

# 5 Villages Alive



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## A Point of View ..... on a sunny morning



This is rather a personal front page, but a few thoughts went through my butterfly mind on this October morning and maybe some of it will resonate with you.

I am lucky enough to be writing in a cottage on the Roseland peninsula overlooking the blue sea, many of you will know this beautiful area. We are experiencing typical Autumn weather, glorious sunshine one minute and downpours the next.

As I took the morning air with my cup of tea in hand, there was a complete rainbow over the sea and even part of a reflected second one. So out with the camera, this was a good omen for the day thought I. Friends will know, I have a thing about rainbows and have photographed them around the world. But this one was special, the colours were so individual and bright, I could check out the Richard of York thing.....

Then later, I set out on the steep coast path, I was so grateful to the NHS, who gave me my wonderful new knee and removed the cataracts giving me mobility to ramble, although maybe rumble might be a better description. While tackling parts of the coastal path, my walking poles are essential and I kept thinking, 10, 20 years ago I would have skipped up and down these paths, but then I would have missed a gorse bush, sculpted by the sea winds into crazy shapes. I confess I noticed this as I let my lungs catch up with my legs.



Then down, or rather in, came the rain as it was horizontal off the sea. However, I had a very pleasant chat with another walker who was also sheltering. After the inevitable weather comments, I learned she walked this way once a week as she was very lonely since her husband died. They had retired nearby but had made few friends and she had found lockdown tough. I felt like offering her a coffee, but it's not advisable at present. After we parted, I thought, how fortunate I am to have friends from my youth, 'flower' and 'arty' friends, church folk and new friends in Canada, with whom I have enjoyed exchanging emails and zooming during our lockdown.

Having dried out and written this piece, it is lunchtime and I look forward to good food now, this evening and again tomorrow, unlike so many around the world suffering from hunger and treatable diseases. Apart from one sticky patch, I have always found some sort of paid work, I did not go hungry, obtained free medical attention, travelled to some extraordinary places, met interesting people, made many friends and had fun.

Enough of my ramblings (physical and metaphorical); while I cannot organise world peace, solve the problems of hunger or disease, I should be thankful more often to whichever god looks after me for the life I enjoy ..... and remind myself not to toss away every begging letter thoughtlessly without helping as often as I can because there are people out there whose lives are hugely different.

PS My second name is not Pollyanna..... I am gloomy sometimes!

Hilary Legg

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**Church Services for November: Services are at 10.30am unless otherwise specified.**

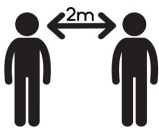
1st TORTWORTH

8th FALFIELD and TYTHERINGTON (RBL service) **NB These Remembrance Services will be at 10:50am. 2.30pm at Cromhall War Memorial**

15th CROMHALL

22nd ROCKHAMPTON

29th TYTHERINGTON



While it good to be able to worship together physically in church now, it is a very new way of worshipping for us all. The plans may change at any time with very little notice as we all know, and we have to adapt as and when new guidelines are given to us. Please do

**remember to let the Benefice Administrator, \*Jan Leach, know by the previous Wednesday if you would like to come to a service** (including please the Tytherington service sharing with our Baptist church friends). Details of how to contact Jan are shown below.\*



Numbers are limited in the churches as we adhere to the 2m social distancing guideline, and so we need to ask you to let Jan know by the **Wednesday before the service** if you wish to attend a service. We will then be able to work out how many people we can safely accommodate in the church. If you are in a 'bubble' with another family or family member who would like to come, please will you say so when you either phone Jan or email her. We will use a first-come basis if we find we cannot accommodate everyone.

If we find we cannot safely get people into the church for a service, then that person/those people will be put at the top of the list for the following week if they wish.

Please do understand that if you come to a service 'on spec' and have not let us know, much though we would love to welcome you, it may not be possible to do so if all the spaces have been allocated for that particular day – I cannot really see that happening, but we must be prepared for all eventualities. We will do our best!

**\*To attend a service please let our Benefice Administrator, Jan Leach, know: Email: [office@croftt.org.uk](mailto:office@croftt.org.uk) or phone: 01453 845324**

**Services for December**

6<sup>th</sup> CROMHALL

13<sup>th</sup> FALFIELD and TORTWORTH

20<sup>th</sup> TYTHERINGTON

27<sup>th</sup> ROCKHAMPTON

**CHISTMAS EVE:** CROMHALL 11:45pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** TORTWORTH 10:30am

At the moment it looks VERY unlikely that there will be any Carol Services this year – but I am ready to jump into action if the restrictions change in time!

**ADVENT .....and Christmas .....with a difference!**

There are many things that in previous years we would do in Advent and at Christmas time that may well not be able to happen this year! Never fear....we are thinking about different things to do so that we can still join together in celebrating!

In order for us to mark the Advent season in our churches we are inviting everyone to have an Advent Candle (as well as a calendar for the chocolate count down!!) This candle is lit for a short time every day at a time we can spend just a few minutes being quiet thinking about this preparation time and "Why Advent". For each Sunday there will be a very short little service for us to do at home – and to know that others are joining wherever they are! Candles will be about £2.75.

Please let Rev Sue know if you would like to share in this with us ([revsue@croftt.org.uk](mailto:revsue@croftt.org.uk)) or 01454 600674

**CHRISTINGLES:** Tytherington families will be invited to light their Christingle Candles together on Christmas Eve over a Zoom time. Distribution of Christingle packs will take place on: Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please look locally for further information.

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### British Legion Coffee Mornings

The drop-in coffee mornings for HM Forces and Veterans are back at Hawkes House, Thornbury.

**The next meeting is on  
Thurs 12th November 9.30 - 11.30am**

To say that we are delighted would be an understatement. This Covid-19 lockdown, whilst necessary, has been a major disruption. We have all missed the opportunity to meet up for coffee and a chat, and to provide support and comradeship.

The team from Royal British Legion Thornbury are looking forward to seeing old friends again, and of course to meeting new ones.

Drop in to see us – you WILL be welcome.

The final date for this year is December 10th.

### View 5 Alive online

Remember that 5 Alive is available online at

[www.falfield.org.uk](http://www.falfield.org.uk) and <https://cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrews-church>



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<b>Saturday and Sunday</b>	<b>10am – 4pm</b>

or see our website: [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)

**\*Please note: Alzheimer's Society has temporarily suspended all of our face-to-face and group services.**

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***The Foodbank is running very low on some products. Here's the updated list if anyone feels able to help:***

Noodles, Long life fruit juice, Pot noodles, Squash, Sponge puddings, Angel Delight, Jam, Marmalade, Tins of rice pudding, Tinned fruit, Jelly, Chocolates/sweets, Savoury snacks, Washing capsules including non-bio, Toilet rolls,

**Thank you for your on-going support. Donations can be placed in the Thornbury basket in Tesco or left on the church steps on Fridays between 10.30am and 4pm.**

### TYTHERINGTON VILLAGE CALENDAR 2021

The new village calendar is on sale from the Village Shop price £3.

If you are unable to get to the shop, please email me and I will contact you about delivery/collection. Val Johnson - [valj475@gmail.com](mailto:valj475@gmail.com)



### ADVENT COURSE: *ADVENT HOPE*

We all need to have HOPE for our future and so I hope some of you may like to join with this 4-week course as we prepare for our Christmas season, which may be very different for us all this year.

Nov 24th; Dec 1st; Dec 8th; Dec 15th.

If you would like to share with us, please **let Rev Sue know by 7th November or asap:** [revsue@croftt.org.uk](mailto:revsue@croftt.org.uk) and she will let you have the link to join in.

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### Harvest donations to 'Send A Cow'



The congregations from Tytherington Baptist Church and St James' joined for a Harvest Service and a collection of £245.00 was sent to 'Send A Cow', which is a Christian charity founded in 1988 by a group of UK farmers who wanted to help families suffering from the aftermath of war in Africa. They sent livestock in the hope that this would help African farmers to overcome the crippling poverty and malnutrition being experienced in their communities.

Many thanks for your support.



This is the time of year when we are all invited to remember

people who have shared or influenced the course of our lives in some way and who have now walked through the doorway to eternal life. This year will be slightly different because of the various restrictions under which we are working and the numbers we are able to accommodate in church. However, it is important that we have this opportunity – perhaps given all that has happened in these past months, it is even more important that we take this time.

There will be two services in the Benefice to give people an opportunity to join us as they remember and say thank you to God for those with whom they have shared in life.

These will be on

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**6.30pm St Andrew's Church, Cromhall**  
or

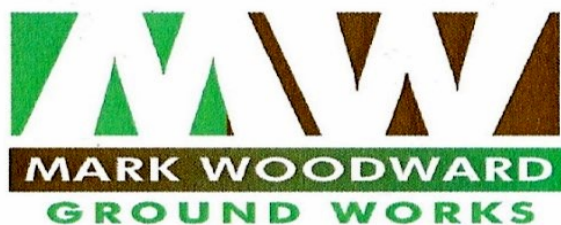
**Sunday 8th November**

**4:30pm James Church, Tytherington.**

If you would like to join us for one of those services please email or phone so that we know we can accommodate you and, if you wish, to have a candle lit in their memory.

**All the government guidelines will be in place, so we will ask you to wear masks, maintain social distancing and use the hand sanitizer.**

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However, identifying those in need is impossible for the trustees and they agree to distribute the annual income to all folks over 65 and have been in the village for 5 years or more. It may not always be in the form of vouchers for use in the village shop as it is up to the trustees to determine the gift and there is only one gift issued per household.

Most years one or two may ask why didn't they get the gift?

Two simple answers:

- 1) That the charity isn't aware of that person - we have no idea of peoples' ages nor when they moved here.
- 2) Data protection regulations now requires me to gain written permission from recipients to keep their name on a list. Has this been done by completing an application form?

If you feel you have been left out then please do get in touch (phone me on 294387) and if you know you have recently qualified, please fill in an application form available behind the counter at the village shop. (Completed forms can be left at the shop.)

I cannot guarantee that new applicants will receive the gift this year, but they will in 2021.

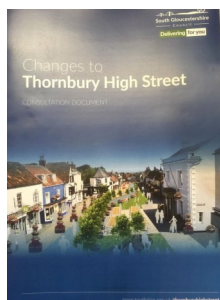
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## Consultation on Thornbury High Street



A public consultation on the Experimental Traffic Order, introduced in June by South Gloucestershire Council, is open until **31st January 2021**.

Anyone can make comments, submit support, objections or suggestions. The

Council will consider all submissions during the trial period before deciding on whether to make the changes permanent.

Local groups are being contacted to hear their feedback. If you would like to arrange a session with council officers for your group and you are not contacted within the next few weeks, please do get in touch.

Comments must be sent in writing and should preferably be submitted using the online questionnaire which will be available on the consultation page until the closing date, although email and letter responses will also be accepted.

For full information about the Traffic Order and how to have your say, go to <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk> and look for 'Thornbury – High Street Experimental Traffic Order' in the list of current consultations. From here the consultation document can be downloaded and there is a link to the online survey.

Paper copies of the consultation survey can also be requested by phone and plans can be viewed at the Patchway One Stop Shop by appointment. Tel. 868000, or write to South Gloucestershire Council, Corporate Consultation Team, Council Office, Badminton Road, Yate, Bristol, BS37 5AF.

Paper copies are also available at some of the shops in Thornbury.

**SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER**

**2.30PM**

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## Harry's House

With so much building going on around us, it's difficult to imagine the sort of houses which many of our ancestors lived in. Until the mid-1980s a small cottage survived in Sundayshill Lane, Falfield, which would not be considered fit for habitation in today's world and yet it was occupied uncompainingly by a man whose life spanned most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Harry Nelmes' cottage occupied a site next to Sundayshill House. It was a one-storey building



consisting of three rooms, two of which were interconnected but the kitchen and living room were separate and had to be accessed by going outside to get from one room to the other. The bedroom was adjacent to the living room via a step. There were flagstone floors and the house flooded when there was heavy rainfall. It was typical of the sort of dwelling occupied by labourers in the 1800s, many of which had earth floors. Harry and his wife, Florence, occupied the house from their marriage in 1929 until Harry's death in 1983. Florence had pre-deceased him in 1961.

Mrs Linda Smith and her husband, Graham, were friends and neighbours of Harry's and in 1981 one of Linda's friends interviewed Harry about life in his cottage. The cottage was still basic in its amenities; there was no gas or electricity, one tap provided its cold-water supply and there was a chemical toilet in the garden. Hot water was provided by heating a kettle.

He told the interviewer that he lit his fire every day of the year in order to boil his kettle and to have a warm oven. Once darkness fell, Harry lit his oil lamp or just sat in the firelight. He remarked that as he had no electricity, he had no TV. His battery-run radio sometimes provided him with entertainment.

Harry had started life in Moorslade Lane, probably in the property now known as Glen Cottage, where he appears on the 1901 census with his sister, parents, grandparents and a lodger. Harry's grandfather, George, then aged 72, was a shepherd on a farm and the house probably went with the job. This was a 'two-up, two-down' with lean-to scullery. According to the 1871 census, the family was already living in Moorslade where it is recorded that George was born in Lower Stone whilst his wife, Esther, originated from Woodford. The six children living at home at that point had all been born in Moorslade.

An item in the Gloucester Echo dated Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> 1908 and headed: 'Diamond Jubilee Wedding' reveals more about Harry's grandparents:

*'Mr and Mrs George Nelmes of Falfield, celebrate today the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. They have 5 sons, 4 daughters, 41 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren. Mr Nelmes has worked on the estate of Sir George Jenkinson for over 50 years as a shepherd and in other capacities, and fulfilled certain duties up to last Easter, when a severe illness incapacitated him from work. His reward for faithful service is that he is well provided for by Sir George Jenkinson.'*

Unfortunately by 1911 the census reveals that George had died and the family had moved to Sundayshill Lane. Harry's mother had also died and he was now living with his father, grandmother and younger sister, presumably in the cottage he would occupy for the rest of his life.

In 1929 Harry married Florence Miller and a report of their wedding appeared in the Western Daily Press headed 'Falfield: Nelmes - Miller Wedding' and dated Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1929:

*'St George's Church, Falfield, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, the contracting parties being Mr George Henry Nelmes, elder son of Mr William Nelmes of Sunday's Hill, and Miss*



*Florence Miller, second daughter of Mr & Mrs George Miller, also of Sunday's Hill. The vicar, The Rev A. D. Lough officiated, and the service was fully choral, with Miss B. Lough at the organ. The bride, given away by her father, was attired in ivory crêpe-de-Chine, with lace veil, and wore a wreath of orange blossom. Her bouquet was of white chrysanthemums and roses. Bridesmaids in attendance were her sister, Miss Bessie Miller, and the Misses Winifred and Kathleen Norris (nieces of the bride). They wore dresses of powder blue crêpe-de-Chine and carried bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums. Mr Sidney Davis (brother-in-law of the bridegroom) was best man and Mr J. T. Norris (brother-in-law of the bride) groomsman. A reception was held at the bride's home. The honeymoon is being spent at Salisbury.'*

Growing up in the village, Harry had attended Falfield Village School where the two Misses Williams taught him, aided by a pupil teacher. He left school at the age of thirteen and his first job was on a farm where he earned five shillings (25 pence) a week; his work involved working with horses. (This was in the days before World War I and mechanisation.) He later worked as a gardener at Eastwood Park in the days when it was a Civil Defence Training School but continued to help out Mr George Lovell at Sundays Hill Farm in his spare time.



Harry as a gardener at Eastwood Park Civil Defence School in the 1950s

He commented how life had changed so much during his lifetime, claiming that people were happier in the olden times. Harry went on to add, "In those days everyone knew everyone else, but 'tis all strangers now." He said that he now knew only a few people in the village. He went on to express his dislike of towns saying that he had never liked them, especially the larger towns, such as Bristol. He even bemoaned what was happening locally saying, "Look at the size of Thornbury now - different than what it used to be, that's for sure!" (This was in 1981!!)

Harry's chief enjoyment lay in his garden where he grew a fine crop of vegetables, many of which he gave to his visitors and those who helped him out with lifts and other kindnesses because his only mode of transport was a bicycle. He said, "I get a lot of visitors, - there's someone every day and it's my way of repaying them."

Harry died in 1983 and his house was subsequently sold; the tiles were stripped from it and it was then sold on again before being demolished and a new house built on the site.



Harry in later life.

*With thanks to Linda Smith for photos and Ann Riddiford for extracts from 'We Grew Up in Falfield'.*

### Winterbourne Cherry Cake

#### Ingredients

4 oz margarine	8 oz self-raising flour
Pinch of salt	4 oz caster sugar
5 oz glace cherries – chopped	2 eggs, beaten
1 tsp almond flavouring	2 tbsp milk, (enough to make a dropping consistency)
1 tbsp of granulated sugar (optional)	1 oz sliced almonds - optional



#### Method

Pre-heat oven to 180°C or Gas Mark 4. Flour and grease a 2lb loaf tin.  
 Rinse the cherries with cold water to remove the syrup, then dry them well with kitchen roll or a clean tea towel. Put in a bowl to one side.  
 Weigh out the flour and put 1 oz in a bowl to one side. Put the remaining 7 oz flour and salt in a mixing bowl, then add the margarine. Rub in until it resembles breadcrumbs.  
 Stir in the caster sugar.  
 Add the 1 oz. of flour to the cherries and stir so they are evenly coated in the flour, then add them and stir through.  
 Fold in the eggs, almond flavouring and enough milk for a dropping consistency.  
 Put the mixture in the loaf tin and level. Make a dip along the centre of the top of the cake mix with the back of a spoon so that it will rise evenly.  
 Sprinkle a tbsp of granulated sugar or the sliced almonds on the top of the cake, whichever you prefer.  
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### St Andrew's Church, Cromhall Churchyard

There is already a small team of volunteers  
who cut the grass in the churchyard but we  
can always do with extra help to join the grass  
cutting team and keep the churchyard tidy.



If you would be willing to help,  
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Doug Collett 01454 294545 or  
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### Preschool kitchen co-ordinator required.

We have an opportunity for a kitchen co-ordinator to join our small team. This role  
will involve developing a menu of healthy, varied lunches as well as purchasing,  
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- **Essential criteria:** Food hygiene certificate
- **Desirable criteria:** Experience of working with 2–5 year olds
- **Hours:** 11.30am - 1.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Term time only
- **For more details,** contact Cathy at [tytheringtonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:tytheringtonpreschool@gmail.com)

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## Books for Christmas *Tony Cherry*

Two of the bestselling books at Thornbury and District Museum tell the stories of the local salmon fishing industry and of Thornbury Castle. Because of current restrictions, the museum has not been open since March, but the books are still available by special arrangement. If you're trying to think of Christmas presents for yourself, for local family, or for people at a distance (to whom you could post them), these books would be great for anyone with an interest in the history of this area.

**"The Glorious Uncertainty: Salmon Fishing in the River Severn"** charts the story of a local industry which flourished for many hundreds of years and rapidly disappeared within the last 50 years. The book was written by Nick Large, who sadly died shortly before its publication. Nick studied the fishing methods for over 20 years and accumulated an extraordinary wealth of knowledge which is displayed within the book. He describes, in an engaging style, five different ways that commercial fishermen went about their trade. It is illustrated with over 100 stunning photographs.



**"Thornbury Castle Revisited"** tells the story of Thornbury Castle throughout its 500-year history, as well as the preceding 250 years when the Stafford family were accumulating sufficient wealth and a high enough position in society to build a castle. Next year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the execution of its builder, Edward Stafford, third Duke of



Buckingham, by Henry VIII. The story of Stafford's beheading - and of the same fate that befell his father, a grandson and a great grandson - are told within

the book, along with accounts of others associated with the castle who met a similar grisly end.

Both books are available by post, each priced £20 plus postage and packing, or by collection. Please email: [enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk)

## St James 2019/2020 100+ Club

### Harvest Draw

- 1st (114) David Williams
- 2nd (188) Richard Williams
- Joint 3rd (7) Tim Whiles, (101) Pete Cobb, (160) Steve Blanchard.



This was the final draw for 2019/2020 and we will be launching the 2020/2021 100+ Club.

We hope that you will be able to continue to support us. Many thanks

*St James' Parochial Church Council.*



## 'Local Food - What's So Good About That?'

How can we best respond to concerns about the environmental impact of what we eat? One of the best ways is to buy local produce. But is local better than organic? What about all the plastic in a poly tunnel? Where does gin stand in the ethical line-up?

Two local groups, **Climate Action Thornbury and Surroundings (CATS)**, which is a part of **Sustainable Thornbury**, and the **Thornbury and District Make Poverty History** group are coming together to organise an 'online' celebration of local food and drink.

The event will mark both One World Week and Ethical Consumption week, which are both towards the end of October and will aim to highlight the benefits of shopping locally, both for us and the wider international community.

The event will take place **on Zoom, on Monday 2nd Nov, from 7:30 - 9:00pm** and will feature local suppliers, producers and growers.



After a short presentation from each, there will be time for questions and debate. All are welcome to join - if you'd like to, please send an email to: [dan-ny\\_bonnett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dan-ny_bonnett@yahoo.co.uk)

## Thank you

Sue & John Williams would like to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes for our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We had a lovely service in church followed by a small family celebration at home in the garden.







## TYTHERINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor - Brian Allen (0117 9 793104)

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF ANY OF OUR SERVICES/ACTIVITIES,  
PLEASE CONTACT

Brian on: 0117 9 793104 or e-mail: [allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk)

- Subject to the governmental Covid-19 guidelines not changing, we shall continue to meet, twice a month, during November, with 'E-Services being posted to those on the contact list.
- Covid Guidelines will be followed, including hand sanitising on entry to the church building, wearing of face coverings during the service and social distancing throughout the service.
- In addition, those who have downloaded the NHS Test & Trace 'App' to their mobile phones are encouraged to scan the 'QR Code' which is displayed in the entry porch of the chapel.



1 <sup>st</sup>	JOINT SERVICE AT BAPTIST CHAPEL	11am
8 <sup>th</sup>	'E-SERVICE'	
15 <sup>th</sup>	SERVICE AT BAPTIST CHAPEL	11am
22 <sup>nd</sup>	'E-SERVICE'	
29 <sup>th</sup>	'E-SERVICE'	

*This situation will be reviewed in accordance with Government guidelines. Please take note of the updates in 'FIVE-ALIVE' each month.*

*Meanwhile, keep safe, and every blessing to you all.*

*Brian*

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## Thornbury Library – welcome back

Things may look a little bit different, but we are pleased to be able to offer services in a safe environment.

**Self-service borrowing so you can choose your own items is available on**

**Monday 9.30 - 5.00; Tuesday Closed; Wed 9.30 - 5.00**

**Thursday 9.30 - 5.00; Friday 9.30 - 5.00; Saturday 9.30 - 12.30**

All you need to do is bring your library card with you to use the self-service machines, and a face covering, as it is now law to wear one in the library unless you are exempt.

Unfortunately, Filton Library is temporarily closed due to essential building work. We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause. Whilst Filton Library remains closed we will open Patchway Library an additional day each week, on Mondays.

### Order ahead using Click and Collect and we will choose for you

*"We tried click and collect ... this week and I'm really happy with what they've chosen for us"*

You can order up to 6 items to collect at a pre-booked time of your choice. Simply complete a Click and Collect webform for the library you will collect from online anytime at [sqlibraries.eventbrite.com](https://sqlibraries.eventbrite.com) or call 01454 865022 Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm; Saturday 9:30am – 12pm and speak to a member of library staff.

### Use our computers, scan and print

You can use the computers or Wi-Fi when you use the library if there is space or to guarantee use of a computer or hotspot you can book one in advance by phoning 01454 865022 Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm; Saturday 9:30am – 12pm.

You will need to wear a face covering unless you are exempt.

**Photocopying is also available.**

## Pick up a free Bookstart Baby Bag or Bookstart Newborn Pack



**Bookstart baby bag:** Every child aged 0-12 months is eligible for a free Bookstart Baby Bag to help you share stories, rhymes and songs. Content varies, but each bag includes two board books, a rhyme sheet and a booklet of tips and ideas for sharing books with children from a very young age.

If English is an additional language, or if your baby has been identified as deaf or visually impaired, please contact [Bookstart@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:Bookstart@southglos.gov.uk) as we may be able to provide additional relevant free resources.

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## Table-top Craft sale

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From the Gloucestershire Chronicle April  
27th 1861:

### Berkeley Petty Sessions

*Henry Dumphy (a tramp) was charged with having, on the previous night, at Falfield, stolen a potato prong, the property of George Phillips. The prisoner was traced from Falfield to near Whitminster, where he was arrested by the Berkeley police with the prong in his possession. Remanded until Friday to be tried in petty sessions.*





## St Peter's Hospice – When It Matters Most

St Peter's Hospice, the only adult Hospice for the wider Bristol area, has recently launched a 12-month fundraising campaign to protect the services it is able to offer to patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families. The Hospice has been devastated by the impact of the pandemic with all major fundraising events postponed and the temporary closure of all charity shops. Despite the public's ongoing support, they have a gap of over £2 million in funding this year.

Actor and comedian Stephen Merchant recently visited their Inpatient Unit to announce their 'When It Matters Most' campaign.

All of St Peter's Hospice's services are provided free of charge and they support around 3,000 patients and their families every year. However, despite being a frontline service only 20% of their funding comes from the NHS.

Over £4 million of the Hospice's funding comes through their shops, fundraising events and donations. Although there has been a slow return of the shops and fundraising activities, income from these activities is down significantly.

A financial gap of this size will take a long time to recover from and as a result **the Hospice is in the process of reviewing all services and expenditure and has already temporarily closed five beds in the Inpatient Unit (each bed costs £846 per day to run) and their Day Services (annual running cost £516,139) will be closed for the medium term.**

Frank Noble, CEO of St Peter's Hospice said: "The Hospice exists because of the generosity of our supporters and we have never needed you more. Our ability to help those at home, those in need of specialist care and those who need support through bereavement during these extraordinarily difficult times is diminishing as every week goes by. We are now at the point of reviewing staffing across the Hospice –something we have never had to do before. After everything we have been through it really is heart-breaking. Making decisions that impact our services is not easy. Every decision we take is guided by the aim of minimising the impact on patients. The public's support now is more vital than ever as we move through uncertain times."

### How you can help the Hospice

The next 12 months are critical. The Hospice exists because of the imagination, generosity and compassion of the people of Bristol and beyond. If you can help now, it will make a huge difference when it matters most.

If you are on social media, please share the Hospice's fundraising activities or give one a go yourself. The Hospice team will give you every support to make it happen. The best way to reach us if you would like a fundraising guide or to discuss ideas is to email [community@stpetershospice.org](mailto:community@stpetershospice.org). Whether you ride, walk, bake, run, donate or dance, whatever it takes to raise awareness of the Hospice - this is when it matters most.



### St Andrew's Church Cromhall 2020/2021 membership renewal

As I write this, we have one draw left this year on the 27th of November and the next draw for a £50 prize on Christmas Eve will be the first one of next year's membership. You have until 23rd December to renew to ensure being included in the draw. It's still only £10 to join for the year which gives two chances to win £50 and 12 chances to win £30, £20 or £10 prizes. Still jolly good value, working out at a mere 83p per month or 19p per week. A very small amount really but extremely important to those of us trying to keep St Andrew's church building and churchyard watertight and viable for the whole community now and in the future. As you can appreciate, this year has been very difficult with few services taking place in the church and almost no fundraising at all.



The 100 Club has been the main fundraiser this year and probably will be next year too, so I would ask everyone in Cromhall to please join up and support St Andrew's Church.

Claire Jaggard has kindly put the renewal form on the [cromhall.com](http://cromhall.com) website and you can easily download them. Fill in the form and hand in to Cromhall Village Shop. You could also put your £10 in an envelope with your name, address and contact details on the front and hand that into the shop. If you have any questions please call me on 01454 294186. There will also be Standing Order forms in the shop for anyone who wishes to set up a standing order to the 100 Club on a yearly basis.

We had a super response last year and sincerely hope that will be repeated this year. Your support is greatly valued and appreciated. Thank you, stay safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely, *Mandy Bird* (Ashleigh, Cowship Lane, Cromhall, GL12 8AY Tel. 01454294186)

## Your magazine: How to send copy or adverts for inclusion in '5 Alive':

### NEWS COPY:

#### Where?

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#### When?

- Copy date is **strictly before midnight on the 19th of each month** (but the earlier we receive material the better).

#### In what form?

- Please submit all copy by e-mail (attachments should be in **Word or Publisher** format, **not PDF**). (We reserve the right of the editor to edit, and you may find that small changes are made for the sake of space etc)
- If you want to submit an advertising poster or similar, black and white is preferable as it reproduces more clearly.
- **Charities wishing to publicise events should quote their charity number.**

### ADVERTISING:

- **The deadline for inclusion of advertising in 5 Alive is the 12th of the month preceding publication.**
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The advertisement features a colorful illustration of various animals including a rooster, a blue chicken, a white rabbit, a black cat, a brown dog, and a brown horse, set against a background of green hills, trees, and a bright sun.