

# 5 Villages Alive



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## Enjoying the experience?



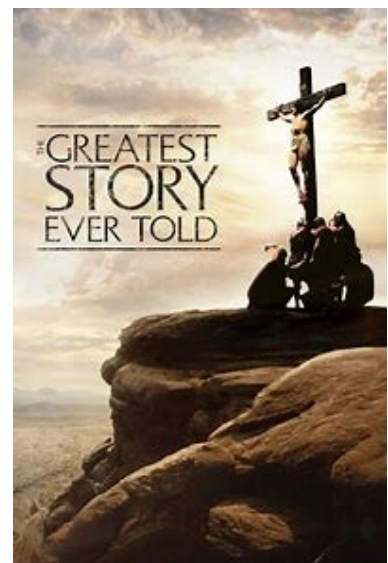
Have you been to the cinema recently? It is such an amazing experience isn't it? The seats recline; you can see over the head of the people in front because of the gradient of the floor; there's a prepared place for the drink; the choice of film is amazing. The only thing is that the sound levels are ear shattering...but then that is my age! You sit back and enjoy...you'll have realised by now that I no longer head for the back row clutching popcorn in one hand and the boyfriend's hand in the other!

As the film rolls on before you – you enter into the action at whatever level you wish. You can take it as being just good entertainment in which you immerse yourself, a way of passing the time and when you leave the cinema the acting stays behind. You may of course continue to chat with others about the photography, the acting ability, but to all intents and purposes the event has passed – good entertainment. You can of course dip in and out of the action – something sets you thinking and for a time the film rolls on without you! Sometimes we use the film to lose ourselves for just a short time. However we

watch the film passing in front of us, we enjoy the time and then return to our daily lives.

That has similarities for people in church. Some go to lose themselves and have quiet for a short time. Some engage in all that is going on. Some dip in and out as their interest is caught by a word, a hymn, a thought. The difference is that the 'film' for Christians should never stop. It is exciting and it continues to engage us every day.

*Rev Sue*



There's always  
a reason to  
smile .... find it!



'To see Christ in all and to show  
Christ to the World.'

#### 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 Cromhall, followed by coffee. Please double check in the weekly pewsheets.

*Join us for any of the services taking place in the benefice.*

#### SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEB (CANDLEMAS)



#### THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

10.30AM  
ST ANDREW'S, CROMHALL  
UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Said Holy Communion** 9.30am at St James', Tytherington

**NB\* SERVICE TIMES AT TYTHERINGTON  
ON 9TH & 23RD \***

<b>SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>3RD BEFORE LENT</b>
9.30am Cromhall	Holy Communion
11.15am Falfield	Holy Communion
11.15am Tortworth	Morning Prayer
<b>*11.15am</b> Tytherington	Holy Communion

<b>SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> BEFORE LENT</b>
9.30am Cromhall	Morning Prayer
11.15am Falfield	Morning Prayer
11.15am Tortworth	Holy Communion
<b>11.00am</b> Tytherington	Service with Baptists at St James'

<b>SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT</b>
9.30am Cromhall	Holy Communion
9.30am Rockhampton	Holy Communion
11.15am Tortworth	Holy Communion
<b>*11.15am</b> Tytherington	Holy Communion

*Falfield Join with Rockhampton and/or Tortworth*



**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Said Holy Communion** 10.30am at St George's, Falfield, followed by coffee at 'The Huntsman'

Ash  
Wednesday



**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 7.00PM**  
**HOLY COMMUNION AT**  
**ST JAMES', TYTHERINGTON**



**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**  
9.30am Cromhall  
11.15am Tortworth  
11.00am Tytherington

**LENT 1**  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Joint service with Baptists

*Falfield join with Tortworth*

#### Bellringing in the Benefice

**Monday:**  
Cromhall (from 7.30pm)

**Thursday:**  
Tortworth (8.00 - 9.00pm)  
Tytherington (7.45 - 9.00pm)



- If you wish to use any of our parish churches for an event, you should always check with the Churchwarden before making any arrangements, as services may be taking place of which you are unaware.
- ALL enquiries regarding Baptisms and Weddings must be made to the Benefice Office in the first instance.**



**BENEFICE PHONE: 01454 260096**  
**E-MAIL ADDRESS: office@crofft.org.uk**

**CHAPLAINS:**  
Rev Sue: 01454 600674 or revsue@crofft.org.uk  
Rev. Frances: 01453 519099  
revfrances@crofft.org.uk

**Churchwardens:**  
Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200  
Rockhampton: Liz Cullimore 01454 412208  
Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017  
Tortworth: Hilary Legg 01454 413234  
Tytherington: John Williams 01454 412515 or Phil Coward 01454 281444

Please contact the Chaplain, Rev Sue: 01454 600674 or [revsue@crofft.org.uk](mailto:revsue@crofft.org.uk), Churchwardens (details on page 2) or Benefice Office 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](mailto: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 holds 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 Cromhall, followed by coffee.

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 or contact the Chaplain: **Rev Sue: 01454 600674 or [revsue@crofft.org.uk](mailto:revsue@crofft.org.uk)** 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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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@outlook.com](mailto:geoffrey.crosthwaite@outlook.com)
- 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.

## United Benefice service at St Andrew's, Cromhall, 2nd February 10.30am

This service will be an opportunity to thank Patrick and Jane Martin for their hard work and contribution to life in the benefice over a number of years. Amongst other things, Patrick has been the Benefice Treasurer and a stalwart in the management of Cromhall shop. He also played a key role in the printing of 5 Alive when it was produced at the benefice office and until recently continued to be responsible for its distribution.

In all this Patrick has been loyally supported by his wife, Jane, who in addition, has played her part in maintaining links between the churches and Baptism families, ensuring that they have been remembered in the years after the baptism has taken place.

Please come and join us as we offer them our thanks for all that they have done in this community.



**Saturday 15th February 2020, 2:00pm**

**Thornbury Library**

**Red Herrings Murder Mystery:**

***Assassination Aboard Amphitrite***

A brand new murder mystery by The Red Herrings set aboard a luxury yacht sailing the Greek islands in 1963.

The crew have vanished and the body of the yacht owner, notoriously unlucky, "Lucky" Jim Vernons has been washed up on a local beach.

Come along and put your sleuthing skills to the test to decide which guest you believe to be guilty of this foul deed.

Tickets will cost £3.20 for members and £6.40 for non-members, available from Thornbury library during staffed hours. (Refreshments served)

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**



St James' Church, Tytherington, will celebrate its 850th birthday this year and we are having a Flower Festival in church.

**Please put the date 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> July in your diary.**

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

*St James' PCC*

*Have You Read...?*

Come and join our friendly library book group on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month.

**Friday 7th February at 2pm**



This month's theme will be:  
*Any book that has a place in the title.*

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**Annual Get-Together**

**Sat March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**7pm**

**In Cromhall Village hall**

**Speaker: Pat Chase**

**'The Vine Project'**

Charity no. 1129718

Supporting vulnerable children in  
Kwa Zulu Natal

Two course supper and sales tables  
Tickets £12.50

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**Divorced, Beheaded, Died:  
An Audience with King Henry VIII**



A performance presented by the  
Armstrong Arts Group and the  
Select Society Company,  
written by John White  
and performed by Jack Abbot.

**Cossham Hall, Thornbury**

**February 29th at 7.30pm**

Tickets £12 or (£10 concessions  
over 65) from Thornbury Town Hall  
or ring 01454 412272

**AFTERNOON TEA**  
*Tytherington Baptist Church*

The next 'Afternoon Tea' will be on  
**Wednesday 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
between 2:30 & 4:00 p.m.



Do come along then & meet your  
friends from Tytherington for a chat  
over a 'cuppa' & some savoury snacks  
& cake.

We normally meet on the first Wednesday  
of each month and it may be possible to ar-  
range lifts for those who find difficulty attending.

Please contact Brian or Ren on **01179 793104**

**Alveston Gardens Association**

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

**Monday 3rd February 2020**

**"The Pyrenees in June"**  
with Sue Smith and Sue Dodd

All welcome – Visitors (£3)  
Full programme on [www.alveston.org](http://www.alveston.org)

**The Leprosy Mission**

We would be grateful if you could  
collect any of the following items on  
our behalf:



- Stamps of all descriptions, GB and foreign (even the very common ones)
- Postcards (GB and foreign, posted or unused)
- Coins and bank notes
- Medals

**Please ensure when posting your gift to us that it is weighed and the correct postage paid. Royal Mail will otherwise make a surcharge for underpaid items.**

**Please send your gifts to:** The Leprosy Mission  
Goldhay Way Orton Goldhay Peterborough PE2 5GZ

The Tytherington Churpels will be  
presenting their annual pantomime:

**Snow White and the  
Seven Dwarfs**

*By Bob Heather and Cheryl Barrett*

on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7.30 pm  
with a Matinee on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm

**at Tytherington Village Hall**

Adults £7.50 Child £5.50

Tickets will be on sale at the hall  
from 6.30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday  
evenings

Box Office - 01454 418553



**Thornbury Citizens Advice Bureau**

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



**Telephone Advice Service:**

03444 111 444

Mon to Fri 10.00 - 14.00

**Drop In and Appointments:**

Tue & Thurs 10.00 – 13.00



Thornbury and District Cancer  
Research Committee

**The Poets Quartet &  
Thornbury Good Afternoon Choir**  
will perform a selection of classical & modern  
pieces, songs, ballads, etc  
on

**Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**Thornbury United Reformed Church**  
**Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start**

Retiring collection in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Further information from Jennie on  
01454 415856



## 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)

2nd	"WATCHFULNESS" [LUKE 12 <sup>35-40</sup> ]*	Brian
9th	"RETURN" [JOHN 14 <sup>1-7</sup> ]* ¶	Brian
16th	JOINT SERVICE AT ST JAMES'	Val & Brian
23rd	"RESURRECTION" [1 CORINTHIANS 15 <sup>50-58</sup> ]*	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.*

### Family History and Ancestry Advice at Thornbury Library

Monday 10th February 10.00am

10am-11am (30 min bookable slots)

11am-12noon – Drop in

*Come in for some support to delve further  
into your family history.*

### Plumbing the Depths

Wednesday 12th February

Leyhill 'Grounds' Café  
2pm

*Everyone welcome*



### Falfield Village Hall

Join any time - come when you can - pay as you go

#### Monday Music Classes - £5

Jigs, Reels, Polkas, Hornpipes

5.00pm - 5.30pm

For beginners on fiddle, mandolin, whistle etc

5.30pm - 7.00pm

All welcome - Play from music score or by ear

#### Monday Dance Class - £8

Irish Square Set Dancing - for fun and fitness

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Join any time no partner necessary

Just pop in any Monday to see  
what we do !  
or contact Jill

Jill Elliot - 07515 904 707

[jillyelliot@gmail.com](mailto:jillyelliot@gmail.com)

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

### ST ANDREW'S 100 CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW

The £50 prize was won by MRS  
SUE BRYANT(NO.54)



Many congratulations to Sue and good luck to everyone for the next draw which will be on  
**Friday 28th February at 11am in Cromhall Village Shop.**

I'm extremely pleased to say that for the first time in many years, we have sold 102 numbers which will be a welcome boost for much needed church funds. It has been super to see some new names on the list but I must also thank the many people who increased their membership and made it possible to fill the grid this year. Thank you so much. Your support is very much appreciated.

*Mandy Bird (01454 294186)*

*P.S. There are still 13 chances to win this year and we can always add more numbers if you would like to help with the care and up-keep of St Andrew's Church.*

### Rogue Traders and Licensing Contact Details

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### TYTHERINGTON FACEBOOK PAGE

There is a Facebook group aimed at residents of Tytherington called Tytherington (Gloucs) Life. The link is [bit.ly/2JKDvxx](http://bit.ly/2JKDvxx) or can be found by searching for **Tytherington Life** on Facebook.

There is also a Bristol to Thornbury taxi share group open to residents of Tytherington; also at [bit.ly/2JKL7Ak](http://bit.ly/2JKL7Ak).

### Rhymetime:

**Every Friday morning 10.30 – 11.00am (term time only)**

Rhymes and songs for parents and babies/toddlers to enjoy together

**It's story TIME**  
@your library

### Pre-School Storytime:

**Every Monday Afternoon at 2pm (term time only)** Come and join us for stories and a simple craft.



### Severn Valley Quilters Exhibition of members work

**Thornbury Methodist Church Hall**  
BS35 2AQ

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2pm - 5pm**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10am – 4pm**

Disabled Access Admission £3

Traders; Sales Table; Tombola;  
Refreshments

*Proceeds to Western Air Ambulance*

Contact for queries:

[severnvalleyquilters@gmail.com](mailto:severnvalleyquilters@gmail.com)

### The Sewing Repair Hub at Thornbury Library

Saturday 1st February 2020 at  
2pm



### Trains and the Bible



It's always good to know that people actually read the front page of 5 Alive. I am grateful to Mervyn Ludwell for his comments about last month's contribution. He points out that, contrary to my notes, trains are mentioned in the Bible, although the long train in 1Kings 10<sup>2</sup> is referring to camels! However, Isaiah 6<sup>1</sup> was obviously way ahead of Brunel when reporting that the train "filled the temple". Presumably that was what is now known as Temple Meads!

*Fen Marshall*



## FALCONRY TALK



An interesting evening with  
**Tony Bryant of Raptorcare Falconry**  
and his Birds of Prey

*He will bring birds with him  
and talk about the training, history and  
traditions of Falconry*

**Cromhall Village Hall**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2020**  
**7 – 9 pm**

Tickets (including food)  
£10 per adult  
Children under 14yrs: £5  
Family of 4 (2 adults + 2 children): £25

BYO Drinks  
Tea, coffee and soft drinks available

**Tickets available from the Village shop  
or committee member**



### Chatterbooks Group

Are you in years, 4, 5, or 6?  
Take part in book-themed and activity  
sessions every month at  
Thornbury Library

**Saturday 8th February 10.30am-11.30am**

### St James', Tytherington 100+ 2019/20 Club CHRISTMAS DRAW

- 1st - No 13 J Pullen
- 2nd - No 67 D Sansum
- Joint 3rd - No 46 R Ponting,  
No 54 K Livall, No 121 M Brown



*Many thanks to all who have supported the  
church by joining the club.*



## SEVERN VALE PROBUS CLUB

SEVERN VALE PROBUS CLUB meets at the Thornbury Golf Club on the third Thursday of the month for a lunch followed by an interesting presentation. These cover a wide range of topics and have included Dunkirk's Little Ships, The American Civil War and Online Safety and Cyber Security.

Probus is a network of groups for retired PROFESSIONAL and BUSINESSMEN which provides the opportunity to socialise with like-minded people. Severn Vale has also arranged visits to places of interest such as an organic farm in Somerset, The Rolls Royce Archives and Hinckley C nuclear power station construction site.

At the August and December meetings wives, partners and widows are invited to the lunch. In August we invite a suitable speaker, this year it was a very amusing pantomime dame, and in December we have a Christmas lunch at a local venue.

We have a walking group, with a pub lunch to round off the walk, which meets once a month. We always welcome new members to Probus, so if you would like to join us or come as a guest to get a first-hand experience of what we do, please contact our Secretary Andy Dewar on 01454774201 or at andrewdewar19@gmail.com

## Thornbury Jazz Festival 2020

The third Thornbury Jazz Festival will take place on Saturday, 28 March 2020, in the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury. A full evening of great music in a relaxed jazz café setting, starting at 18.00 and running through to 23.30. Artists appearing include: virtuoso guitarist Remi Harris (playing an eclectic mixture of jazz and blues standards with original compositions and improvisations), Sinead and the Sinnermen, featuring Sinead McCabe (vocals) and Cass Caswell (bass), popular local group The Jenner Jazz Quartet (featuring their new keyboard player Sam Foster,) and the extraordinary wall of sound from the brilliant Kris Nock Big Band.







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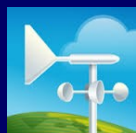
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### FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS FOR DECEMBER 2019

	High	Low	Average
Temp	13.2 °C	-3.4 °C	6.8 °C
Dew Point	12.0 °C	-5.9 °C	2.9 °C
Humidity	99.0 %	39.0 %	79.0 %
Precipitation	115.55 mm		
Wettest Day	17.78 on Thursday 12th		
Wind Speed	27.4 km/h	--	2.2 km/h
Wind Gust	39.9 km/h		
Wind direc-	SOUTH		
Pressure	1039.28 hPa	972.81 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



### TO ALL LADIES IN TYTHERINGTON WI and LOCALITY

We are very proud to announce 100 years of Tytherington WI! Our amazing history deserves celebration and we are proud to rise to the occasion. However, our membership continues to diminish and if this continues, then sadly our WI will not survive very much longer. We are a happy and friendly group who meet on the 3rd Monday of each month (except August and December) and welcome new members, of all ages, as well as past ones who may be interested in rejoining.

Perhaps you might like to come along as a visitor(s) to try us out — we promise a big welcome!

**Monday 17th FEBRUARY**  
**2pm at Tytherington Village Hall**  
**Speaker: Alan Mildren**  
**Subject: "Heaven on Lundy"**



### ***Church? What on earth is that all about....?***

Isn't church a funny place? There are so many things that we do, we speak about and yet we don't always know why we say or do them. Clergy wear funny clothes – why? People tend to think that church is always solemn – a hang-up from our younger days when we were told to sit still and be quiet! Can we be noisy in church? Yes on occasion – yes! Can we laugh in church – oh yes! Often! Do we have to whisper in church? No – why would we? Even people who have been going to church or years do not always know the reason behind things – and we don't like to ask.

There is a serious side to worship of course, it should be respectful and at times it is right to be quiet and reflective - but worship has to be enjoyable! It is so much more meaningful if we have the understanding – so for a couple of months we are going to try and answer the 'Why do you ....?' questions.



### **Falfield WI January Party**

Everyone arrived for a welcome drink at the Falfield WI New Year Party at the village hall. The starter and main course were provided for members and guests by the committee, while desserts were brought along by the members.

Chat, quizzes and competitions filled the evening alongside poems, prose and songs provided by the talented group enjoying the evening.

A brief business meeting included the drawing of the Denman bursary and the presentation of the flower of the month cup to Diane Bryan. Resolution forms were also collected by secretary Ann Mair. The aeroplane cup was won by Doug Stephenson.

I cannot believe writing this that we are already thinking about the February meeting to which visitors are very welcome. This meeting will include a talk on Lasting Powers of Attorney and will be held at the village hall as usual.

## **Cromhall Parish Council – January meeting**

### **Traffic calming**

The parish council is very aware that Cromhall residents are deeply concerned about traffic speeding through the village. Roads are the responsibility of South Gloucestershire Council and the parish council has very limited influence or options available to it. However, for some considerable time it has been raising speeding and traffic concerns with South Gloucestershire Council and together we have been working on a project to install village gates as a traffic calming feature. Following confirmation from South Gloucestershire Council, the parish council is pleased to inform residents that it is anticipated that work on this project will start the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### **Member Awarded Funding (MAF) scheme 2019/20**

Local voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations in the parish may be interested in the Member Awarded Funding (MAF) scheme 2019/20 which gives South Gloucestershire Councillors the opportunity to allocate funds up to £3,000 to projects and services that benefit residents in their ward. If you have an idea for a project or service that will benefit the local community, contact John O'Neill your local councillor to discuss your plans and to ask for an application form.

**Awards must be allocated before the end of March 2020.** For further information please visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/MAF](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/MAF) or contact the Grants Team by email, [grants@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:grants@southglos.gov.uk) or call 01454 865865.

### **Council meetings**

Just a reminder that all council meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 19:30 in the village hall so do come along. Minutes are published on the council website <https://cromhall.com/cromhall/cromhall-parish-council> and displayed on our noticeboard at Townwell play area so even if you do not attend you can see how the council is working to support its local community.

Finally, the council still has two vacancies for parish councillor so if you would like to help your community and can spare a couple of hours each month, please consider becoming a parish councillor.

*Mike Line, Chair*



### **'THE SLEEPING BEAUTY' HALF TERM PANTO TREAT**

Thornbury Musical Theatre Group will perform a brand new take on one of the most traditional and popular pantomimes. Written in-house 'The Sleeping Beauty' will be performed at the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury 19 - 22 February. Whether you are a child or child at heart, this will be a great half term treat. A feelgood show packed with audience participation, drama, romance, upbeat songs, high powered dance routines and plenty of laughter.

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Performances 7.30 pm nightly, with matinées 2.30 pm Friday and Saturday. Adult tickets at £12.50, with concessions and group discounts available, are bookable online at [www.tmtg.org.uk](http://www.tmtg.org.uk); by phone on 07516 270140 and at Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings, 53 High Street, Thornbury. All tickets are subject to a 50p booking fee, regardless of how they are booked.

For more information go to [www.tmtg.org.uk](http://www.tmtg.org.uk) or Facebook.

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There are no joining fees or monthly charges.

Twice a year we are entertained by St Andrew's Primary School and in the Spring and Autumn we go out for lunch, usually to one of our local garden centres.

For the remainder of the months, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, we meet at 3pm in Cromhall Village Hall for tea, sandwiches, cakes and a chat.

**Our next meeting is  
Thursday 20th February**

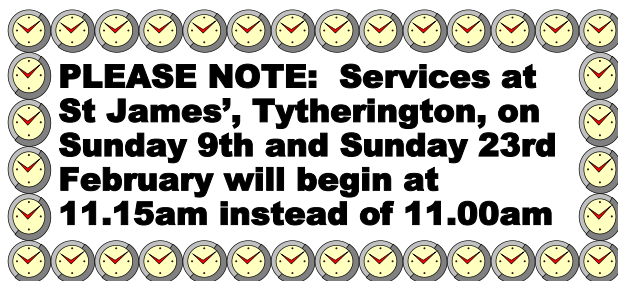
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### **Vision West of England**

**Thursday 6th February 10.30 - 1.00 pm  
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## The Severn Bore

One of the truly spectacular natural phenomena on our doorstep is the Severn Bore. There are some sixty bores around the world where river estuaries are the correct shape and tidal conditions enable such a wave to form. Bores also occur on the Seine and Gironde in France, on the Indus, Hooghly and Brahmaputra in India, on the Amazon in Brazil, on the Petitcodiac, New Brunswick, and also the Knik Arm bore at the head of Cook Inlet, Alaska. The biggest bore in the world is the Ch'ient'ang'kian (Hang-chou-fe) in China, which at Spring tides may reach a height of up to 25 ft (7.5 m) and a speed of 13-15 knots (24-27 km/h). It is heard advancing at a range of 14 miles (22 km).



The Severn Bore is a large surge wave that can be seen in the estuary of the River Severn, where the tidal range is the 2nd highest in the world, being as much as 50 feet (approximately 15.4m). The shape of the Severn estuary is such that the water is funnelled into an increasingly narrow channel as the tide rises, thus forming the large wave. The river's course takes it past Avonmouth where it is approximately 5 miles wide, then past Beachley and Aust, then Lydney and Sharpness where it is approxi-

mately 1 mile wide, and soon the river is down to a width of a few hundred yards. By the time the river reaches Minsterworth it is less than a hundred yards across, maintaining this width all the way to Gloucester.

As well as the width of the river decreasing rapidly, the depth of the river also changes rapidly, forming a funnel shape and as the incoming tide travels up the estuary, it is routed into an ever decreasing channel. Consequently the surge wave or bore is formed. This year because of natural tidal cycles some of the highest bores may be seen on 11th & 12th February.

Month	Date	Day	Newnham	Severn Bore Inn	Minsterworth Church	Stonebench	Over Bridge	Tide (m)
Feb	10	Mon	07:41	08:34	08:41	08:56	09:16	9.5
			20:09	21:02	21:09	21:24	21:44	9.3
	<b>11</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>08:26</b>	<b>09:19</b>	<b>09:26</b>	<b>09:41</b>	<b>10:01</b>	<b>9.8</b>
			20:52	21:45	21:52	22:07	22:27	9.6
	<b>12</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>09:07</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>10:07</b>	<b>10:22</b>	<b>10:42</b>	<b>9.8</b>
			21:31	22:24	22:31	22:46	23:06	9.3
	13	Thu	09:47	10:40	10:47	11:02	11:22	9.6

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<b>9th</b> (10.30am) Roger Chilvers	(6.30pm) Bes Gorrea
<b>16th</b> (10.30am) Damon Uvjarosy	(6.30pm) Peter Cresswell
<b>23rd</b> (10.30am) Paul Young	(6.30pm) Paul Young

### Wednesdays at 7.30pm: Housegroups, Bible Study & Prayer

Details available on the Chapel website

**Cromhall Crafters:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm and the second Tuesday of each month. Join a friendly group of ladies who work on our crafts together while we chat and enjoy a cup of tea.

**Townwell Tots:** Every Thursday in term time from 10.15am till 12 noon. A free stay and play for babies, pre-school children and their parents and carers. Enjoy a coffee and cake and catching up with each other while the children play. We finish with a time of singing and a Bible story.

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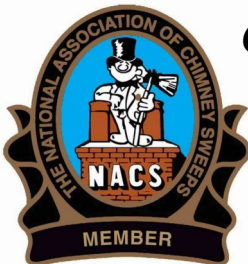
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### Tytherington Village Shop



At the start of this New Year, we would like to thank all our volunteers for working so hard to make the shop so successful and such a happy place to work. Over the past few weeks we have

welcomed many new people to the village as families move into The Paddocks, the new development just behind the shop. We hope some you will want to get involved with the shop and take advantage of the opportunity to meet people within the village. It has also been fantastic to see some new faces in the shop spending your £5.00 vouchers, we hope you will return throughout the year.

We would also like to highlight some of our younger volunteers who take on roles as part of the community service aspect for their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. So far, we have had one complete bronze, two complete silver and one move from bronze to silver. It is great to celebrate the fact that young people care about their local community. Although these young people can only work under the supervision of an adult, they have been involved in all aspects of working in the shop, shelf filling and cleaning, date checking, adding to the shopping list for restocking, pricing and working on the till serving customers. We also have one young person gaining some work experience working alongside an experienced volunteer.



### Alistair McGowan to make an impression at Thornbury Arts Festival

IMPRESSIONIST, actor and stand-up comic Alistair McGowan will bring his more recently developed skills as a pianist to this year's Thornbury Arts Festival as part of a new UK tour. The Piano Show mixes classical music with comedy and impressions and is set to be one of the highlights of the annual festival, which runs from April 24th - May 2nd.

Amongst other performer will be Los Pacaminos, fronted by singer-songwriter Paul Young, for an evening of foot-stomping Tex-Mex music. Formed in 1992 when pop star Paul had some down-time, Los Pacaminos today continues to be one of the UK's most popular live touring bands.

Also appearing is cop-turned-comedian Alfie Moore. Alfie's 18 years on the beat provided him with a wealth of "you couldn't make it up" stories and he has appeared numerous times at the Edinburgh Fringe, while his BBC Radio 4 show *It's a Fair Cop* is a hit with listeners.

Other events include a murder mystery created on the spot in an improvised performance by Bristol-based Degrees of Error theatre company and an on-stage interview with postman-turned-Cabinet member and best selling author Alan Johnson.

Jazz singer Cate Cody and classical music ensemble the Vesta Trio will also be in concert, while lunchtime talks will feature guests such as David Slater, the photographer at the centre of a legal fight over a macaque monkey selfie picture, and Oscar-winning special effects supervisor and designer John Richardson.

Senior model maker Will Harding from Bristol's Aardman Animations - creators of Wallace and Gromit and Shaun the Sheep - has also been signed up to give a talk on the studio's work, to be followed by the screening of two 30-minute films, *Farmer's Llamas* and *A Grand Day Out*.

Meanwhile, a popular Sunday stroll to discover the history and features of a local area will return, this time taking festival-goers to Chepstow.

Tickets are set to go on sale in February. The programme of events will go on the festival website [www.thornburyartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.thornburyartsfestival.org.uk) and appear in guides to be distributed around the town and surrounding area.



## OPERA CHORUSES WORKSHOP

**Saturday 29th February**

**Baptist Church, Gillingstool, Thornbury**  
Starts 10.30am

Conducted by Steven Kings, accompanied by Robin Baggs.

Scores available to hire for £2. Lunch **only available by pre- booking:** £7.50.

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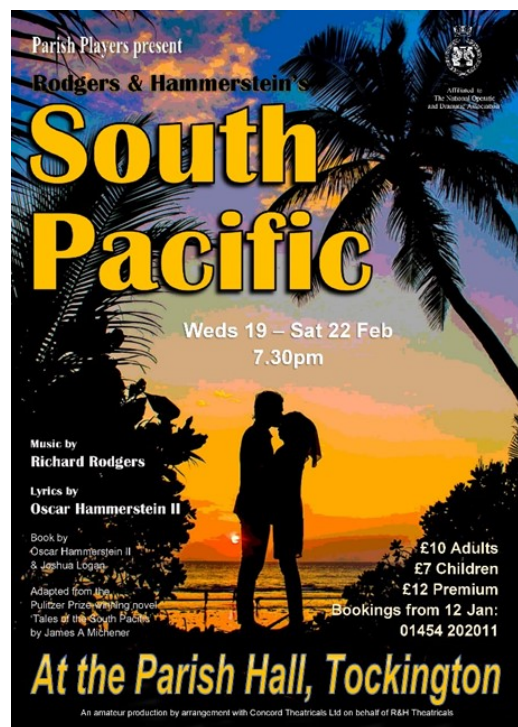
**Friday 14th February**



**Salmon Fishing on the Severn with Christabel Tymko**

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**7.30pm in the Baptist Church School Room**



**Olvoston Parish Players  
'South Pacific'**

Olvoston Parish Hall, Tockington (BS32 4LQ)  
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Contact the Box Office on 01454 202011



## Thornbury's New Trees

Having met the Thornbury Tree warden a year ago as a result of a call out she put in a local magazine for assistance, I now I look after 7 cherry trees along Severn View Rd.

The official but unpaid Tree Warden is one of those heroic members of our community who for the past 10 years has worked as a one-woman army in a, sometimes lonely, effort to plant trees in Thornbury. In that time she has single-handedly raised the funds for and planted 180 trees.

This has involved a huge amount of work: first a search must be undertaken to establish if underground utilities are present to get a safe place to plant trees, then a suitable native tree is chosen for that space. Sadly, after all this work some of these beautiful and expensive trees have been vandalised.

Now suddenly everyone is talking about planting more trees in the fight against climate change. The political parties were vying in the election campaign to say how many trees they would plant (Conservatives 30 million from 2020 to 2025 Lib Dems 60 million from 2020 to 2025 Labour 1billion by 2030 Greens 700 million by 2030).

Away from the Westminster hype, many people do now realise that there is a massive need to tackle CO<sup>2</sup> levels and that planting trees can be a small part of the solution. People are keen to do what they can. Chris Packham's superb programme, "Plant a Tree to Save the World", aired on Channel 5, raised an incredible £300,000 in one hour for the Woodland Trust who have planted 3.5 million trees this year.

In July 2019 South Glos Council, like many councils across the land, declared a climate emergency and has pledged to get South Glos carbon neutral by 2030. As part of that effort they need to double the tree cover in this county. So their dedicated staff intend to enable the planting of 6,000 trees this tree planting season (October to April) in South Glos, with the help of local communities.

Volunteers from the newly formed Climate Action Thornbury and Surroundings have stepped up to help the Tree Warden with planting trees in Thornbury. 90 small trees were planted by them in December and in the new year they'll be planting around 200 more.

Where trees cannot be grown meadow is also a good way of promoting biodiversity supporting pollinators and capturing carbon. The wildflower meadow outside the Anchor Inn run by Sustainable Thornbury Orchard and Meadow group is a successful example of this.

But whilst all this effort is going on to plant trees, there is the threat of the Vilner Lane Wood development which would destroy this well-established wood at the back of Tesco.

Thornbury residents are putting up a vigorous protest against this threat and the **SAVE VILNER LANE WOOD** group was on the streets in various locations in Thornbury on Sat 18th January to publicise the issue and enable residents to sign a paper petition. Hopefully the wood will not be ripped up. Let us hope for a good outcome there.

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