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114th Berkeley Show
Sunday 25th June 2017

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Living in interesting times

There's an ancient Chinese curse: "May you live in interesting times"; you may have heard of it

It seems to me that we are living in very "interesting times". Whichever way you turn, there is cause for horror, despair or distress. Syria immediately springs to mind, with the horror of chemical attacks on civilians, despair at the intransigence of all parties in their failure to find peace, and the distress of hundreds of thousands of refugees, desperately fleeing to a place of refuge, and finding little hope even when (if) they get there. There is famine in East Africa, and poverty on a scale unknown to us. In the more "enlightened" world we see politicians bickering like children in the playground, seeming not to care about the people marginalised by their politics, and trading insults and untruths about their opponents, otherwise known as "fake news". It makes you want to stay in bed with a pillow over your head.



So, what are we going to do about it? We may well feel we can't, at an individual level, do anything. We have no power, we are insignificant and unimportant in the usual order of things. But we can do something.

We live in "interesting" times.
But that doesn't mean we have to be cursed.

We can start with ourselves and our own relationships with the people around us and the world in which we live. We can seek reconciliation with people we have quarrelled with. We can reach out to those in need with love and compassion. We can demand justice for those without a voice, for marginalised, oppressed people everywhere. And we can care for God's created world, of which we are a part, for the sake of generations to come, for our children and our children's children.

As we go about mending relationships in our own small way, following more closely the pattern given to us in the life of Jesus, gradually our love and compassion will spread out beyond our own family and community to others unknown to us, farther away, like the ripples in a pond when you throw a stone in. And maybe, just maybe, as more and more people reflect God's love for us and for the world, the world will become a better place.



Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Jennifer Oldershaw

There's always
a reason to
smile find it!



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



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.

Thursday 1st

9.30am Holy Communion at Tytherington



SUNDAY 4TH

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

PENTECOST

WEAR SOMETHING RED TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

Thursday 8th

10.30am Learn & Explore (Bible Study) at 6, Hillcrest, Thornbury



THREE IN ONE

SUNDAY 11TH

| | | |
|---------|--------------|----------------|
| 9.30am | Cromhall | Holy Communion |
| 11.00am | Falfield | Holy Communion |
| 11.15am | Tortworth | Morning Prayer |
| 6.00pm | Tytherington | Evening Prayer |

Preacher: Alison Driscoll of Scripture Union

TRINITY SUNDAY

Wednesday 14th

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

SUNDAY 18TH

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

TRINITY 1

Morning Prayer
 Morning Prayer
 Holy Communion
 Holy Communion

CREAM TEAS AT ST LEONARD'S 2.00 - 4.30PM



SUNDAY 25TH

9.30am Cromhall
 4.00pm Rockhampton

TRINITY 2

Holy Communion
 Pet Service



PET SERVICE 4.00PM ROCKHAMPTON

11.00am Falfield
 11.15am Tortworth
 Joint Holy Communion
 Venue to be confirmed

Tuesday 27th

10.30am Holy Communion at Tortworth followed by coffee at The Farmers' Table

SUNDAY 2ND JULY

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

TRINITY 3

Holy Communion
 Morning Prayer
 Holy Communion
 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.croftt.org.uk



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 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

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** 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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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
- 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.

breast cancer 07 JUL 2017 -
now 16 JUL 2017

In July 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://l2p17.everydayhero.com/uk/pete-pedals-to-paris> or ask Val or Peter more about it.

LOCAL HERITAGE EXHIBITION 5th - 30th JUNE during library opening hours

Discover more about the heritage of Thornbury and South Gloucestershire, including local museums and heritage sites, in this touring exhibition. Please note that Thornbury Library is closed on Sundays & Thursdays.

**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 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

**STORYTIME & RHYMETIME
FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS
AT THORNBURY LIBRARY**

Join us for Storytime on Monday afternoons 2.15pm-2.45pm and Rhymetime on Friday mornings 11.15am-11.45am (both term time only). 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 – and it's FREE! No booking required, just turn up!



**The Leprosy Mission
Farmhouse Supper**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Farmhouse Supper and gave so generously to the collection at the benefice service on the following Sunday.

A total of £653 has been sent to TLM for work at Purulia Hospital.



Keep these summer dates free!

Thurs 27th – Sun 30th July



**HBC (Holiday Bible Club)
at Cromhall Chapel
is coming back this summer!**

Bible-based morning activities/
songs/games for all children aged
5 - 11 years



**Rockhampton
Folk Festival**

Saturday 17th June

Friendly atmosphere, lovely countryside venue and top-quality music - this is what people tell us they love about the Rockhampton Folk Festival. We're really excited that this year our festival has been recognised by Arts Council England. With their support we have a great line up of top-quality artists including a BBC Young Folk Musician award winner, traditional gypsy swing and the exotic sounds of the Middle East and Caribbean. Kids love the activities tent and there will be music workshops with our artists for all the family. The festival field is compact so you can keep an eye on your little ones while enjoying the music, great local food and locally brewed beer.

Get tickets online or from Surroundings in St Mary's Street, Thornbury.

rockhamptonfolkfest.org.uk

TYTHERINGTON MAY DAY FAIR

Many thanks to all who helped in any way for the recent May Day Fair in Tytherington. We took just over £2,500 and, after expenses, money was donated back to the participating Village Organisations.



TYTHERINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF ANY OF OUR SERVICES/ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT
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Contact Number: - 01179 793104

Email:- allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk

SEE ALSO THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.tytheringtonbaptistchurch.org

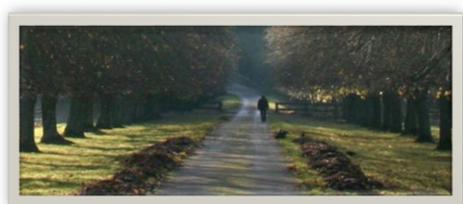
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| 4th | Joint Service At Chapel | Brian |
| 11th | “Silver, Gold or Jesus?” [Acts 3:1 – 10] * ¶ | Brian |
| 18th | GUEST PREACHER – Peter Mulholland (Fishponds BC) * | |
| 25th | “Jesus, The Capstone” [Acts 4:1 - 22] * | Brian |

* 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.



WEST OF ENGLAND RURAL NETWORK

A presentation will be given by Dick Whittington who is the Rural Services Consultant from the West of England Rural Network.

His presentation will include:

- Community Services (such as Village Halls, Community Transport),
- Community/Social Enterprise – community run shops and pubs, for example,
- Funding advice for community ventures, Housing (small scale), Broadband, Health & social care – working with communities.

This will then be followed by a question and answer session.

The presentation will start at approx. 7.45 pm on Tuesday 20th June.

All Parishioners and Village Organisations welcome.

Organised by Falfield Parish Council

Disney's "THE LITTLE MERMAID JR" – TMTG JUNIORS



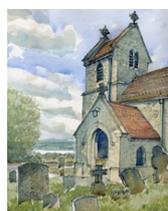
Join Thornbury Musical Theatre Group Juniors 'Under The Sea' as they perform their latest production, Disney's "The Little Mermaid JR".

Based on the Hans Christian Anderson story, this features the characters and songs from the well-known Disney film, bringing this colourful musical to life right in front of your eyes. Join Ariel and her friends Flounder, Scuttle and Sebastian in their underwater adventures as Ariel longs to be *Part Of Your World*.

The production will be staged at the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury, BS35 2BJ from **Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th July**.

Performances are 7.30pm nightly, and a matinée at 2.30pm on the Saturday.

Adult tickets £10 and £11, Concessions (OAPs, students and under 16s) £8 and £9. Box office enquiries 07896 607653.



Littleton Open Gardens

**Littleton-upon-Severn
Sunday 18th June 2017
2.00 – 6.00pm**

Various gardens will be open and there will be lots of easy **FREE parking**. In addition, there will a number of stalls where you can buy foods "**Made in Littleton**", **Plants** and have a go at a **Raffle**.

Traditional Village teas will be available in the **Village Hall** and our **Church St Mary de Malmesbury** will be open.

Entrance will be £4 (children free) with all proceeds going towards essential repair work to the Church and the Village Hall.

Make a note in your diary and join us for a lovely summer family day out

"Curious Works & Stately Lodgings" The Art of Thornbury Castle

A NEW exhibition at Thornbury & District Museum, Chapel Street



Part of a heraldic design created for Thornbury Castle in 1854

A Grand Design

In about 1507, one of the highest ranking and richest men in the country began altering his manor house at Thornbury in order to create a fortified, palatial residence. **Edward Stafford, Third Duke of Buckingham**, already owned eleven castles and thousands of acres of land spread out around England and Wales but decided to build Thornbury Castle as his power base. It was strategically placed to give him good access to most of his properties, while still allowing him to attend the King's Court in London when required.

Although the defensive parts of the castle seemed to hark back to medieval times, the new residential accommodation incorporated many features of the latest style, taking inspiration from the recently erected Richmond Palace, built by Henry VII.

Downfall

Buckingham did not live to complete the works. Perceived by Henry VIII as a threat to the throne, the duke was tried for treason and beheaded in 1521, and everything he owned was taken by the Crown. The scroll pictured above, which reads "Nat: 1477. Decap: 1521", spells out his fate. Born (Latin: *Natus*) in 1477, he was beheaded (Latin: *Decapitatus*) in 1521.

Aftermath

King Henry granted many of the estates to his own followers but he held on to Thornbury Castle, perhaps because of the quality of the impressive building, with its beautiful gardens and three nearby hunting parks. The king's surveyors had reported that, '*The south side is fully finished with curious works and stately lodgings*' – here the word 'curious' meant skilfully made or rare. We have chosen this phrase for the name of our exhibition.

Princess Mary (later Mary I) stayed at the castle for about eighteen days in 1525, attended by a huge entourage of two to three hundred advisers and servants. Similarly King Henry VIII stopped at the castle twice on royal progress. The first time, in 1535, he was also accompanied by Queen Anne Boleyn and his first minister Thomas Cromwell. In 1554 Mary I returned the castle to the Staffords, but they could not afford to maintain it.

It is thought that they removed and sold roof tiles, lead, window glass and many structural timbers to raise money to repair Stafford Castle. Much of the remaining structure of Thornbury Castle then slowly fell into ruin, although a section near the inner gateway was kept habitable for the steward. In the 1850s the castle was restored by the Howard family.

The legacy of Buckingham's 'Grand Design' survived him. Thornbury Castle is described as one of the finest examples of Tudor domestic architecture in the country.

Our new exhibition

The exhibition looks at some of the finer points of the building's architecture and how this magnificent residence was adorned in Tudor times. Did aspects of Buckingham's lifestyle and the running of his great household contribute to his downfall? It comments on the mid-19th century restoration and shows how Thornbury Castle has been represented in art and photography over the centuries.

FREE ENTRY to this exhibition and to the rest of our local museum, run entirely by volunteers.

Open to all: Tues to Fri 1 - 4pm, Sat 10am – 4pm. Tel. 857774

email:enquiries@thornburymuseum.co.uk www.thornburymuseum.org.uk



Falfield News - May 2017

The evening began by welcoming members including 3 new members and visitors to the meeting. It was good to see Pauline Leverett who moved away some years ago but was visiting friends in the village. We sang Jerusalem.

The two shows at Berkeley and Thornbury were highlighted but there does not appear to be a WI section for the Berkeley show on the 25th June. The Thornbury Show is on the 12th August. Members who wish to enter have plenty of time for the craft section.

Trips out include the visit to a goat farm on the 13th June and The Botanical Gardens on the 1st August. We will hope to share transport for both these trips.

We have reached the semifinals of the skittles, but it was a close game with the higher scores swapping from one team to the other, ending with an 8 pin win for Falfield.

We listened to the arguments for and against the 2 Resolutions and voted to support the first on Micro Plastics and to allow Ann Mair to vote for us at the AGM concerning the Loneliness Resolution.

The meeting ended with a very relaxing and amusing hand massage for us all, demonstrated by Karen Jones. Next month is the Picnic Meeting.

Rockhampton Village Hall 100 club



May winners were:
£15 Patsy Hurley
£10 Paul Cumber
£5 Angela Walker & John Rogers

Haven Memory Café, Thornbury

Memory Cafés are a fast-expanding resource for the benefit of people with dementia and their carers.



Haven Memory Café will be opening this month in Thornbury United Reformed Church, Chapel Street, to complement the existing Memory Café in Thornbury Methodist Church.

Its launch will be in **the URC on Friday 23rd June from 10.15 – 11.45am**, then opening fortnightly in the URC on the first and third Friday mornings in the month from 7th July, alternating with the one on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Methodist Church.

It will aim to offer a comfortable, relaxing and supportive venue with refreshments available, and a short time of entertainment or another activity during the morning. Visitors will be able to get practical information, ask questions and share experiences with one another, as well as meet friends over tea or coffee.

On 23rd June there will be a short introductory session explaining what we plan to offer. The Mayor of Thornbury, who represents the Town Council on the steering group, will perform the Official Opening on Friday 7th July.

A programme of short activities for future weeks is being arranged, though plenty of time will always be left for coffee, cake and chat!

A leaflet with further information will be available in local churches, the Town Hall and other information points.

If you are caring for someone with memory problems, dementia or Alzheimer's, both of you will be very welcome to come along.



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Tortworth VC Primary School takes reception to Year 6 children from Tortworth, Falfield and the surrounding area and is very fortunate to have extensive grounds which now include a fantastic 'Wild Wood' area as an outside classroom. We also provide breakfast and after-school club, available from 7.30am until 6pm.

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 with exceptionally experienced teachers and support staff.

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

TYTHERINGTON 2018 CALENDAR

We are nearly half way through 2017 and we are looking for suitable items for the 2018 Tytherington Village Calendar. If you have any ideas please contact Val Johnson valj475@gmail.com

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 - 8th and 22nd June

www.cromhallchapel.org

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



OCTOPUS PRESENT

FUNNY MONEY
by Ray Cooney

Weds 7th - Sat 10th June
at

Christ the King Church Hall (Porch House), Castle Street, Thornbury

Tickets will be priced £7 and £6 for concessions; available from Chappell and Matthews on the High Street or Karen on 413783, or you can order them on-line from www.octopus-thornbury.co.uk

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Tytherington WI Trips 2017

Everyone is welcome to join these trips.

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)*

Thornbury Musical Theatre Group

*invite you to their Summer showcase, taking you
on a cinematic journey and bringing you the best
of the big screen tracks.*

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Fri 2nd and Sat 3rd June at 7.30 pm
Armstrong Hall, Thornbury

Tickets £10. Bookable online www.tmtg.org.uk.
Box Office enquiries 07516 270140. Tickets also
available at Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Let-
tings at 53 High Street, Thornbury.

For more information go to www.tmtg.org.uk or
contact us by e-mail at membership@tmtg.org.uk.

Childcare Business Opportunity

The pre-school based at the Log Cabin in
the grounds of Tortworth Primary school has
recently closed.

This lovely building, in ideal surroundings, is
now available, fully equipped, to be run as a
childcare facility for pre-school, nursery, be-
fore and after school clubs, or even summer
play schemes.

For more details contact:

Ben Goodare:

07825 112379

Sally Moreton:

01454 260303 / 07860 288858

or Tortworth Primary School:

01454 260510



Thornbury Orchestra
Saturday 10th June 2017
7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Berkeley

Brahms - Academic Festival Overture
Butterworth - Banks of Willow Green
Lane - Somewhere Unknown
Saint Saens - Danse Macabre
Borodin - Symphony No. 2
Conductor: Chris Hill
Leader: Janet Lewis

Tickets: Adults £8 Under 16s free

*These can be purchased via the orchestra's
website www.thornburyorchestra.org.uk
and will be available at the door*

*There will be a collection for BSQ2BSQ at
this concert

BSQ2BSQ



Those of you who visit
Berkeley regularly may
have seen painted bicycles
displayed around the town
or the Nightrider event
which took place at the end
of March. This is part of

the publicity for a bike ride on Saturday 1st Ju-
ly from Berkeley Square in London to The
Square in Berkeley – a distance of 140miles –
to raise money for the Sue Ryder Hospice at
Leckhampton, Meningitis Now and CJD Sup-
port Network. For more details or to support
this worthwhile challenge go to
www.bsquare2bsquare.org.uk



FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS FOR APRIL 2017

| | High | Low | Average |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------|
| Temp | 21.7 °C | - 1.9 °C | 9.3 °C |
| Dew Point | 12.6 °C | - 4.5 °C | 4.6 °C |
| Humidity | 99 % | 32.0 % | 73.5 % |
| Precipitation | 11.7 mm | Year to Date | 194.4 mm |
| Wettest Day | 3.6 mm on 25th April | | |
| Wind Speed | 36.7 km/h | -- | 2.1 km/h |
| Wind Gust | 48.3 km/h | | |
| Wind direction | SOUTH | | |
| Pressure | 1040.5 hPa | 1000.2 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



Date for your diary

**Bank Holiday
Saturday August 26th
2017**

**Hardwicke Field
Tytherington**



**Fun Day and Dog Show
1.30pm – 5.00pm**



**Beer festival
7.30pm – late**

**Come along, have a good
time and support these village events.**

**ARE YOU LOOKING TO CONNECT MORE
WITH YOUR COMMUNITY?**

Are you looking to improve your wellbeing & get involved in your community? Do you need some guidance to help you live independently? Community Connectors are here to help with a wide range of support and advice that's built around you. Drop into the library between 10-12 on **TUESDAY 6 JUNE** to chat to Hilary from the Community Connectors team. This is a free service. No appointment needed.



From September 2014 until March 2019 each month with the exception of January, February, April and August, Falfield will remember those individuals from the 1st World War who are recorded on the

Village War Memorial by flying the Union flag on the anniversary of their death.



During June we will remember

Leslie Edward Watkins
Died of heart failure on 14th June 1918

For information on all those remembered on the War Memorial go to: <http://>

CROMHALL SENIOR CITIZENS



**Tat3
Thursday June 22nd
at 3pm**

Tea and a chat in Cromhall Village Hall

All senior citizens are welcome to join us

Ring Ann 01454 294200 , Eva 01454 299251 or Cromhall Shop 01454 299262 if you would like to be picked up

Under Milk Wood by Dylan Thomas

The Bristol Old Vic Theatre School
Saturday 17th June 2017
at 7.30pm on in the Armstrong Hall

Tickets £14 (under 18s £10) obtainable from Thornbury Town Hall or by 'phoning 01454 412272

"It is spring, moonless night in the small town, starless and bible-black, the cobbledstreets silent and the hunched courtiers'-and-rabbits' wood limping invisible down to the sloeback, slow, black, crowblack, fishingboat-bobbing sea..."

Set in the fictitious fishing village of Llareggub, this twenty four hour peek into the lives and loves of the likes of Captain Cat, Polly Garter and Willy Nilly has continued to enthrall its audiences ever since.

With its canvas of nonsense gossip, feuds, affairs, fights, frauds and practical jokes, the play pulses with the vitality and relish of real life characters reliving their dreams and desires. Come closer now, and enter the world of *Under Milk Wood*.

The performance is part of a series of events to raise funds for the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1).

ST LEONARD'S WINDOWS



The restored and cleaned windows at St Leonard's, Tortworth, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Tewkesbury at a service on

Sunday 23rd July.

See next month's 5 Alive for details.

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



Recycling in South Gloucestershire will be easier and simpler.

Recycle everything, every week.

A simplified recycling service with weekly collections for paper, cardboard, plastics, cans, cartons and glass will be introduced this summer, making recycling easier for residents. The weekly food service will continue and residents can continue to use plastic bags to line the food bin.

New Vehicles

New single pass vehicles will replace the current two vehicle system. The new 'Romaquips' can collect all recycling in one go and have a longer life span than our current vehicles. By using these vehicles, we can deliver weekly recycling for the same cost as the old two vehicle fortnightly service.



The old vehicles will be sold and the revenue used to help fund the new vehicles.

Containers

Residents will still need to sort their recycling for collection but can choose to use their existing containers or green boxes instead of bags for plastics and cardboard. The weekly collections will mean that there is less recycling for residents to store at home over two weeks, whilst encouraging more people to use the service.

Smaller Bins

Once weekly recycling has been established, the current 240 litre black bins for non-recyclable household waste will be swapped for smaller 140 litre bins. This change is being made to encourage more recycling as we know the average contents of the old black bins contains 52% of recyclable material that could have been recycled using the kerbside service.

Many of the old 240 litre bins are also reaching the end of their life and we are taking this opportunity to replace them all. The old bins will be collected and sold for onward processing where the plastic will be recycled into new recycling boxes.

Households with extra needs

Some households already have authorised extra capacity for black bins and they will continue to receive an extra capacity service which will be reviewed every year.

We have been checking extra black bins, assisted collections and medical and clinical waste collections to make sure that our information is up to date to ensure continued support.

We are asking that any households with extra needs, who have managed with a 240 litre bin, but are worried that they will struggle with a smaller one to contact us so we can make sure the right support is provided before we change their bin.

Families with children in nappies

Households with children under 5 in nappies who are struggling with the black bin can use our nappy bag collection service. They will be supplied with a roll of purple sacks for nappy waste which they can put out next the black bin on collection day. The service means that there will be more space in the black bin for these families to dispose of normal non-recyclable household waste.

We are also helping families who wish to change to reusable nappies with our, "Happy Nappies" scheme, where they can buy discounted reusable nappy kits for £128 (they normally retail at £250).

General support to households

Any household struggling with a smaller bin will be provided with support to help them recycle and manage their waste. Extra capacity bins can be provided where there is a genuine need as long as residents applying for the extra bin are recycling everything they can including their food waste.

When will this all happen?

Weekly recycling will start on the 19 June 2017, with black bin replacement taking place later in the year.

More information about the Waste Strategy including frequently asked questions about the changes is available at www.southglos.gov.uk/wastestrategy.

Emmaus Christian Choir is coming to Cromhall Chapel

The Emmaus Christian Choir is an inter-denominational, mixed voiced choir based in the greater Bristol area, which sings to the Praise and Worship of the Lord Jesus Christ.



When? Sunday July 2nd 2017
What time? 6.30pm

FRIENDLY & ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO JOIN THE TEAM FOR: ANIMAL AGENTS, SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

Volunteers will spend their time helping children do the Summer Reading Challenge, talking with them about the books they've been reading and helping at a range of activities in the library.

This is a great opportunity to develop skills in communication, team working and creative projects, whilst having fun and making new friends.

The closing date for applications is 30th June. Volunteers must be aged 13 or over. For more information ask a member of staff at Thornbury Library or email emma.fisher@southglos.gov.uk



Students reap benefits of volunteering

Remarkable students from Castle School Sixth Form who have spent the last 8 months working to better their community have been recognised for their volunteering achievements with an Award ceremony. Around 20 sixth formers who took part in Castle School's volunteering programme "Castle in the Community", were rewarded for their contribution at the ceremony on Wednesday 3 May. Also receiving awards were students who have helped younger pupils by acting as peer mentors and helping at Science clubs.

Members of the charities and organisations they worked for watched as they were presented with certificates by Mayor Cllr Helen Harrison for their outstanding contribution to their town. Sarah Ockenden, Deputy Head of the Sixth Form, said that the school were immensely proud of the students' achievements and that they had all made a difference to the lives of other people. Kevin Simpson of Thornbury Lions Club, sponsors of the event, then said a few words.

Students have been placed in many local organisations, roles including befriending, activities coordinators, charity shop work and support assistants.

Kim Webb, for Thornbury Volunteer Centre explained "The benefits to students and organisations are immense. The students gain valuable work experience and life skills and the organisations increase capacity and gain additional volunteer help".

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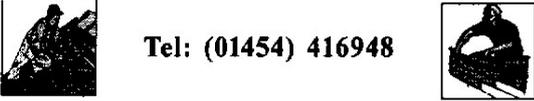
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Monday 3rd July 7.30pm

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Carnival Finale Act

"Queen" tribute band: The Bohemians

Saturday 1st July 2017

Parade 10.30am Gates open 12 noon

Tickets: Advance purchase – Family £15; Adults £5; Child £3

NB Family tickets not available on the day.
Other prices + £1 on the day



CROMHALL CHAPEL SERVICES

www.cromhallchapel.org

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. 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: **13th June at 7pm** in the chapel hall. **Come and Meet Each Other**

WEDS 7th June at 7.30pm – House group Bible Study & Prayer.
14th, 21st, & 28th June at 7.30pm – Bible Study & Prayer in the Chapel Hall.

THURS 8th & 22nd June 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.

22nd June at 6.30pm: Cromhall Crafters Evening at Cromhall Village Hall

Sunday service speakers during June are:-

4th (am) Derek Cleave; (pm) Pastor Chris.

11th (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) Darren Chandler.

18th (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) Mervyn Douglas.

25th (am) Steve Loader; (pm) Pastor Chris.

2nd July (am) Pastor Chris; (pm) Emmaus Choir.

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

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

Come join us for a chat, cuppa and bring your own crafting to do.



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

Contact: Rebekah 07715473384

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at Cromhall Village Hall

Contact: Charlie Bull 07733004585

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St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group



**Garden Party at Grove House,
The Street, Alveston (BS35 3SX)**

**Sunday 23rd July 2017
2.30pm – 5.00pm**

(by kind permission of Geoff and Carol).

Entrance: £4.00 to include tea and cake.

Raffle and stalls

Bring a picnic chair, listen to the music of "Mo, Mac and Me" and enjoy the gardens.

Please support St Peter's, your local Hospice.

CROMHALL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Dates for your diary:

CROMHALL FLOWER SHOW & VILLAGE FAYRE

SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2017

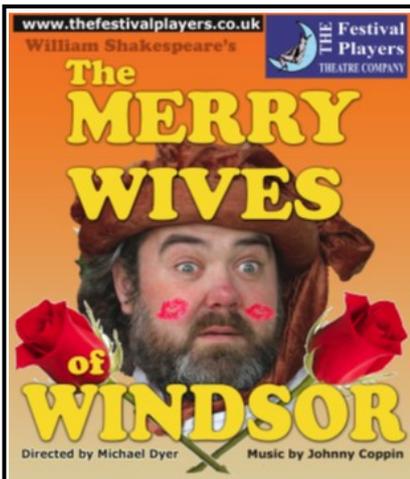
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SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2017

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'The Merry Wives of Windsor' by Wm Shakespeare

The Players are bringing this summer feast of farce in which the roguish and foolish Knight, Falstaff, schemes to woo two married women to get his hands on their husbands' money, but the wily Wives of Windsor are more than a match for him. The Players bring you this hilarious and colourful comedy in an all-male, fast-paced, costumed production (2 hours plus interval).

Festival Players 16th production at Gate Farmhouse.
Sunday 18th June 2017 at 14.30.
Gates Open at 12.00 for picnics

Open Air Performance: bring your own low back chairs and blankets.

Tickets: Adults £15 children (U15) £9.50

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New Freezer

Thanks to everyone who responded to our survey in March. As our regular customers will know, the survey results encouraged us to go ahead with the purchase of a new freezer, which we are now stocking up. So come in and have a look!

Tortworth Farm Shop Produce

We are delighted that Tortworth has agreed to supply us with their own sausages, burgers, pies and fruit for the freezer, as well as a range of fresh items for the fridge. We think you will enjoy having a wider range of local produce to buy. Please do not hesitate to let us know, if there are things you would like us to add.

We shall continue to stock goods from Frocester Fayre, which are as popular as ever, as well as trying out one or two new things from Ferrantes.

Fresh Croissants and pastries

We can order a quite a wide range of bakery products from Hobbs House (Mon and Fri) and from our new Wednesday supplier The Cottage Bakery. We shall be offering customers the chance to order some speciality pastries or bread for the weekends and we are planning our first go at this for the late May bank holiday weekend – so keep an eye out for the order form in the shop!

Help needed

We are temporarily without our regular cleaners due to illness so it would be very helpful if there were anyone out there who could pick up the weekly cleaning on a voluntary basis, for the time being. It is best done while the shop is closed but timing can be very flexible.

It should only involve about an hour or so each week, so it should not take up too much time. If there are several people, who could take it in turns, better still....

If you can help, you can leave your name and contact details in the shop in person or by phone (01454 417618) or email to tvsa@btconnect.com. A member of the committee will get back to you.

TVSA committee

114th Berkeley Show
Sunday 25th June 2017
 Traditional Agricultural Show in the Heart of Gloucestershire

Berkeley Show is back for 2017

Supported by neighbouring businesses, farmers and producers the 114th Berkeley Show will go ahead on **Sunday 25th June**, a change from its traditional August Bank Holiday date. The Show had suffered low attendance due to poor weather for three consecutive years and its future was uncertain. Thanks to the support of its neighbours and good will of many local people the show is able to go ahead. All fingers are crossed for a sunny day.

Set in Meadows below the Historic 12th Century Berkeley Castle in the heart of Gloucestershire the Berkeley Show was started in the late 1900's and remains one of the traditional highlights of the local calendar. The Show has remained true to its rural roots celebrating the produce and livestock of the Berkeley Vale and surrounding countryside

We encourage you to get involved, you'll find a fun day ahead with lots to see and learn.

This year we can look forward to the new Village Green area with a local beer and cider celebration- provided for by our local brewers and Entertainments Stage with traditional Morris dancing to modern street dance. Enjoy plenty of shopping at the Farmer's Market and Craft Stalls. There will be lots of food to enjoy, this year supplied by our local caterers and producers.



The Show has a slightly new layout with a focus on the livestock and rural craft. New this year will be Gloucester cattle classes which are a traditional local rare breed. Their milk is used for the famous Single Gloucester Cheese, of which there also new classes this year. There are many sheep exhibited in a range of classes even judging the fleece.

The Main Ring will have a good mix of entertainment including Merion Owen's Quack Pack a working dog and duck display, the Berkeley Hounds, Vintage Machinery Parade, Show Jumping, Bale rolling competition and new for 2017; a Grand Parade of prize winning Livestock.

This year we are encouraging more children to get involved with activities and competitions and hopefully they'll bring their families along for the day! There will be a designated marquee with a range of activities for our younger visitors free of charge.



So, enjoy your day with us and feel proud that you are supporting our local farmers and businesses.

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For more information, visit www.berkeleyshow.co.uk

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group



Tea at 2.30pm
Friday 16th June
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 at
Thornbury Cricket Club
 (top of Alveston Hill)
 Teas available between 2.30pm and 4.00pm
 Raffle, Books, Stalls.

Entrance £2.00 to include tea, coffee and cake.
Please come along and support St Peter's, your local Hospice

Award Winning Garden open in Thornbury on Sunday 2nd July

Don't miss the chance to visit a series of five lovely gardens in Thornbury centred on the award-winning garden at Pound Cottage, Church Road opposite St Mary's Church.

Relax as you wander from one garden to another with a cold drink or a glass of wine if you like, for the all-inclusive fee of £5.

Just turn up at the gate from 3pm onwards for a perfect Summer treat! All proceeds will go to the Armstrong Hall Redevelopment Project (Phase 1).

Falfield Parish Council Report

At the Annual Parish Meeting Cllr Hathway gave her Annual Report and summarised all the activities that have been going on during the past year including: dealing with various planning applications including the Cotswold Home Development proposal, liaising with HMP Eastwood Park, community events eg the Big Spring Clean.

The Clerk went on to give the financial report highlighting that during the year the Parish Council had received a refund of £970.93 from South Gloucestershire Council. This followed an investigation which established that the cost of grass cutting of the Village Green had also been included in the Localism charges for cutting of the grass verges under the responsibility of the Parish Council. This refund covered payments going back to 2008. The Clerk also confirmed that the Council had approximately £9,561 of unearmarked funds which is appropriate for a small Parish Council with no other source of income other than the precept received from South Gloucestershire Council.

The Annual Meeting of the Council followed and began with Cllr Hathway being elected as the Chairman and Cllr Jarvis as Vice Chairman. The Statement of Accounts and the Annual Return Sections 1 & 2 for 2016/2017 were reviewed and signed and are now ready to return to the External Auditor.

The other main highlights of the meeting included the Council's response to the Boundary Commissions review into the warding arrangements within South Gloucestershire, a report from Ward Councillor John O'Neill, appointment of representatives on various committees for the coming year and highways and footpaths matters. The minutes of both meetings can be found on the Falfield village website. www.falfield.org.uk.

The next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday June 20th starting at 7pm**. This will be a short meeting followed at 7.45 pm by a presentation to be given by Dick Whittington who is the Rural Services Consultant from the West of England Rural Network (WERN). Areas expected to be covered in his presentation will include Community Services (such as Village Halls, Community Transport), Community/Social Enterprise – community run shops and pubs, for example, Funding advice for community ventures, Housing (small scale), Broadband, Health & social care – working with communities.

James Carpenter, Clerk & RFO for Falfield Parish Council, falfieldpc@googlemail.com

Stay Tuned for Thornbury Radio



A new local consortium has been formed to bring back local radio back to Thornbury. Thornbury Media Community Interest Company is a not-for-profit venture and has been formed especially to deliver a new radio station for the area. Behind the idea are Glyn Roylance and David Wrench who were founder members of the original Thornbury FM.

“Thornbury FM proved that there was plenty of local talent to produce great local radio” said Glyn. He continued “Although Thornbury has a strong community spirit, it does not have a local radio station to help showcase the town. Commercial stations don't serve Thornbury, and the BBC stations focus on their regional briefs for Bristol, Gloucester and Somerset. We want to fill that void and play our part in building an even stronger community spirit in Thornbury”

The radio station is currently in the early stages, examining technical feasibility and business plans. They are looking for people with business skills who would like to get involved to help build a viable organisation. They are also keen to hear from local benefactors who would consider supporting the project and any organisations or businesses that have empty accommodation which could host a small radio studio.

If you think you can help, please get in contact radio@tmcic.org

Thornbury has had its own radio station before.

Thornbury FM broadcast to the town from November 2005 to April 2010 when it re-named itself GLOSS FM to reflect the larger coverage area that its new transmitter site provided. In 2011 a licence application was made to the Government Regulator Ofcom for a permanent FM licence. Although well received, Ofcom could not grant a licence at the time because they claimed there were no clear frequencies available in the area. Lack of funding forced the station to close in June 2012.

Technical discussions with Ofcom on securing an FM frequency for the area have been re-started and are ongoing.

In the intervening years technology has developed to make web-broadcasting mainstream. In addition the Government Regulator Ofcom has been experimenting with “Small Scale DAB” which gives an affordable way for small local stations deliver their services.

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