

# 5 Villages VA Live



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## I know where I'm going And I know who's going with me .....

How many of us at the moment could sing the words of this folk song with any conviction?



Many will be setting off on holiday with a fixed destination, knowing exactly who is accompanying them; others perhaps prefer to venture into the unknown, meeting their companions along the way and making it more of an adventure. But how long can we cope with that once we're back in our daily routine?

We seem to have entered a long period of uncertainty in many aspects of our lives and for many this is unnerving.

Geert Hofstede is a Dutch social psychologist who has studied the factors that lead us to behave in a given way in the presence of others, and the conditions under which certain behaviour/ actions and feelings occur. A former IBM employee, and Professor Emeritus of Organizational Anthropology and International Management at Maastricht University in the Netherlands, he is well known for his pioneering research on cross-cultural groups and organizations.

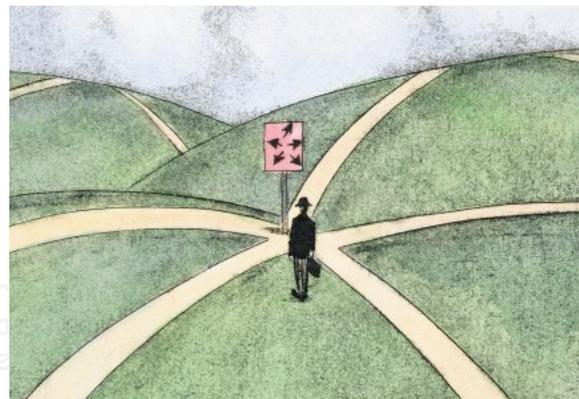
His most notable work has been in developing theories about cultural characteristics. One of these is called 'Uncertainty Avoidance' which he claims is: *'... the extent to which people within a culture are made nervous by situations which they perceive as unstructured, unclear, or unpredictable, situations which they therefore try to avoid by maintaining strict codes of behaviour and a belief in absolute truths.'*

It would be reasonable to suggest that many of the situations we currently face internationally, nationally and even closer to home are perceived as 'unstructured, unclear and unpredictable'. The election of an 'unpredictable' president in the USA, the vote for this country to leave the European Union, the consequences of which are still 'unclear and unstructured', along with the latest parliamentary election which failed to deliver a 'strong and stable' government are just some of the examples which come to mind. Add to this mix the largest migration of people since World War II and rapid advances in technology and communication systems and it is not surprising that many seek to cling on to certainties.

Hofstede goes on to say that *'cultures with a strong uncertainty avoidance are active, aggressive, emotional, compulsive, security-seeking, and intolerant'*. Well, we've certainly seen some examples of that recently in a variety of contexts.

Whilst all this may be open to argument, recent events would suggest that there is some truth in this analysis and we might do well to be aware of the more negative aspects of this behaviour and try to avoid them.

Kay Rea





The CRoFTT Benefice  
 'To see Christ in all and show Christ to the world'  
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**You are invited to join us at any of the services taking place in the benefice.**

**Midweek Eucharists in the Benefice**  
 There will normally be a said Eucharist at Tytherington on the first Thursday at 9.30am and on the fourth Tuesday at 10.30am, alternating between Falfield and Tortworth, followed by coffee either at The Huntsman or The Farmers' Table. Please double check in the weekly pewsheet.

**NB From 1st July, services at both Falfield and Tortworth will start at 11.15am to enable clergy to travel between churches less frantically.**

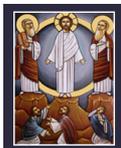
**Thursday 3rd**

9.30am Holy Communion at Tytherington

**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

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



**Wednesday 9th**

7.00pm Falfield 'Embrace'



**'Embrace'**

Second Wednesday each month at St George's Church, Falfield, at 7.00pm

**An invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life**

We invite you to create the space where the life of God in us can be nurtured and brought to fruition; a time for you to embrace some of the basic disciplines of the Christian spiritual life

**Thursday 10th  
 No Learn & Explore in August**



**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

9.30am Cromhall  
 11.15am Falfield  
 11.15am Tortworth  
 6.00pm Tytherington

**TRINITY 9**

Holy Communion  
 Holy Communion  
 Morning Prayer  
 Evening Prayer

**SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

9.30am Cromhall  
 11.15am Falfield  
 11.15am Tortworth  
 11.00am Tytherington

**TRINITY 10**

Morning Prayer  
 Morning Prayer  
 Holy Communion  
 Holy Communion

**CREAM TEAS AT ST LEONARD'S 2.00 - 4.30PM**



**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**10.30am** Said Eucharist at Tortworth followed by coffee at The Farmer's Table

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

9.30am Cromhall  
 4.00pm Rockhampton  
 11.15am Falfield  
 11.15am Tortworth

**TRINITY 11**

Holy Communion  
 Outdoor Service  
 Holy Communion  
 Holy Communion

**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPT**

9.30am Cromhall  
 11.15am Falfield  
 11.15am Tortworth  
 11.00am Tytherington

**TRINITY 12**

Holy Communion  
 Morning Prayer  
 Holy Communion  
 Joint service with Baptists at St James'

**BENEFICE PHONE: 01454 260096**  
**E-MAIL ADDRESS: office@croftt.org.uk**  
**or email Jan Leach on jan@leach13.plus.com**  
**Churchwardens:**  
 Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200  
 Rockhampton: Liz Cullimore 01454 412208  
 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



**Ride and Stride  
 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Last year I cycled around the area, including the five churches in the benefice, for this event. It raised around £300 for our Church. It was a lovely day and I'd like to do it again this year. I'm happy to plan a route (last year it was just under 50 miles) **but I don't want to do it on my own.** 50 miles is about all I can manage so if anyone wanted to come for all or part of it that would be great.

If you get sponsors you can raise money for your church. I set up a Just Giving page so I may do so again.

Contact me on 01454 260821 or email me on [fenmarshall@btinternet.com](mailto:fenmarshall@btinternet.com). It would be great to make it a big Benefice event; look how much interest the Berkeley cycle event generated!

Fen Marshall



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.

- **On the first Thursday of the month Tytherington are holding a Eucharist at 9.30am but please check by ringing 01454 417445**
- **On the fourth Tuesday at 10.30am there will be a Eucharist alternating between Falfield and Tortworth, followed by coffee either at The Huntsman or The Farmers' Table.**

Visit the benefice website at [www.crofft.org.uk](http://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.



Thank you to Tytherington Marquee, Mr P Grudgings & Mr & Mrs R Llewellyn for their kind donations to 5 Alive.

Each 20-page edition costs £334 to print, so we are always grateful for donations as our funding depends on advertising and the generosity of our readers.

One of the ways of making regular donations is by standing order. If you would like to make a payment using this method please contact our Treasurer, Mr Geoff Crosthwaite

- by telephone on 01454 294140
- by email at: [geoffrey.crosthwaite@tesco.net](mailto:geoffrey.crosthwaite@tesco.net)
- or write to him at The Barn, Townwell, Cromhall, Wotton-Under-Edge, GL12 8AQ.

Cheques, payable to **Benefice Newsletter**, may also be sent to our treasurer, Geoff Crosthwaite, The Barn, Townwell, Cromhall, W-U-E, GL12 8AQ or the editor.

## VISITING RINGERS

A group of ringers will be ringing at

St James, Tytherington, on

**Wednesday 2nd August**  
**4.30-5.30pm.**



## Alveston Gardens Association

7.30pm in the Jubilee Hall

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

## Britain's Major Botanic Gardens

*Dr. George Hargreaves*

Visitors welcome

### Rogue Traders and Licensing Contact Details

If you think you have been the victim of a scam or rogue trader, please contact Trading Standards  
Citizens Advice Consumer Service: Mon to Fri 9.00  
– 17.00 Ring 03454 04 05 06

### FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

To book the village hall,  
please email  
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the Falfield village website  
www.falfield.org.uk to com-  
plete 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 web-  
site.



### Rockhampton Village Hall 100 Club June draw winners were:



£15 Margaret Bishop  
£10 Gareth Fisher  
£5 Brian Gulwell  
£5 Joyce Baimbridge

[www.rockhamptonvillagehall.com](http://www.rockhamptonvillagehall.com)

### To all Cromhall Residents

Please be aware that St Andrew's Church  
has a band of bell ringers visiting on Friday  
4th August. They plan to  
start ringing at 2.30pm and  
aim to ring a peal which will  
take about three hours to  
complete.



The ringing will be good so  
we hope you will enjoy listening to some of it,  
if not all!

Usual practice night for local ringers is on  
Mondays and if anyone is interested in learn-  
ing, and feels they can commit to ringing, we  
would be every pleased to see you on any  
Monday from 7.30pm - Not sure? Then  
do just come along and see what it's all

### Thornbury Citizens Advice Bureau

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

### Telephone Advice Service:

03444 111 444

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### Drop In and Appointments:

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## 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](mailto:allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk)

SEE ALSO THE CHURCH WEBSITE: [www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org](http://www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org)

6th	Joint Service at Chapel	Brian
13th	“Philip & The Ethiopian” [Acts 8:26 – 40] * ¶	Brian
20th	“Saul” [Acts 9:1 - 19] *	Brian
27th	Guest Preacher – Neil Mobbs (Little Stoke BC)	

\* SERVICE WILL INCLUDE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR OUR YOUNGER PEOPLE

¶ SERVICE WILL INCLUDE HOLY COMMUNION

N.B. ALL SERVICES COMMENCE AT 11:00 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

*Everyone is welcome to join us.*

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New to Thornbury, a plot called  
**TRAGEDY IN THE TWENTIES**  
set amongst the turmoil of the Labour government  
in 1924 and its attempts to improve relations with  
revolutionary Russia (U.S.S.R).

### THE CHANTRY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

COST £12.50 including canapes and a 2 course  
Chantry Supper.

In aid of building repairs.

*GUESTS ARE INVITED TO DRESS IN 20s STYLE  
OF CLOTHING*

## BENEFICE RAMBLERS



**Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup>**

Meet 9.30 outside Post Office  
Cottage, Cromhall, to share cars

Parking arranged in pub carpark

### Upton Cheyney – North Stoke

- 5 mile ramble
- Good footwear advisable – no stiles
- Part of walk is a steady climb
- Bring food and drink for picnic
- Suitable for dogs
- For more information contact Steve  
on 01454 299969

## Thornbury Horticultural Society Summer Show 2017

**Saturday 12th August 2.00 to 4.00pm  
at the Armstrong Hall**



Summer has come and the  
longest day has passed,  
flowers are blooming, fruit  
is ripening, veg is ready to  
harvest and Thornbury in  
Bloom has been judged.

Thornbury Horticultural  
Society Summer Show  
2017 is here. If you are  
young or old you could enter or visit the  
show.

There will be veg, flowers, floral art, cooking,  
handicraft, photographs and children’s clas-  
ses if you are interested in any of these sub-  
jects please have a go. There will be tea and  
cakes for refreshment.

This will be taking place on 12th August  
2017 2:00 to 4:00pm at the Armstrong Hall  
Complex, Thornbury. Schedules available  
from The Garden Shop, Thornbury High  
Street, Owen’s The Plain, and Town Hall.  
Details also available on our website : [http://  
www.thornburyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.thornburyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

**LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES:**

**8PM ON WEDS 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**



## Tytherington WI Report

Our June meeting was well attended, despite there being a few absentees on holiday.

The minutes of the May meeting were read, and confirmed as a correct record.

Four of our members attended the AFWI Federation Lunch to be held at the Bristol Golf Club on 22 June, and four joined the AFWI outing to Stratford-on-Avon on 7th July.

Our speaker was Mrs Valerie Quinn, formerly employed at Thornbury Castle, who gave us an interesting and amusing talk on some guests at the Castle during the period she worked there. We heard revealing stories - some guests were quiet and unobtrusive, and others demanding at all hours of the day and night. Mrs Quinn declined a fee, and requested that a donation be made to charity.

The result of the competition for 3 biscuits were 1st Valerie Niblett, 2nd June Watton and 3rd Valerie Vizard.



## FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS FOR JUNE 2017

	High	Low	Average
<b>Temp</b>	32.4 °C	6.6 °C	17.0 °C
<b>Dew Point</b>	22.2 °C	6.2 °C	13.0 °C
<b>Humidity</b>	99.0 %	39.0 %	79.2 %
<b>Precipitation</b>	59.7 mm	Yr to Date	320.6 mm
<b>Wettest Day</b>	15.5 mm on Monday 5th June		
<b>Wind Speed</b>	25.6 km/h	--	2.6 km/h
<b>Wind Gust</b>	36.0 km/h		
<b>Wind direction</b>	SOUTH		
<b>Pressure</b>	1028.7 hPa	986.0 hPa	

Go to [www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=IENGLAND1163](http://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](http://www.falfield.org.uk/weather.html)

## THORNBURY AND DISTRICT U3A



Have you recently retired or reduced your commitments leading up to retirement? Are you new to the area and looking to make new friends? **Thornbury U3A** promotes keeping us mentally and physically engaged and active in an enjoyable and friendly atmosphere. "Learn, Laugh and Live" is the U3A motto and aims to provide opportunities for members to do so without having to travel too far or enrol on expensive course. We already have over 1,700 members and around 90 different groups meeting at various venues throughout the area but there is always room for more! The groups mainly meet during the day and range from Archaeology to Walking; some meet weekly, other less often and they include physical activities, crafts, board and card games, organised visits to gardens, lunches, wine tasting, concerts and theatre as well as purely "educational" topics.

Our next Welcome Meeting will be held on Monday 16 October 2017 at 3.30p.m. in St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, Thornbury, BS35 1DR. Please come along; we would love to meet you.

For further information visit our website [www.thornburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.thornburyu3a.org.uk) or for membership enquiries [membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk) Alternatively phone our **Membership Secretary, Rosie Bailey on (01454) 419977** or **Chairman, Alison Makepeace on (01454) 415019**



## ASHWORTHY CATTERY

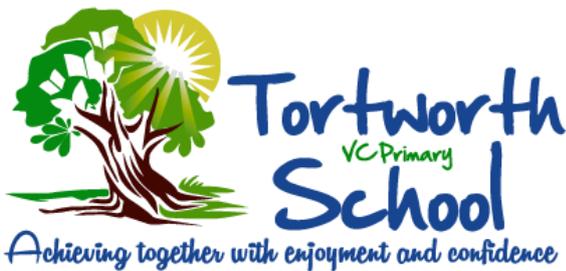
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Come and see for yourself and let us show you around!

We also have a school hall available for lettings, please contact the school for more details.

Contact the school on 01454 260510 or [office@tortworthprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:office@tortworthprimaryschool.org.uk)

#### Rockhampton Village Hall 100 Club



July draw winners were:-

- £15 Alyson Parnell
- £10 Eileen Mills
- £5 Andrew & Sallyann Bye
- £5 Stan Hedges

[www.rockhamptonvillagehall.com](http://www.rockhamptonvillagehall.com)

## Tytherington Village Shop and Post Office



**Fun Day, Dog Show and Beer Festival**

**Bank Holiday**

**Saturday, August 26th**

As last year, the shop committee and helpers will be involved in this event, as it is an important fundraiser for the shop along with some other local organisations.

We hope our customers will come along and enjoy events on the day.

### Help needed

You can help us to make it a success by delivering fliers to advertise the day, or by donating items for bric-a-brac, the wine and water stall or making cakes to sell.

We also need some face painters on the day. This is always a popular activity for children so if you have a bit of skill, we should be very glad to hear from you.

There will be a list to sign up in the shop nearer the time or you can leave your name and contact details in the shop in person or by phone (01454 417618) or email to [tvsa@btconnect.com](mailto:tvsa@btconnect.com). We shall be very pleased to hear from you

*TVSA committee*

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Tytherington Fun Day,  
Dog Show  
& Beer Festival



Bank Holiday Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
on the Hardwicke Field

Fun Day & Dog Show:  
1.30pm - 5.00pm

Beer Festival:  
7.30pm – late

See what's planned at [www.tytheringtonfamilyfun.com](http://www.tytheringtonfamilyfun.com)

Please come along and support  
this village event



**ST PETER'S HOSPICE**

**ANNUAL GOLF DAY**

by kind permission of Thornbury Golf Centre

**Friday 6th October from 11.00am**

This is a four ball Stableford competition to be played for the Mens, Ladies and Mixed Team trophies, plus prizes.

Entry is £140.00 per team of four and includes a hot buffet.

For more information please  
contact  
01454 417543 or email  
[k.burgess@talktalk.net](mailto:k.burgess@talktalk.net).



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

**London to Paris for Breast Cancer Now**



So, I made it! After 365 km (228 miles), I finally arrived in Paris, sore but intact. The first day saw us leave from Elmbridge leisure centre on the south side of London at around 9 am; the weather was pretty sunny and held out for the whole day. This first day was 111 km long and had a lot of hills, including a really nasty one just before we entered Portsmouth - just what I needed after a long day in the saddle.

We then took an overnight ferry from Portsmouth to Caen, and hit the road bright and early at around 7.30am. This day was an absolute scorcher with the temperature still at 28 degrees Centigrade when we arrived in Evreux 136 km later at 8pm that evening. There were plenty of stops for water and snacks this day, and lots of cycling through idyllic French countryside. Including lunch at a lovely little guest house.

The last day started with a big climb out of Evreux followed by a few undulating hills throughout the day, and another really steep ascent not long before lunch time. It wasn't quite so warm this day, and as we cycled through the suburbs of Paris a few spots of rain could be felt, a small relief from what was a very humid day. The last 10km or so saw the pace really slow as we tried to navigate the busy streets of Paris on our bikes to reach the finish line under the Eiffel tower.

All in all, it was a fantastic trip and a once in a lifetime experience, thank you to everyone who showed their support for both myself and Breast Cancer Now, I couldn't have done it without you. If you would still like to donate, you can. Now it's time for some relaxation, and I think avoiding the saddle for a day or two.



*Pete Johnson*

**Congratulations to Pete who has raised £1,532.77 so far!**

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- Fresh fruit and vegetables – delivered Thursday. (Veg. box orders placed on Wednesday morning can be picked up Thursday afternoon)
- Fresh milk, and free range eggs are also always available.
- We also have a wide range of groceries from coconut milk to wine vinegar, cleaning products, greeting cards, as well as beers, wines and spirits.
- We can also take orders for daily newspapers and weekly magazines.
- Prescriptions placed with the Wotton surgeries can be delivered to the Village shop for collection.

**Best of all; if you put in an order, it will be waiting for you.**

**THORNBURY LIBRARY**  
**will be closed between 9<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August and will re-open on Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 8.45am**

The closure is to enable the installation of new swipe card equipment so that extended opening hours will be available from October 2017.

In the meantime, you can use any library in South Gloucestershire, the nearest being at Yate Shopping Centre or Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre. Alternatively, you can renew books online at [www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries) You will need your borrower card number and PIN. If you don't know your PIN, you can reset it online as long as you have already provided a valid email address. All libraries can be contacted on 01454 868006

Autumn is on the way....  
A new Yoga season starts on 6th September 2017



Join us

at Stone Village Hall  
TUESDAY EVENINGS  
19.30 - 21.00

or

at Falfield Village Hall  
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS  
13.30 - 15.00

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CHALLENGE 2017**

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## Falfield Parish Council Report

The June meeting took place as normal on the third Tuesday in the month with all Councillors and Ward Councillor John O'Neill present. This was a short meeting to undertake the business of planning and finance issues in order to allow adequate time for a presentation to be given by Dick Whittington from The West of England Rural Network (<http://www.wern.org.uk>). The Council had sent an invitation to all village organisations inviting them to this presentation resulting in the majority of organisations sending a representative. The presentation was very informative, covering a wide range of rural issues some of which were appropriate to the parish. A copy of the presentation can be found on the village website at <http://www.falfield.org.uk/council.html>

Other issues raised at the meeting were the length of the grass along the footpath at the rear of the Eastwood Training Centre and the condition of the kissing gate on the same footpath between the houses on the A38 and Happy Autos. Both these issues had previously been raised with the Community Liaison Officer at HMP Eastwood who advised that this work had been passed onto their external contractor to address. Work had been completed to the paving slabs by StreetCare on the pavement adjacent to the Village Green. Councillors voiced their concern that not all the broken slabs had been replaced and those that had been replaced had only been partially replaced using concrete. The Clerk was instructed to write to StreetCare informing them that in the Council's opinion this work had not been completed to an acceptable standard.

At the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, which in the absence of the Chairman was chaired by Vice Chairman Councillor Jarvis, one of the main items discussed was to consider whether the purchase of a defibrillator would be an asset to the parish. Councillors decided that further discussion and investigation was needed together with an assessment of whether parishioners actually want a defibrillator along with a better understanding of the potential costs.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the external audit for the financial year 2016/2017 had now been completed without issue and that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit return will be displayed on the website and parish notice board in due course. The Annual Council Report for 2016/2017, Annual Asset Inspection and Annual Risk Assessment Review were also discussed and agreed.

As part of the Council's Transparency Code of Practice agendas and minutes of the Parish Council can be found on the village website at [http://www.falfield.org.uk/council\\_minutes.html](http://www.falfield.org.uk/council_minutes.html)

The Council do not normally meet in August, the next planned meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

James Carpenter, Clerk & RFO, [falfieldpc@googlemail.com](mailto:falfieldpc@googlemail.com)

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Tom and Jinny went to India in January and had "*the best time ever. India has been the most incredible place we have visited and that was mostly due to the people we met.*"

However, the poverty which they witnessed had a profound effect on them and made them realise how lucky we are living in the UK. They have decided to do the 3 peaks challenge in support of the 'Railway Children' charity which helps children who are living on the streets. They provide food, shelter and emotional support amongst other things and estimate that 112,000 children board trains every year in India because they are lost, have no home or are running away from abuse.

Any donation you can give will be much appreciated. Thank you.

<http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/JinnyandTomRix>

### CROMHALL CHAPEL SERVICES

[www.cromhallchapel.org](http://www.cromhallchapel.org)

[www.cromhall.com](http://www.cromhall.com)

Pastor: Rev. Chris. W. Crocker



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

**TUES** Cromhall Crafters Evening. Please Note! No Crafters during August.  
Next Crafters evening: 12th Sept at 7pm in the chapel hall.

**WEDS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug at 7.30pm – House group Bible Study & Prayer.  
9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug at 7.30pm – Bible Study & Prayer.  
30<sup>th</sup> Aug at 7.30pm – Communion & Prayer.

**THURS** "Townwell Tots" Please Note! No meetings during Aug.  
They will next meet, after the holidays, on 14th Sept.

**Sunday service speakers during Aug are:-**

6<sup>th</sup> (am) David Cooling; (pm); Pastor Chris  
20<sup>th</sup> (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) Brian Knowles

13<sup>th</sup> (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) Brian Allen  
27<sup>th</sup> (am) Damon Ujvarosy; (pm) Rory Jones.

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*

**Cromhall Crafters**

**NO CRAFTERS IN AUGUST**



**Cromhall Senior Citizens**

**Tat3**

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Cromhall Village hall  
on

**Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**3pm**

for tea and a chat

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**Candlelit Flute Recital**

**'One World, One Flute'**

**Thursday September 21st**  
**7.45pm at Rockhampton Church**



Nicola Woodward, flautist, known locally as Nicki Barnes, will be launching her new programme of folk-influenced flute music 'One World, One Flute' in an atmospheric hour-long candlelit concert on September

21st at 7.45 in St Oswald's Church, Rockhampton.

The concert will include repertoire from Europe, the Americas and Far East and will be performed on flute, alto flute, piccolo, Thai wooden flute and Irish whistles. Nicki will give fascinating insight into the instruments and repertoire and she will be joined by Soprano Louise Hambly-Smith for some beautiful arrangements of Irish folk songs.

The concert is timed to coincide with the UN International Day of Peace and all proceeds will go to WarChild Charity.

Tickets £10 (students £3) to include a glass of wine, from 07973 796508



THANKS to those who have given me jam jars - much appreciated. I now have plenty.  
*Val Johnson*

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## Cromhall Parish Council Monthly Report for July 2017

Key headlines from Cromhall Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July which may be of interest to parishioners.

### **Vacancy for a parish councillor:**

Cromhall parish council has a vacancy for a councillor. Have you considered becoming a Parish Councillor? It may be easier and more rewarding than you think. But 'what is involved?' you may ask.

- Funded by the precept raised as part of your council tax, the parish council takes responsibility for a range of local matters and makes all kinds of decisions on issues that affects the local community. The most common are planning matters (council is a statutory consult-ees), crime prevention, bus shelters, managing play areas and recreational spaces and campaigning for better facilities. Councillors have an opportunity to make a real difference to their community, at a small cost in time and effort.
- All sort of people become councillors with a broad spread of ages and a wide variety of backgrounds and occupations. What drives people is being able to influence decisions for the benefit of others and seeing their community change for the better, as a result of decisions you, the parish councillor, has helped make. As a councillor, you simply need to bring integrity and a common-sense approach and be willing to look for viable and pragmatic solutions. Being a councillor is not going to take over your life and in return there is the immense satisfaction of putting something back into the community. If you are interested please contact an existing councillor or email the clerk [clerk@cromhallpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cromhallpc.org.uk) or visit the parish website at <http://www.cromhall.com>. You will be very welcome.

### **Consultations:**

- South Gloucestershire Council are consulting on their Supported Bus Service from 12th June to 3rd September 2017. Information, including a link to the online questionnaire, can be found on the consultation website here: <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/BusNetworks/consultationHome>.
- South Gloucestershire Council are consulting on their Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020 from 12th June 2017 to 21st August 2017. Information, including the draft strategy and the consultation questionnaire, can be found on the consultation website here: <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/HWBStrategy17/consultationHome>.

### **Grants:**

Cromhall Parish Council has a small annual budget to provide financial support for community organisations working for the benefit of Cromhall parishioners, with the intention of improving the range of services and activities in the parish. It is able to award grants using the Local Government Act 1972 s137 which gives the "Power of local authorities to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised".

The council has agreed to introduce a slightly different process for awarding grants this year so many groups can benefit and will be advertising this in the next few months.

### **Speed Limit & Vehicle speeds through the Village:**

Speeding traffic through Cromhall remains an issue and the parish council is currently looking at a scheme to install roadside gates at each entrance to the village. The idea is to highlight to drivers that they are entering a village and hopefully this will encourage them to modify their driving and speed. The council is working with South Gloucestershire Council to investigate the options available.

*Mike Line - Chairman, Cromhall Parish Council*

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