260510 or office@tortworthprimaryschool.org.uk

Alveston Gardens Association
7.30pm in Jubilee Hall, Alveston

Monday 1st May

Nature's Poisoners
What makes you ill - and worse!

Lynda Warren
Visitors welcome

Townwell Tots Need a break?

Why not join us at Cromhall Chapel Hall?

A free drop-in where parents/carers can relax and chat whilst the children play.

Toys and refreshments available. Short singing time and Bible story to conclude.

10am to 11.30am, usually on
2nd and 4th Thursday of month -
6th and 27th April

www.cromhallchapel.org

NB Parent/carer responsible for their children at all times.



Easter at St Leonard's

This year we once again invite all who join us for worship at our service at 11.15am on Easter Day to bring a single bloom in memory of a loved one. This will be added to the floral cross which has become an important feature of our Easter worship at St Leonard's.



If anyone is unable to join us in this special celebration but would like to make a floral contribution, please contact Ruth Dixon on 01454 228288

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FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL
COMMITTEE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

MAYDAY PARTY

FALFIELD VILLAGE GREEN
MONDAY 1ST MAY at 14.00

FREE TO JOIN IN
PRIZES TO BE WON !!



BBQ and Bar

(Courtesy of The Huntsman Inn,
Falfield)

ALVESTON SINGERS

invite you to our Spring Concerts

Programme includes:

Vivaldi's Gloria and Magnificat, followed
by a Selection of Classic Choruses – with
a difference!

This will be our first concert with our new
conductor, James Davies,
accompanist: Sue Phillipson-Masters
Soloists from Bath Spa University

Saturday May 20th

Thornbury Baptist Church 7.30 pm

Tuesday May 23rd

St. Helen's Church, Alveston 7.30pm

Retiring collection for our chosen charities for
2017:

The Julian Trust – a charity for the homeless &
Off the Record – a mental health charity for
young people

TORTWORTH PARISH MEETING

A Parish meeting and the AGM was held on
March 7th. The main areas of discussion
were:

Broadband – the parish had received a letter
from a parishioner regarding ongoing issues
with Broadband speed. The meeting all
agreed that there is still an issue. The Clerk
was asked to write to Luke Hall MP and Claire
Young the prospective Liberal Democrat par-
liamentary candidate. **ANY PARISHIONERS
WHO ARE EXPERIENCING SIMILAR
PROBLEMS PLEASE CONTACT THE
CLERK.**

Planning and Development - the Parish had
held a Special Meeting in January to hear a
presentation on the proposed Buckover Gar-
den Village. There is nothing more to report
about the proposal until The West of England
Partnership publish representations and make
further recommendations. Councillor O' Neill
updated the Meeting on planning applications
in Charfield and Falfield. He reported that
Junction 14 of the M5 is classified as unfit for
purpose. Highways England are carrying out
a remodelling exercise. The possible re-
opening of Charfield Station was raised.

On local planning issues alterations to part of
The Estate Yard and a conservatory at Poplar
Cottage have been approved by South
Gloucestershire.

There were no particular transport issues al-
though it was felt that that the new road mark-
ings at Tortworth School are not working.

At the AGM the following office holders were
re- elected: Chairman – Fen Marshall, Vice-
Chairman – Sally Moreton and Clerk – Robert
Killen. A Planning Sub- Committee was also
appointed. The Chairman gave an Annual Re-
port on Parish activity for the last 12 months
and the meeting reviewed the parish proto-
cols.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th June at
The Tortworth Estate Office at 7.30pm. All
parishioners are welcome and are able to par-
ticipate in the meeting.

Robert Killen, Parish Clerk
(robert.killen@btconnect.com or
01454260268)



WANTED!
MONARCH AND ATTENDANTS
 AT
TYTHERINGTON
MAYDAY FAIR

MONDAY 1ST MAY 2017
1:45 PM

PLACES ARE AWARDED BY BALLOT.
 TICKETS ARE £1 AND WILL AVAILABLE
 AT TYTHERINGTON VILLAGE SHOP
 FROM 17th – 27th April



Rockhampton Village Hall 100 Club

March winners were:

Linda Smith, Charles Eardley-Wilmot,
 Margaret & Dave Webb, Bill Gill



ST PETER'S HOSPICE
SEVERNSIDE SUPPORT GROUP

Spring Coffee Morning

Thornbury Methodist Church Hall
 on

Saturday 8th April at 10.00am

*Home made cake stall, Books,
 Crafts and Raffle.*

Entrance £2.00 to include tea/coffee and cake.

*Please come along and support St Peter's,
 your local Hospice.*

TYTHERINGTON

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 2017
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Come and share your ideas on how you
 would like Tytherington to progress.

Copies of 2016 minutes available on the
 night or from www.tytheringtonpc.org.uk

Copies of all statutory documents from the
 Clerk on request or email tythering-tonpc@uwclub.net

Alveston Gardens Association

Monday 3rd April

Hanging Baskets – Making & Maintenance
Sue Aitken

7.30pm in Jubilee Hall, Alveston
 Visitors welcome

Cromhall Senior Citizens

Tat3

Thursday April 20th
Lunch outing to
Highfield Garden World



Leave Cromhall at 11.30am

Ring Ann 294200, Eva 299251 or
 Cromhall Shop 299262 if you would like
 to come



**Easter Sunday at St James',
 Tytherington**

There will be a service at 11am
 service to which everyone is
 invited.

Please wear an Easter Bonnet - the more
 whacky the better!!

There will also be Easter
 eggs for the children.

*Please come and celebrate
 with us.*



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Tytherington WI Trips 2017

Everyone is welcome to join these trips.

Thursday 15th June
to Chatsworth House and Gardens

Monday 31st July
to Oxford

Thursday 7th September
to St Fagan's National History Museum

For further details or to book a seat, please ring
Valerie Niblett (Tel 01454 417982)

St Andrew's CE VC Primary School

**Church Lane, Cromhall, W-U-E ,
Glos GL12 8AL**

Email: Standrewsprimary@sgmail.org.uk

St Andrew's School urgently require a caring, creative person to work in our small, but well established Breakfast and After School Clubs.

Duties will include:

- Planning & participating in activities
- Setting up and clearing away
- Supervising snack time

Details:

- Hours and number of days negotiable. Breakfast club currently runs Monday to Friday, 7.45 to 8.30am and two evenings After School Club, Wednesday & Thursdays, 3pm to 6pm. (Note – training may be offered outside these times)
- Term time only
- Small groups of children
- Warm friendly environment



The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children & young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment and all appointments will be subject to appropriate vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure check.

If you would like more information, an application form or to visit the school, then please phone 01454 294498 and speak to Mrs Green or Mrs Massey

Easter Celebrations at Cromhall Chapel

The Excellency of Jesus Christ

April 16th (Easter Sunday)

Morning: Pastor Chris

*The Excellency Jesus in His Resurrection
(+special music, and our puppets!!!)*

Evening: Pastor Chris

*The Excellency of Jesus in His Ascension
and Return*

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April 9th (Palm Sunday)

Morning: Pastor Chris
The Excellency of Jesus in His Life

Evening: Roger Chilvers

April 14th (Good Friday at 7:30 p.m.)

The Excellency of Jesus in His death.
(+communion, special music, and a drama)

“The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.”
~John 3:14–15~



Falfield WI News March 2017

Our Speaker for the evening was Mike Perry, who has a butcher's shop in Alveston. He is a traditional craft butcher and came to show us how to make sausages. This was a very enjoyable talk and those of us who have not yet visited his shop in the past will be tempted to do so.

The Thornbury Arts' Festival this year will feature a talk on '100 years of the Women's Institute' which members might like to hear.

Many Easter chicks are being sold in aid of St Peter's Hospice and members were asked to volunteer and knit a few to help keep up with the sales.

We have been asked to make cakes and scones for the May Day Celebrations which will include a bar-b-que.

Our next meeting will be Members' Night when the committee is excused from duty and the meeting and refreshments are run by the members. Visitors are always welcome.

Visit of Bishop Matthew



Tortworth had the pleasure of welcoming Bishop Matthew and his wife, Skola to their service on March 12th.

Bishop Matthew preached for us as well as giving us a little information about his diocese and the needs that they face at present. He clearly has a challenging task ahead of him as he guides the churches and helps the people move forward amidst real poverty. It was good to be able to meet him and to strengthen the links we have with the project in Tanzania that St Leonard's have been supporting.

He was staying with Bishop Michael Westall, a former bishop of SW Tanganyika (2001 - 2006) who now lives in Hereford, so he and his wife joined us as well.... (tempting to say that Bishops are like double decker buses – none for ages and then two come along!)

Bishop Michael emailed to say how both he and Bishop Matthew had been impressed by the standard of worship they enjoyed with us!

Cromhall Parish Council Monthly Report for March 2017

Speed Limit & Vehicle speeds through the Village: The Parish Council has allocated a budget provision for white 5 bar gates on either side of the road on the verges at the entry to the village which we hope will remind drivers they are entering an area where pedestrians may be present so compliance with speed limits are mandatory. Subject to appropriate approval, it is anticipated this work will take place this next financial year and we are confident that, based on evidence from other villages, vehicle speeds will reduce.

Neighbourhood Plan: The next steps in the process are to formally register our intention to develop a Neighbourhood Plan, develop a budget to fund the process, understand the legal obligations, capture professional advice and form a core steering group of residents who can liaise with the wider community. We have several willing volunteers but to ensure we can distribute the work load, more volunteers would be welcomed so please contact the Parish Clerk if you can offer support no matter how limited that might be. We are aware that further developers are scouting the area looking for sites as there has been a serious approach in a neighbouring village like ours to build a further 45 new homes so it is only a matter of time before we are next so establishing a Neighbourhood Plan is essential for our community to have a say in what is built and where.

Joint Spatial Plan: The parish Council has written to Highways England with concerns about the detrimental impact on the M5 junction 14 of all the future development proposed in the surrounding villages on this already congested area at peak times as it appears they dropped any concerns about overloading. We have received a very open response but at least we have formalised our concerns about the impact on existing infrastructure as the result of cumulative effect of all the developments in the surrounding villages as this issue is very much lost as individual developments seek planning consent. We will strive to ensure our voice is heard in this area.

Planning Issues: There have been instances of un approved developments taking place in the parish recently and the Parish Council has resolved with South Gloucestershire Council that all developments must comply with the legal planning guidelines by all members of the community without exception. This is to ensure the preservation of the local environment for the enjoyment of all is not compromised.

Hawkers Knap: Some of you who walk in Knap Lane will be aware of the new nature area which has been planted by Councillors Roland Hobbs and Steve Aston and we thank them for their hard work in this area. We have approved an additional small spend this month for some bird nesting boxes from our allocated budget to help improve the experience of this small nature enclave for the enjoyment of all as spring approaches.

Cromhall Parish Council meets in the village hall the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm and the agenda is published on the village notice board and at www.cromhall.com/cromhall/cromhall-parish-council. Public participation is always welcomed. Please look out for details of the Annual Parish Assembly meeting in April 2017.

Keith White, Chairman, Cromhall Parish Council

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A group of people interested in doing everything crafty or homemade.

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2nd TUESDAY of the month 7 - 9pm
at Cromhall Chapel

Contact: Rebekah 07715473384

4th THURSDAY of the month 6:30 - 9pm
at Cromhall Village Hall

Contact: Charlie Bull 07733004585



Find out more about your parish church

Annual Parochial Church Meetings are to be held as follows:

Monday 3rd April
St George's Church, Falfield

Wednesday 5th April
St Leonard's Church, Tortworth

Monday 24th April
St James' Church, Tytherington

Wednesday 26th April
St Andrew's Church, Cromhall

All parishioners of each village are entitled to attend these meetings and are welcome to do so.

South Gloucestershire Viewpoint citizen's panel

South Gloucestershire is currently looking to recruit new members for its Viewpoint panel, especially residents who are under 40.

Have your say by joining our Viewpoint citizen's panel

Our Viewpoint citizens' panel is a large, demographically representative body of residents who are consulted with on a regular basis on various topics that will impact local communities.

Joining the Viewpoint panel provides you with a real opportunity to become involved in, and influence, the decisions the council and its partners make. Your views can help us to understand public preferences, identify local priorities and monitor our performance.

As a panel member, you can share your views on different topics in up to six online or postal surveys a year.

Some of the topics we cover include:

- how safe you feel in your local community
- community resilience – your views on your local community and opportunities
- healthy lifestyles – your views on healthy eating, smoking and alcohol consumption
- the council budget – how the council allocates its budgets

Every time you complete a survey you will be entered into a prize draw to thank you for your contribution.

How you can join the panel. To join the panel, you need to live in South Gloucestershire and be over 16 years of age. Councillors and employees of South Gloucestershire Council cannot join the panel.

To join the Viewpoint panel, please fill in our online membership form. If you have any questions, please contact us on viewpoint@southglos.gov.uk.

We ensure that the panel represents the views of South Gloucestershire's population by making sure that each demographic group (different age groups, ethnicities and genders) is fairly represented. If a certain demographic group is over-represented we have to right to decline membership applications.

What happens to your views? The results of Viewpoint surveys are used to help identify community needs and shape local services. We will also send you a newsletter to let you know the key findings and how your views have been used.

All survey responses are confidential and no personal details are published or used to identify individuals.



Tytherington WI

The Village Hall was in use on our usual third Monday in the month meeting date, and so our February meeting took place the following afternoon.

The Newsletter was circulated and various items discussed.

Names were taken for outings to Chatsworth on 15 June (£36.50) and Denman College or Oxford on 31 July – please ring Valerie Niblett (Tel 01454 417982) to book a seat.

The WI Annual Cream Teas will take place in the Village Hall on Sunday, 9 July. Please make a note in your diary.

Due to the change of date, our original Speaker was unable to be present, and so we welcomed Rachel of 'Octavia' who advised and encouraged us to sample various skin care and beauty products. Some of our Members signed up to receive her therapies. Rachel has recently come to live in Tytherington, and I am sure our members will be regular customers.

The competition for a small antique was won by Valerie Niblett, with Susan Cuff 2nd and Bette Norman 3rd.

THORNBURY LIBRARY EASTER BANK HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

Please check our website for Easter holiday opening hours: www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries or visit Thornbury Library for printed Easter opening times. Digital services are available 365/24/7 at www.librarieswest.org.uk

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St Andrew's Church 100 Club draw February

£30 MRS M BIRD (61); £20 MRS J NELMES (92); £10 MRS E COLE (20)

Many congratulations to all the winners and thanks to everyone who has joined the 100 Club in the last month. We still have 8 numbers spare.

The next draw will be on Good Friday at 11am in Cromhall Village Shop.

CRAFT & CHAT DROP-IN at Thornbury Library

SATURDAY 22nd April 2pm-4pm

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and all people who love to make things...

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Please use the 'contact us' page on the website www.croftt.org.uk to get in touch if you think you might be able to help.

A Message from Margaret

I can't believe that almost a year ago, I was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Now seven months post-op and with a lot of help and support, I am slowly getting my life back together again.

I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for all the cards and flowers you sent me, but above all knowing that my family and I were in your prayers has meant such a lot to me; I feel very humbled by it all.



With heartfelt thanks,
Margaret Oliver.

URGENT HELP NEEDED

St George's Church, Falfield is seeking help with churchyard maintenance, especially grass-cutting.



If anyone is willing to give a couple of hours every two weeks or so, please contact Richard 01454 414050 or Rev'd Sue on 01454 600674

Saturday April 29th 2017

at 7.30pm in the Cossham Hall, Thornbury

Chris Brown
Thornbury Cellist
in Concert
with pianist
Mandakhtuya Dorj

Programme includes:

Sonata no. 2 for viola da gamba in D major by Bach;

Fantasy Pieces op. 73 by Schumann;

Pezzo Capriccioso op. 62 by Tchaikovsky
and Sonata no. 2 in F major op. 99 by Brahms.

Chris and Manda met at The Guildhall School of Music & Drama and have been playing together for a year after completing their respective degree courses and developing successful careers as classical musicians.

Tickets: £10 (to include interval nibbles) available from Thornbury Town Hall or phone 01454 412272.

To raise funds for the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1).

FREE COMPUTER SUPPORT – available at Thornbury Library

Drop-in without an appointment on Monday mornings 10-12 to see Mike, our computer volunteer. Mike can help with quick enquiries. Bring your device and charger with you and connect to our free WiFi, or use a library computer (at no cost). Our computer volunteers only offer support in the library and not in customers' homes.



FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

	High	Low	Average
Temp	12.6 °C	-2.4 °C	6.6 °C
Dew Point	10.9 °C 9	-4.6 °C	4.0 °C
Humidity	99 %	44.0 %	84.0 %
Precipitation	61.2 mm	Year to Date	122.2 mm
Wettest Day	9.4 mm on 27th February		
Wind Speed	34.6 km/h	--	3.7 km/h
Wind Gust	48.3 km/h		
Wind direction	South		
Pressure	1033.4 hPa	987.0 hPa	

Go to www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=IENGLAND1163 for live weather information from the Falfield weather station

For the highs and lows during 2016 go to: www.falfield.org.uk/weather.html



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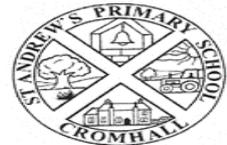
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WANTED



Pre-loved Garden Benches or Wooden Gazebos

St. Andrew's CEVC Primary School in Cromhall is currently in the process of developing a spiritual reflection garden within our current school site.

The garden will be accessible to the children throughout the day as a place where they can be quiet, reflective, say a prayer, think about matters they've recently learned, the schools values or to just be still within life and the school routine.

We'd value anyone's ability to donate a gently used garden bench and/or gazebo structure to the school? We can collect. Thank you.

Please contact Chris Crocker **07715 463727** or cromhallpastor@outlook.com



Cream Teas at Tortworth

These will begin again on Sunday 21st May, when cream teas will be served between 2.00 and 4.30pm.

We hope that you will join us and be able to appreciate our newly restored and clean stained glass windows.

CHILDREN'S FREE DROP-IN ACTIVITY – EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA AT THORNBURY LIBRARY

MONDAY 10th APRIL 11AM - MIDDAY

Drop in anytime between 11-12 noon for free family fun, aimed at primary school-aged children. Enjoy crafts and activities with an Easter theme. Adult supervision required, no child under 8 years to be left unattended.





Let's Ring!

One week Bellringers' Course a Ringing Success!

The residents of Stone saw a flurry of activity outside All Saints' church in February as seven youngsters arrived bright and early for the first session of our half-term holiday church bell ringing course for beginners, Let's Ring! Jeremy Sargent and Catherine White-Horne were ready and waiting with activities and lesson plans and our best learning bell was soon calling out to all our neighbours.

Catherine and her boys, Ben and Alistair, had started ringing on Sundays at St Mary's church, Thornbury which had highlighted the chronic shortage of local church bell ringers. In a bid to address this, Catherine began to recruit young friends and neighbours from the area and the idea for Let's Ring! was born. Jeremy generously offered his considerable teaching skills and the use of All Saints church and the scene was set for Let's Ring!

The course took place over the five mornings of half term week, each session an hour and a half in length. The winning formula for the start of the week was to teach two learners at a time in the bell tower, while the other students found out about the art of church bell ringing through a range of activities set up in the church.

Using good, old fashioned squared paper, we worked out how to instruct the bellringers to change the order in which the bells are rung to form a tune. The tune the youngsters chose goes by the name of "Queens" reportedly after Queen Elizabeth I gave it royal favour during her reign.

To bring this to life we rang this pattern on hand bells, with one of the band elected conductor, calling the changes just as they would on church bells in the tower.

Great progress was made by all our students as the week progressed. The learners' smiles as they descended the spiral stairs after each session were gratifying indeed! It was remarkable how quickly the youngsters progressed.

We devised a fun and relevant quiz to show off all the knowledge our youngsters had garnered during the week and to promote questions on more advanced topics.



Alistair, Zoe & Taya bring the called changes to life on the hand bells

By the end of the week, all our students, including those who had never touched a bell-rope before, were able to handle a church bell on their own. Most were confident enough to join in ringing with a band of experienced ringers, under Jeremy's careful supervision. Now we could all hear what we'd been aiming for!

After a vote of thanks and the distribution of hand-made gifts to all our helpers, we said "Au revoir" to our class of 2017. They had all worked hard and achieved so much in a single week.

Our objective now is to build on this success with extra evening practices at Stone and Thornbury dedicated to our beginners.

The last words should go to those who took part:

"I really like ringing, it's the highlight of my week!" (student)

"What I liked most about the week was ringing in rounds and learning about methods." (student)

"Is this a bell-ringing convention? Oh what fun!" (passer-by)

"The progress is just staggering." (established ringer)

"What a lovely bunch of folk you gathered; I'm missing them already." (teacher)

"It certainly has been a great week." (teacher)

When we asked our first Class of 2017 whether they would like to meet up again for an improvers' ringing course, we received a resounding "Yes!". A ringing endorsement indeed!

Want to know more?

Ringling church bells offers huge rewards to those who get involved. It's fun, challenging and highly sociable and also provides a service to the church and local community.

Find out more about ringing church bells and have a go for yourself! Get in touch today and I'll tell you how.

Catherine White-Horne 01454 416155



Seven youngsters make up the Class of 2017. From left to right; Anna Scott, Zoe Bonnett, kneeling: Chris White-Horne (young at heart if not in years), tutor: Jeremy Sargent, organiser: Catherine White-Horne, Lizzie O'Brien, Ellen O'Brien, Ed Miller and Taya Green.



Anna, about to pull off one of her first full strokes.

CROMHALL CHAPEL SERVICES

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Pastor: Rev. Chris. W. Crocker



SUNDAY 10.30am Morning Worship & Young People's Sunday Club
6.30pm Evening Worship

16th April at 10.30am & 6.30pm – Easter Services with Pastor Chris.

TUES **Cromhall Crafters Evening.** Join us on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel hall at 7pm for an evening of craft making. Also please join us **each fourth Thursday at 6.30pm at Cromhall Village Hall.** Bring your own craft or art activity and enjoy tea and conversation. Next Crafters evening: **11th April at 7pm** in the chapel hall. **Come and Meet Each Other**

WEDS **5th April at 7.30pm – House group Bible Study and Prayer** at various homes in the area. Please ring 01454 294065 for details.

19th April at 7.30pm – Area Bible Study with speaker Derek Cleave.

26th April at 7.30pm – Bible Study & Prayer in the Chapel Hall.

THURS **6th and 27th April at 10.15am till 12noon** in the chapel hall, a free drop-in where parents/carers can relax and chat while the children play. Please see more details on the "Townwell Tots" flier.

27th April at 6.30pm: Cromhall Crafters Evening at Cromhall Village Hall.

FRI **14th April at 7.30pm: Good Friday service.**

Sunday service speakers during April are:-

2nd (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) Robert Simpkins.

9th (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) Roger Chilvers.

16th (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) Pastor Chris.

23rd (am) Trevor Brain; (pm) Alan Tarling.

30th (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) Damon Ujvarosy.

There is now a prayer box on the outside wall of the Chapel. If anyone has a concern they would like our small prayer group to pray for, please do drop us a line.

A warm welcome awaits you at all of our meetings



Haven Memory Café

Haven Memory Café will be opening in Thornbury United Reformed Church, Chapel Street, in June. It will be complementary to the existing fortnightly Thornbury Memory Café in the Thornbury Methodist Church, and will be open on Friday mornings in the alternate weeks. This is in response to an ever-increasing demand for activities for people with dementia and their carers and is supported by the Alzheimer's Society and South Gloucestershire Dementia Action Alliance. It will serve Thornbury and the surrounding areas.

A Steering Group has met and started planning for the opening but we do need some help. A number of volunteers will be needed to assist at the café, providing a welcome to visitors, offering a friendly chat, and serving refreshments. If you are interested in helping, please contact Barbara Goom on 01454 414826 or leave your details with Thornbury Volunteer Centre. An information and training morning will be held on the morning of Friday 19th May and potential volunteers will be invited to attend then.

We look forward to hearing from you.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Barbara Goom



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It's that time of year again

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(Sponsored by South Glos Council)

on

SATURDAY 29th APRIL 2016

9.30 am – 1.30 pm

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