

5 Villages Alive



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The flowers that bloom in the spring

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Breathe promise of merry sunshine (*The Mikado; Gilbert & Sullivan*)



I'm sitting at my desk on a very grey and damp day in the middle of February, we've just entered the holy season of Lent and the flowers in our churches have been removed for the next 7 weeks but, as I look around, I see so many flowers that bloom in the spring with a promise of better times ahead.

The snowdrops have given a wonderful show this year and now the bright yellow daffodils are trumpeting the arrival of spring with their variety of colours and shapes, doubles and singles, yellows, orange and white; delightful displays in gardens and verges. Alongside the boldness of the daffodils the more demure crocus, primrose and primula add a touch of colour in their own way. The hellebore add their flavour to the spring scene with their deep purples through to brilliant white and dusky yellow. They're a reminder of the changing season as we move from the Christmas Rose to the Lent Rose and they continue to bloom at Easter and beyond.

Looking upwards the blackthorn has been spectacular over the last few days with those pure white flowers against the black stems. Hopefully they will develop into a good crop of sloes later in the year for that winter warmer, sloe gin. The cherry plum is also blossoming and the flowering cherry won't be far behind. The forsythia is beginning to show its colours and a few early varieties are breaking forth into colour, so it won't be long before they are a riot of colour.

The flowers that bloom in the spring do most certainly breathe a promise of merry sunshine and brightness in our gardens, hedgerows and fields.

In our churches we will see a splash of colour in the middle of the month as we celebrate Mothering Sunday with flowers and posies to mark the day. A day also known as Mid-Lent Sunday, a small celebration in the middle of the Lenten discipline of fasting. In some communities Mothering Sunday is celebrated with simnel cake, mothering buns and other delicacies. The day is a celebration of our mothers and our mother church, the Cathedral or the place where we were baptised. It has sadly been taken over by the American and Hallmark Cards feast of Mother's Day, an altogether different event which misses the depth and spiritual meaning we have with Mothering Sunday.

After the celebration of Mothering Sunday the church returns to a deeper keeping of Lent with Passion Sunday leading into Passiontide, the two weeks leading us to Easter, as the Church reflects again on the stories of Christ's passion and death in preparation to celebrate his glorious resurrection at Easter. Passion Sunday is followed by Palm Sunday with donkey processions and the shouts of "Hosanna!" as Christ enters the city of Jerusalem mounted on a donkey. Shouts which, as the gospels remind us, quickly turn to "Crucify!" as we move to Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Then Easter Day when our churches will be full of flowers and light, music and singing - a great celebration of new life and hope for all as we celebrate again Christ's resurrection.

The beauty of flowers whether in our churches, gardens or hedgerows remind us of the beauty of God's creation but they can only break forth into bloom after a period of hibernation and renewal. They remind us that we too must have some time for our own growth and springing forth; the Church has given us this period of Lent as a time for our renewal. So, I invite you to use the remaining days of Lent to renew and recharge in order that together we can celebrate new life, the merry sunshine of Easter, the light of Christ in the world. *Rob Axford*





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Please consider supporting St Andrews Church and the churchyard by buying a number for £10 which gives 14 chances of winning a cash prize during this year.



The next draw will be for £50 on Friday 29th March at 11am in Cromhall Community Shop.

You can join the 100 Club by putting cash, or a cheque made out to Cromhall PCC, in an envelope with your name and address on it and leave it in the shop for me to collect.

Mandy Bird (01454 294186)



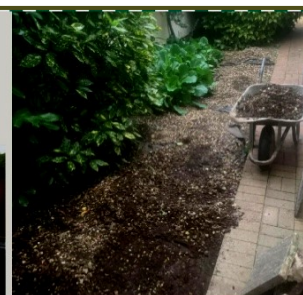
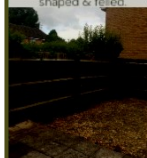
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Tytherington Village Hall Easter Eggs-travaganza!



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Easter Party with activities in the Village
Hall 2.30pm - 5.00pm Saturday 30th March.**

- The cost to take part is £5.00 per child.
- Each ticket holder will receive an Easter Egg.
- After buying your ticket you will be emailed the Trail Quiz sheet and confirmation of your purchase.
- Complete the trail over the weekend and join us on the Saturday in the village hall or just join us in the hall if you can't fit in doing the trail.
- Tickets on the day will be £6 per child.
- There will be free easter crafts, a disco, pocket money stalls, raffle, cakes and free drinks plus more.

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**ST PETER'S HOSPICE
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**Falfield Village Hall
Saturday March 23rd at 10.00am**

Home made cake stall, Books, and Raffle.

Entrance £3.00 to include tea/coffee and cake.

Please come along and support
St Peter's, your local Hospice,
and celebrate the start of
Spring.



**The Tytherington Churpels
will be presenting**



***Jack and the
Beanstalk***

A traditional family pantomime
by Bob Heather - Published by
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Fri 1st March at 7:30pm

Sat 2nd March at 2:30pm

Sat 2nd March at 7:30pm

at

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Handel Cossham Bicentenary

Son of a joiner and builder, Handel Shepherd Cossham (shown here as a 24 year old and as an older man) was born in Thornbury exactly two hundred years ago, on 31st March 1824.



Instead of following in his father's footsteps, he became a clerk in a colliery and taught himself about the geology of the local coalfields before becoming a leading colliery owner in this area and a substantial employer. He was also a lay preacher, temperance advocate, educationalist, politician and public benefactor. It was estimated that 50,000 people were present at the cemetery or lined the route at his funeral.

Cossham never forgot his native town. In 1862 he paid for the setting up of a British School at Gillingstool, and then, in 1888, he donated the former Wesleyan Chapel building to the people of Thornbury for use as a public hall.



"Handel Cossham - Thornbury's Man of Substance" is the first exhibition of 2024 at Thornbury and District Museum.

The Museum is next door to the Cossham Hall in Chapel Street and the new exhibition includes the story of the Cossham Hall – the Wesleyan Chapel he donated to the town – one of its most historic buildings. Museum opening hours are currently Tuesdays and Fridays 1 - 4pm and Saturdays 10am - 4pm. Entry is free. All are welcome!

"Hugless Douglas" comes to Thornbury Library

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Friday 8th March 9.30am (Rhymetime)
Saturday 9th March 11am (Family session)



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"The Pirate and the Parrot"

Thornbury Library on Saturday March 2nd 2pm

Tickets (non-refundable) on sale from
Eventbrite and the Library

Refreshments included



Saturday 23rd March 10am

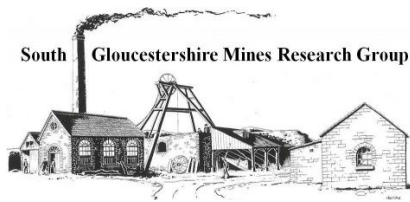
Tortworth Litter Pick

Not only gloves and pickers
provided, but also bacon
rolls!



Tytherington Local History Group

Friday March 8th



Steve Grudgings:

The South Glos Mines Research Group

Friday April 12th

Paul Raven:

Nature and Wildlife on our Doorstep

Membership subscription for 2024 is £5
Entry per meeting: members £2, Visitors £3

All meetings take place at 7.30pm in the School-room located at the rear of the Baptist Church on Itchington Road.



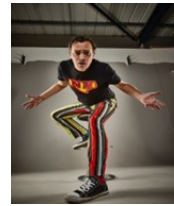
Nutty Noah

Saturday 6th April 2024

11.00am and 2.00pm

Methodist Church Lower Hall,
Castle Court off Thornbury High
Street

Tickets from AAGThornbury@gmail.com or phone 01454 850933, £10 for adults and £5 for children under 16.



Thornbury Art Club monthly Club Night

St Mary's Church Hall, 7.15 for 7.30pm.

Tues 26th March

Sky Arts Landscape Artist of the Year winner Finn Campbell-Notman will be demonstrating his work. With Finn's varied and diverse background in the arts, this should be a fascinating evening. We welcome any visitors or prospective new members.

Visitors welcome. Non-members £6.

Tel. 01454 414433 for further details.

Or visit: - www.facebook.com/ThornburyArtClub

Help needed.....

"Teas at the Lake" Sunday April 7th

When Tortworth Estate opens the lake to the public on the first Sunday of the month, local groups and charities are invited to provide refreshments with all profits going to that group.

We, at St. Andrew's Church, Cromhall, are excited, and a little daunted, to have this opportunity to fundraise for the church on 7th April this year.



We definitely do need some help and, if you can, we would welcome offers of home-made cakes, or any other bakes, and help on the day (at a time that's convenient to you). If you are able to do something that would be wonderful, and please email Sue Wray (wraysue@googlemail.com) for further information and to let us know what you would like to do."

If helping us is not possible, help St. Andrew's by just coming along on the day, enjoying the walk and having a nice cup of tea! And don't forget to bring your friends and family!

Tat3

on Weds 20th March

at 3pm



in Cromhall Village Hall

All senior citizens living in or around Cromhall are welcome for tea and a chat.

For more information contact Ann on 01454 294200

ADVANCE NOTICE

Tytherington May Day Fair

Monday 6th May from 2pm

Volunteers required to help on stalls and collect suitable tombola items.



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WHAT: LPAs need to be put in place now; whilst you are well. So those you trust can help you pay bills, sort your finances and speak up for you with medics and carers to make sure you get the treatment you would want. 1 for Money issues and 1 for Health issues.

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St. Leonard's, Tortworth



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St. George's, Falfield



Church services and information

A reminder that the five parishes of the former benefice are now separate entities. There is no longer a benefice office or a central point of contact. This means that the churchwardens of each church need to be contacted directly.

Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200
Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017 or
 Sian Hogg 07986699986/sianhogg@gmx.com
Rockhampton: Liz Cullimore 01454 412208
Tortworth: Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or
 Fen Marshall 01454 260821
Tytherington: John Williams 01454 412515 or
 Phil Coward 01454 281444

If they are unavailable, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. Please bear in mind they do have other lives and may not be available instantly. However, leave a message and they will deal with it as soon as they can. Failing that, contact **Rev. Graham Stacey, the Area Dean** on graham@stbarts-camandcoaleys.org.uk or Tel. **01453 709859**

Cromhall

Sun 10th 10.30am Mothering Sunday United Eucharist led by Rev. David Powe
 Sun 17th 9.30am Eucharist led by Rev. Rob Axford
Sun 31st 9.30am Easter Day Eucharist led by Rev. Ian Gardner

Falfield

Sun 10th 2.00pm Christening
 Sun 17th 10.30am Morning Prayer
Sun 31st 10.30am Easter Holy Communion

Rockhampton

Sun 24th 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev. David Powe

Tortworth

Sun 3rd 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev. Robert Axford.
 Sun 17th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sorry, no Easter services at Tortworth

Sun 7th April 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev. Richard Amys followed by the Church's Annual Meeting to which everyone is invited.

Tytherington

Sun 3rd 10.30am Joint service at Baptist church
 Thurs 7th 9.30am Said Communion
 Sun 17th 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev. Richard Morgan

EASTER DAY

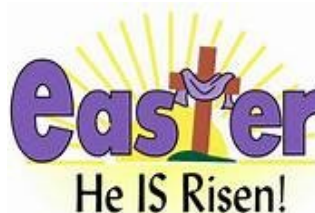
Sun 31st 7.00am Dawn Communion on Tytherington Hill followed by breakfast in the Baptist Schoolroom

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Falfield Village Hall Management Committee
Charity Number: 1041147

<https://www.falfieldvillagehall.co.uk>



Come and celebrate the official opening of the new kitchen.

Saturday 9th March 2024

11am - 1pm

We are launching with:
Bacon butties, Soup and a roll and/or
cakes + hot & cold drinks.

Your chance to look at the updated facilities.



CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Do you knit, or belong to a Knit and Natter Group?

If so would you consider helping St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group with some knitted chickens which are sold locally, after being filled with a crème egg?

If you can help at all please contact Mary on 01454 412567, who can supply a pattern and any info required. Any colour wool can be used, we like a variety of coloured chickens...thank you.

Alveston Gardens Association

Alveston Jubilee Hall

Monday 4th March 7.30pm

Madagascar, its unique plants and animals
by Duncan Coombes

All welcome - Visitors (£3)

Homes for Ukraine

We have had a Ukrainian, Mykola, living with us since the beginning of September.

He would like his niece, aged twenty-four, and his nephew to come over to England. His niece lives in Kyiv, which has been subject to missile attacks. She says it was a beautiful city before the war. Anya has very good English as she works from home for an American firm. She could continue her job in England providing she has a good internet connection.

Mykola's nephew is 16 years old. He has had his schooling interrupted by frequent air raid sirens, meaning that pupils need to take shelter. He is a bright lad who wishes to further his education leading to a university place.

I am wondering if anyone either in or near Cromhall would be willing to offer accommodation to either of these young people?

They would come over on the Homes for Ukraine scheme run by South Glos Council in cooperation with several charities.

If you are or may be interested, please email Peggy Collett on collettpeggy@gmail.com



Coffee Morning

with CRAFT STALLS

and activities for children

in Cromhall Village Hall

Saturday March 23rd

9.30am - 12.30pm

For more information contact Ann
on 01454 294200



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you
read?

Have You Read...?"

**A book group for everyone at
Thornbury Library**

Come and enjoy an open book group with a difference. No set novel to read. Just drop in for an hour for refreshments and a chat.

Friday 1st March 2pm - 3pm



Falfield WI News

There was a good crowd for the February meeting despite the downpour.

A good presentation of the Resolutions and following discussion allowed members to make decisions on which ones to vote for. Thanks go to the volunteers who researched and presented the subjects. Gill Spiller will attend the National AGM this year and record the voting for us.

We thoroughly enjoyed the talk given by Will Jones on his career so far as a tourist guide in several different properties for the National Trust ending with his more recent work at Bath Abbey. Plans are afoot to visit the Abbey at some time. At our next meeting we will hear about Pets as Therapy from Jan Keats

This month we had a very enjoyable walk on a sunny but cold day at Newark Park to see the snowdrops in bloom. A few were starting to go over, so we went at the right time. With no leaves on the trees the views were beautiful from the Orange Walk.



**Rhymetime at
Thornbury Library**

**FREE
Every Monday and Friday
9.30am-10am**

Fennell's Alpacas

Greetings from Rayelle and Elliot, the owners of Fennell's Alpacas! We're the ones just up from The Gables on the A38.

Although we've been here in the Falfield community for nearly 2 years, we are just now opening our doors to the public and working to bring our dream into reality here in our new home.

We welcome you to explore our alpaca experiences (Meet & Greet, Wellbeing, or Hanging out with the Gang), our workshops (Husbandry, Felting and Weaving coming soon) and products (Pure Alpaca Yarn, Rovings and Fleece).

Our herd of 17 animals offers plenty of opportunity for photos, feeding and hands-on experience. Alpacas' gentle inquisitive temperaments are ideal for families and people of all ages. With more baby alpacas on the way this spring and last year's babies now bold enough to interact, it is a great time to visit.

It is such an exciting time for us both. We are eager to get involved locally and to find new ways for the community to engage with our animals. We are developing opportunities for everyone, including those whose needs are special to enjoy these lovely, quiet animals.

Please keep an eye on our website as we add to it regularly. If you would like to book, have a query, or wish to discuss your specific needs or ideas please just get in touch!

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| 3 rd | Joint Service at Chapel | Brian |
| 10 th | "Loyalty & Trust" [Nehemiah 1]* | Brian |
| 17 th | "Reflections" {Based on Taizé tradition} | Brian |
| 24 th | Palm Sunday Service | Brian |
| 29 th | Good Friday Joint Service at Chapel {Commencing at 5 p.m.} | Brian |
| | {Followed by precession to Tytherington Hill} | |
| 31 st | Easter Sunrise Communion {Tytherington Hill – 7 a.m.} | Val & Brian |
| | {Followed by Breakfast at the Baptist Chapel Schoolroom} | |

***Service will include Holy Communion**

Tytherington Baptist Church

Our next 'Afternoon Tea' will be held
on **Wednesday 6th March**
commencing at 2:30pm
in the Schoolroom.

All are welcome.

Computer Support 1-1 at Thornbury Library

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

Every Thursday 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am



Tortworth Parish Meeting Tuesday 5th March 7pm at the Estate Office

It's also the AGM so come and find out what's
been happening in Tortworth. Also find out why we
don't have a Parish Council - and pay much less
Council Tax than almost any other parish.

The meeting is open to everyone, so anyone can
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Items in bold are in short supply.

- **Long Life Fruit Juice**
- **UHT Milk**
- **Instant meals**
- Tins of custard
- Tins of potatoes
- Tins of vegetables
- Tins of tomatoes
- Pasta sauce
- UHT milk
- Pasta
- Male & female deodorant
- Toilet rolls
- Dog food
- Children's toothbrushes (singles)

Donations can be placed in the basket in Tesco, the Co-op at Thornbury Fields or left on the Baptist church steps on Wednesdays between 9.30am and 11am

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

Thank you for your on-going support, especially as food donations received were less than food and essentials given out last month.

Church Bell Ringing in Cromhall

If you live in Cromhall, you may not have heard the church bells being rung so regularly lately. This is because two of our ringers are on long term grandparent duties so are not able to come to Monday practices.

We need another couple of ringers to ensure that we have six ringers to ring the six bells.

If enough ringers are available, we practice on Monday evenings from 7.30 until 9 pm. and ring from 9am until 9.30am for the church services on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month.

If you have rung before or are interested in learning to ring, please email collettpeggy@gmail.com.



Any age can learn to ring but teenagers generally pick it up more quickly. It would be lovely to have a group of friends who

could learn together. So, would some of the many teenagers I see waiting for the school bus like to have a go?

Annual Parochial Church Council Meetings

Each parish church has to comply with various charity and church rules. One of those is the APCM or Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Anyone can attend that meeting although only those on the electoral roll of the church can vote.

The Annual Vestry Meeting where the Church Wardens are elected also takes place as part of this meeting. There are annual reports from the Church Wardens, Finance, Mission and Ministry and other related areas. We will also cover Safeguarding and Health and Safety.

If anyone considers the parish church to be 'their' church they can apply to join the electoral roll.

The dates so far confirmed for this year's meetings are as follows:

Cromhall: Sunday 14th April following Eucharist Service

Rockhampton: TBC

Falfield: Sunday 21st April following Morning Prayer (approximately 11.45am)

Tortworth: Sunday 7th April following Morning Prayer

Tytherington: TBC

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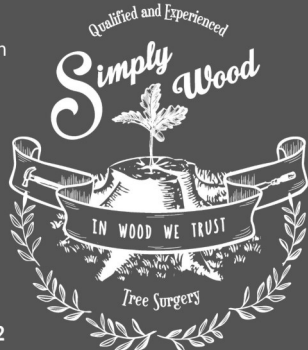
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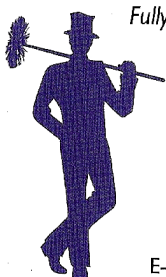


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Join us as we worship the Lord each Sunday, followed by refreshments.

3 rd	(10.30am) Ed Stuart	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
10 th	(10.30am) Paul Young	(6.30pm) David Frampton
17 th	(10.30am) Steve Loader	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
24 th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
31 st	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) David Frampton

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 6th and 20th we meet in various homes in the area. 13th and 27th Bible Study and Prayer on zoom

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom): 5th and 19th at 7.00pm; 12th and 26th at 9.30am

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 12th January at 7.00pm. Join a friendly group of ladies to work on your own craft while we chat over a cup of tea.

Coffee Mornings: Join us for coffee and cake every Thursday morning 10.00am - 12 noon.

Men's Breakfast: 16th March at 9.15am. Join us for a hearty breakfast followed by a talk entitled, "From Physics to Faith" by Fan, a Christian from China.

Easter 2024: Good Friday service Friday 29th March at 10.00am; Easter Sunday 31st March at 10.30am.

Verses of the year for 2024: *"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God."* Philippians 1: 9-11



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Mondays at 4pm

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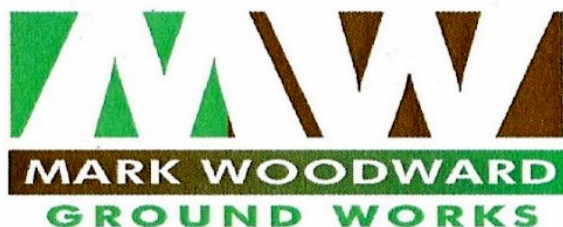


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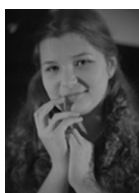


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Try your luck to win a prize at Carrot Tops. Pin the Tail on the Rabbit and Easter Egg Piñatas.

Refresh yourself with toasted Hot Cross Buns and Easter Chick Crispie Cakes. Then get your handy Bunny Basket ready for an Easter Egg hunt around the churchyard.

HOPPY EASTER!

Sheila Hook 1932 – 2023

With the death of Sheila Hook last December, Falfield has lost one of its key contributors to village life over a long period of time. She arrived in the village following her marriage to Arthur Hook in 1953 and worked alongside him at Whitfield Gate Farm for many years before the move to Brook Farm, Tortworth, and later to Cove Cottage.

Sheila Jane Bosworth was born at Chavenage Farm on 23rd March 1932 to Elton and Alice where she joined her brothers, John and Peter. From there she first attended school in Tetbury and then, after the family's move to Field Farm, Coaley, she went to primary school in the village before moving on to Dursley Grammar School and then on to work in the wages department at Mawdsley's.



Village life for many young people in the early post-war period centred on local dances and it was at a dance at the Lister Hall in Dursley that Sheila and Arthur met. The couple were soon the proud parents of three sons, Graham, Roger and Robert who occupied much of Sheila's time and energy, but she was keen to maintain her social activities in the village and in the wider community.

One of Sheila's key interests was the Women's Institute (she was a member of Falfield WI for over seventy years) through which she became involved in both competing and judging at local produce and agricultural shows. Her competitive disposition was not confined to entering shows, however, and her family can bear testimony to her determination to win at family games. Gardening was another of her passions, as was clear to passers-by when she moved to Cove Cottage where her immaculate summer garden was a joy to see.

Sheila was also a loyal supporter of the church who became involved in a variety of roles, most notably with the Sunday School, and for many years she used her skills as a flower arranger every week to decorate the windows either side of the memorial to those men from Falfield who had died in World War II. Her contribution to the wider community was also evident through the League of Friends of Thornbury Hospital where she served on the committee for over forty years.

Amongst her other hobbies, Sheila enjoyed painting, badminton and keeping fit. The enthusiasm for Keep Fit sessions at Thornbury Leisure Centre was well publicised when a life-sized action-shot of her in full-stretch was displayed across an entire wall in the entrance foyers of many leisure centres in the area.

Sheila was a realist with a keen sense of humour who was prepared to face the inevitable, so six years ago she wrote her own eulogy entitled, "When I Kick the Bucket"; Her family think it may have been because she was dubious about what they might say about her, but those who knew her are well aware that she needn't have worried!



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