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What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare.



Do you sometimes wonder why we spend so much time Doing? By that I mean planning what to Do next, giving ourselves a timetable for Doing and inevitably failing, feeling harassed not doing it. Even now as I sit in the sunshine in Connemara (yes I am back in my isolated cottage for a month) I hear silence, no -correction - I only hear birdsong. I watch the tide quietly ebbing, uncovering many small islands then returning to cover them again. How the light changes

constantly over the Twelve Pins*. But I have a little nagging thought lurking that I should actually be painting, Doing, the main reason for coming but.......

Nature takes its due time, OK it is dependent on the weather, but I have been watching the bog in the field next to the cottage; two weeks ago green with the spears of reed, now the buttercups have taken over and the yellow flag iris are starting to unfurl. The cuckoo is back from Africa to oust some unsuspecting bird's eggs and fly off to leave the tiny bird to bring up a foundling. The grey wagtails have a beautiful nest in the old shed and how hard they work to feed their young - all that ridiculous bobbing about on the lawn. The leaves on just about the only deciduous tree around, an alder, are struggling against the Atlantic gales and definitely winning.

I have had time to notice these things, the coming and going of blackbirds, a thrush, robins, swifts, swallows and a glorious bonus in the warm evening, an ascending trilling skylark. I watch the sturdy Connemara pony shepherding her young foal to shelter from the cold wind behind a huge boulder. To say nothing of the lambs and sheep, who despite confining walls and fences, exercise their long-held right to walk oblivious of traffic down the middle of the road.

Oh, I nearly forgot, Harry Hare, a resident in the garden who, on my morning perambulation around the cottage with my first cup of tea, often just sits and stares then wisely assesses me as no threat, merely a nuisance, lopes off at a very dignified pace, lightly hops over the wall into the next field with a dismissive flick of his scut.

The quote above comes from a familiar poem entitled *Leisure* written by William Henry Davies, a man with a surprisingly adventurous life, who makes a much better fist of my musingstry and make time to track it down, it is very simple and perhaps that is what I should have sent to Kay rather than my ramblings but I am determined to take time 'to stand and stare' and not keep Doing when I come home. You are hereby

officially at liberty to remind me of those words now and again! Hilary Legg

*The Twelve Pins are the enormous hills of granite left by the retreating Ice Age, which also scattered the area with immense boulders and left little soil, eventually producing the bogs and peat for which this area is renowned. Some of the granite is green and that Connemara granite was shipped all over the world and used in huge quantities in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, but is now protected to small scale production and much of the old waste is now used for making attractive jewellery. I wear a ring set with Connemara granite if you are interested!

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All Members, Volunteers and Customers welcome.

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- how your shop and post office are performing
- about plans for the future
- have your say, although only members are enti-

Author Event at Thornbury Library on Friday 24th June 7.30pm

the library presents

"An evening with Dr Lucy Pollock"

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(for people who don't want to talk about it)

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Cromhall Jubilee Celebrations History Exhibition

to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

in Cromhall Village Hall on

Saturday 4th June 10am - 4pm

Refreshments available. Stalls around the outside in aid of the Church.

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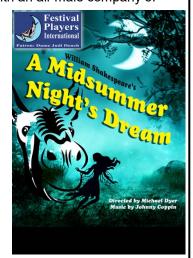
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CROMHALL SHOP AND POST OFFICE

The Cost of Living

Earlier this year, when the pundits were talking about 5% inflation, I stood in the Cash and Carry and wondered where they got their figures from. Tea, tinned goods, biscuits – virtually every item that is already price marked - had gone up by around 15%. Those that had not – well the packet size looked that bit smaller! I can only assume pundits don't do the weekly shop!

Price increases were the major topic at our recent Shop Management Committee Meeting. Linda had to report that our cake supplier had said she could no longer supply us due to increased delivery costs. We were worried that other small local suppliers might follow suit, especially if our orders were too small to justify the journey. Most of all, we were concerned at the impact on customers, some of whom are on fixed incomes, and whether higher prices might mean fewer customers.

It was agreed that where possible we would try to absorb as much of the costs as we could. This will mean we will run at a loss this financial year but at present we have some financial reserves and we will use these to offset costs.

Last week the local dairy raised the price of milk by 7p per litre. **This increase will NOT be passed on to our customers.** We cannot promise to do this on every item, but we will try really hard to keep prices as low as we can.

On a more positive note, some of our lines are very competitively priced (I buy all my cards, wine and some household items from the shop). When you take into consideration the rising cost of travel to a supermarket for "top up" items, you might do worse than call in at the shop. You can also order many items (I'd really recommend our bread and meat which are of very high quality).

During the pandemic the village rallied round to help the shop stay open and provide much needed goods. With this new challenge, we hope you will continue to support the shop as customers and be assured that we will do all we can to help you keep the Cost of Living as low as possible.

After all - WE ARE A COMMUNITY SHOP

Enid Cole

The Armstrong Arts Group brings the **Bristol Old Vic Theatre School** to Thornbury to present

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

by Charles Dickens adapted by JO CLIFFORD

at The Castle School, Park Road, Thornbury, BS35 1HT on June 18th at 7.30 pm.

Tickets, to include a drink, are £18 (£15 for under 16s) available from AAGThornbury@gmail.com or 01454 850933



Alveston Gardens Association "Alpines around the garden" with Pam Turner

on Monday 6th June 2022

Alveston Jubilee Hall at 7.30pm All welcome - Visitors (£3)



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Remember that 5 Alive is available online at www.falfield.org.uk, https://cromhall.com/cromhall/st-andrews-church and www.tytherington-pc.gov.uk

Rockhampton Folk and World Music Festival Saturday 18th June 2022 from 2pm

Have you seen the friendly scarecrows out and about, smiling in the local lanes?

It's not long now until the return of the Rockhampton Folk Festival on Saturday 18 June from 2pm until dusk.

There's a world music theme this year with Palestinian, Brazilian, Indian music and dance as well as traditional British folk from Pete Morton and Anna Tam. They'll be fun activities for the kids including a dance and music participation work-

Music & World Music

Saturday 18 June 2022

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Churchwardens:

Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200

Tortworth: Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or Fen Marshall 01454 260821 **Tytherington:** John Williams 01454 412515 or Phil Coward 01454 281444

Until September, the parishes of Falfield and Rockhampton will still be looked after by Rev. Frances who

may be contacted on 01453 519099

Churchwardens:

Rockhampton: Liz Cullimore 01454 412208
Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017 or Sian Hogg sianhogg@gmx.com

If you cannot get hold of them, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. But 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 David .Russell, the Area Dean on davidrussell@gmx.com or phone. (01454) 294267.



St. George's, Falfield

Cromhall:

12th 9.30am Holy Communion19th 9.30am Morning Prayer

Falfield:

5th Jubilee celebration Songs of Praise on the village green, 1.30pm onwards (see p 6 for details)

12th 10.30am Holy Communion **19th** 10.30am Morning Prayer

26th 10.30am join Rockhampton for Holy Communion service (at Rockhampton)

Rockhampton:

26th 10.30 Holy Communion

Tytherington

5th 10.30am joint service with the Baptists at St James'19th 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev Rob Axford.

Tortworth:

5th 10.30am Jubilee service and tree planting

You are welcome to join us at any of these services

Local Musical Stars Raise Funds for Ukraine.

The entertaining and versatile operatic singer Kate Radmilovic Evans and multi-instrumentalist Nicola Woodward gave a stunning concert to raise funds for those suffering as a result of the war in Ukraine. Kate, accompanied by Nicola on the new baby grand piano in the United Reformed Church in Thornbury, performed a selection including excerpts from Carmen, Tosca, Gershwin, Debussy and Strauss with Nicola Woodward at the Piano.

Kate has years of experience taking more than 30 leading operatic roles in Germany. Since returning to England she has starred in shows such as Phantom of the Opera, Crazy for You, Showboat and The Sound of Music in London's West End and demonstrated her classic, showtime and dramatic humour abilities in the varied programme. Kate is originally from Alveston and attended Marlwood School – a true home-grown star to make our local area proud!

Nicola is known as a flautist but won an exhibition scholarship and prizes for piano accompaniment at the Royal College of Music coached by Robert Sutherland (accompanist to Maria Callas). Besides piano accompaniment and atmospheric flute solos, Nicola played a medley of her own tunes – Skylark, Gavin Hawkins and the Oldbury Reel on Irish flute and whistles. Nicola, who lives in Rockhampton, is passionate about opera and in particular loves working with singers!

The audience were privileged to be treated to a performance of this superb quality and were thus enabled to contribute to funds for Ukraine. The total raised was £1,180.

Come and celebrate the historic event of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday June 5th, 2022







Join in the celebrations on Falfield Village Green of the only Monarch of the United Kingdom who has reigned for 70 years.

PROGRAMME

1.30 pm Huntsman BBQ

2.15 - 3.10pm crafts for all ages *including decorate the best crown*.

3.15pm Tea and cake

3.30pm A short 'Songs of Praise' led by Rev Frances Wookey

During the afternoon the ordered Jubilee mugs will be available for collection.

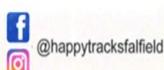
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Date Announced for Annual Ride and Stride for Gloucestershire's and North Bristol's Historic Buildings



Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust has announced that the next annual Ride + Stride event will be held on the **10th of September 2022.**

This nationwide event supported by the National Churches Trust and organised locally by the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT), sees cyclists, walkers and horse riders raising money through being sponsored to visit churches and chapels throughout the day. The money raised by Ride+Stride is then shared between (GHCT) and local churches of all Christian denominations in Gloucestershire and North Bristol.

Last year's event raised £45,052, of which £17,000 was returned to participating churches and chapels. The remainder will contribute towards grants to local churches, chapels and meeting houses requiring urgent repairs, maintenance and improvements.

Since the Trust began in 1981, it has given out more than two million pounds in grants that have helped to keep our local, historic buildings alive for current and future generations to enjoy.

The event is open not just to church members in the area but to anyone who wishes to get out and enjoy the historic buildings of Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and North Bristol. You can take part as an individual, a family, or a team to raise money to help the cause.

For more information on Ride + Stride, head to our website or follow us on social media for regular updates.

Website: https://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ GloucestershireHistoricChurchesTrust/

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Falfield WI report May 2022

MSPIRING WOMEN At last, the sun shone for our activities in May. The coffee morning at the end of April was well attended and we were able to sit outside with our dogs and enjoy a cuppa and cake. The May Day on the Green also went well; our members supplied our stall with a wonderful variety of cakes and pies and there was more sitting and chatting. Gill Spiller won the adult Best Hat competition (mind you, hers was the only entry but it was pretty!).

It was also dry and warm on our bluebell walk, from the farm up to and around Damery where the bluebells were stunning; it took longer than planned as we spent time taking photos.

Our speaker for the May meeting was Alan Freke, who told us about the origins of Frenchay Hospital. The hospital opened in 1921 as a TB hospital for children before becoming a US Army hospital in World War II, after which it became a general hospital with an international reputation for burns and neurosurgery, before closing in May 2014. There is a museum housed in a former lodge of Frenchay Park; it has free admission and free parking. Further details are available at www.frenchaymuseumarchives.co.uk

We hope that the sun is still shining for us in June when our Picnic Meeting will be a visit to Richard Cornock's farm in Tytherington.

Computer Support 1-1 at Thornbury Library

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

Every Thursday morning 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am

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or tel: 01454 868006

FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting on 17th May Cllr Jarvis gave her Annual Report and summarised the activities that had taken place since the previous Annual Parish Meeting in 2021. These included planning, environmental, community infrastructure and ongoing highways issues. This was followed by the Clerk's financial report for the year ending 31st March 2022.

The Annual Meeting of the Council then followed and began with Cllr Jarvis being elected for another year as Chairperson and Cllr Gregory as Vice Chair. The Accounts and Annual Governance Return for 2021/22 were reviewed and approved. Other business of the meeting included planning matters, finances, highways issues and representative appointments to external organisations and committees.

The next meeting will take place on 21st June 2022 at 7.30 pm in Falfield Village Hall.

James Carpenter, Clerk & RFO to Falfield Parish Council

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A fundraiser for Southmead Hospital

Jazz on
Rockhampton
Common
with Park Row Five

Saturday 25th June from 7.30pm

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BYO Picnic and Blanket
All the family are welcome
Open Bar and BBQ

Free entry but donations to Southmead Hospital will be welcome and there will be a raffle on the night.

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Gooseberry & Elderflower Jam

2.7kg (6lb) Gooseberries 2.7kg (6lb) Sugar 1.1lt (2 pints) Water 12-15 Elderflower Heads 15g (½oz) Butter

Use slightly under ripe gooseberries and remove the tops and tails. Cut off the elderflower heads stems close to the flowers. Tie the flowers in a piece of muslin.

Place all of the fruit into a heavy bottomed saucepan and cover with water. Bring to the boil.

Add the elderflower heads. Simmer, stirring occasionally for 30-35 minutes or until the fruit is tender.

Remove from the heat and take out the elderflower, squeeze then discard. Pulp or mash the fruit.

Add the sugar, stir until fully dissolved. Add the butter.

Bring to the boil and boil rapidly, stirring frequently, for about 10 minutes. Test for a set, when the setting point is reached, remove from the heat.

Skim the surface with a slotted spoon. Pot the jam into sterilised jars.

A38 (M5 overbridge), Almondsbury

A series of overnight closures will take place in June as part of the essential refurbishment works on the Almondsbury Bridge, on the A38 Gloucester Road.

The A38 (M5 overbridge) will be closed for six nights – June 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

National Highways is carrying out the work to repair the concrete, drainage and footway. The waterproofing and bridge joints are also being replaced and the surface renewed.

The work is taking place mainly during the daytime but there is expected to be some overnight closures. Work is expected to last until mid-June.

Two-way temporary traffic lights are currently in operation with footpaths remaining open.

If you would like further information about this work, please contact National Highways Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000 open 24/7 or email info@highwaysengland.co.uk

For more information visit www.nationalhighways.co.uk

From Councillor John O'Neill



Many will have seen media reports regarding the disagreements between the leadership at the West of England Combined Authority, this has prompted the West of England Mayor to halt the Spatial Development Strategy, which is the planning document that would essentially decide housing, infrastructure and employment in the region over the next twenty years.

Central Government figures indicated that South Gloucestershire would be required to deliver 28,000 new homes over the period, the Spatial Development

Strategy has ramped those numbers up to 37,000 homes, a number that South Gloucestershire has found to be unacceptable hence the actions of the mayor in halting the development strategy.

The Local Plan for South Gloucestershire is currently in progress and was expected to become part of the SDS, it is now expected that the Local Plan will decide development for South Gloucestershire.

Surface dressing of roads - this is the procedure of laying bitumen and then a layer of stones, an intervention treatment to extend the life of the road surface. The roads affected will be the A38 through Falfield and the B4509 from the A38 junction to the Charfield roundabout that have received patching works in preparation.

It is a large programme for roads throughout South Gloucestershire and **will commence on 6**th **June through to the 22**nd **July**; the running order for the works is yet to be completed, so this is an advance warning that it will be within those dates and may lead to **road closures**. Watch out for signage till we get actual dates.

A new railway station at Charfield continues to make progress and will move to the planning application stage in the summer months this will be followed by the detailed design stage and the submission of the full business case to the West of England Combined Authority in the Autumn of 2023 and construction in 2024. It is expected that the station will be funded by the combined authority from a pool of funds that it has received from Central Government for transport schemes to reduce carbon emissions. It is also hoped that this will improve public transport with increased bus services to the station.

John O'Neill John.oneill@southglos.gov.uk

TEAM TJC14 Cycling Lands End to John O' Groats completed 19/5/22.



As I write this the Team have finished their epic bike ride challenge. Choosing to ride the length of the country on minor roads and cycle paths the team completed a massive mileage of 1203. They celebrated with a refreshing dip in the sea and enjoyed a beer or two!!

On the team's behalf, I just want to say a huge **thank you** for the support and generosity of our local community. The coffee morning at Hill raised an amazing £870.

The Just giving website (TJC.14.com) already has a fantastic total of £10,000 and I have donations that are safely banked to add to it.

I will get Rob to write more about his adventure in

the next edition and give you an update of the final total raised for Teenage Cancer Trust. Liz Child

Falfield Village Hall Management Committee



Falfield Village Hall



Saturday 25th June 2022 10am - 12 noon

Come & enjoy meeting, chatting & making new friends



"Have You Read...?" is back

Come and enjoy an open book group with a difference; no set novel to read. Just drop in for an hour at Thornbury

Library on Friday 10th June 2.00 - 3.00pm



Fri 1st & Sat 2nd July 2022

The weekend will kick off with the 'Swing in the Park', on Mundy Playing Fields on the Friday evening, 1st July, from 6pm until 10pm.

Thornbury Carnival's 'The Main Event' will run for a record twelve hours on Saturday 2nd July with gates opening at 11am and a programme that will run until 11pm.

The Northavon Youth Theatre Group has offered to work with other community groups to run a Community Stage, something which has always been a huge asset to the event.

In addition to the Community Stage, the Main Stage will feature a range of professional tribute acts including Dolly Parton, Take That, Little Mix and Queen amongst others.

It is hoped that visitors to Thornbury Carnival will take advantage of the food and drink concessions; supporting local people, causes and businesses has always been one of the Carnival's main aims.

This year, the bar and food concessions will be provided by local businesses and are being coordinated by Easter Compton Farm Shop.

To find out more follow us at Facebook/ ThornburyCarnival or visit our website www.thornburycarnival.co.uk."

Online tickets are available to purchase through the website and will be available to buy until the day before the event.



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Tytherington & Itchington Village Events for the Platinum Jubilee

Thursday 2nd June 2022 -

Beacon Lighting (evening)

Friday 3rd June

Village Picnic Jubilee Field (afternoon)

Want to be involved or know more?

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• Email: tytheringtonevents22@yahoo.com

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Or follow us on the village noticeboard





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PASTOR - BRIAN ALLEN

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5th Joint Service at St James' Val & Brian

12th 'Trinity Sunday' [Matthew 28:16 – 20] § Brian

19th 'Discipline Through Faith' [Daniel 1:8 - 21] Brian

26th 'Beginning The Gospel' [Mark 1:1 - 13] Brian

§ Service includes Holy Communion Everyone welcome



Thornbury Orchestra Concert Saturday 11th June 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Berkeley

In aid of SARA (The Severn Area Rescue Association) and we will be playing a selection of 'water themed' music including Tchaikovsky's 'Swan Lake', Smetana's 'Vltava', Vaughan Williams' 'In the

Fen Country' and Dvorak's 'The Water Goblin'.

Tickets: £10 (Children free) Details available on Thornbury Orchestra's website www.thornburyorchestra.org.uk

The orchestra are always keen to hear from new players (Grade 7+) who would like to join us, details on the website.



Thornbury Library Book Worms for Year 7 and upwards

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Thursday 9th June 4pm - 5pm



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Graham Pedley

Jubilee



When you're enjoying your local street party or picnic over the Jubilee week-end, will your thoughts be focused on the Old Testament? Probably not, but it's there that you will find the origin of this year's special events.

The idea of 'jubilee' (literally 'ram's horn' – jobel - in Hebrew) is laid out clearly in the book of Leviticus. Instructions are given for this sabbatical year after seven cycles of seven years (i.e. 49) to be celebrated by the Israelites. The ram's horn, or trumpet, was to be blown on the tenth day of the seventh month to start the year of universal redemption or liberation.

This was to be a time of release from indebtedness and everything that involved servitude and oppression. All prisoners and captives were set free, all slaves were released, all debts were forgiven, and all property was returned to its original owners. In addition, all labour was to cease for one year, and those bound by labour contracts were released from them. Even the land was freed from use – no crops were to be sown or reaped. (In case you're wondering, food had to be stored in preparation for this.) It was also a time for people to return to their 'roots' - to family and to any property they owned.

This idea was taken up by the Roman Catholic church in the 14th century when it began to mark special years of forgiveness of sins and reconciliation. These became known as Holy Years and tended to be marked every 25 years.

Perhaps most of the jubilees we're familiar with tend to be associated with royalty. George III celebrated fifty years of his reign in 1809 and Queen Victoria marked fifty years in 1887 before her Diamond Jubilee ten years later.

Fifty or sixty years is a long time to expect one person to be in post, whatever it may be, and subsequent monarchs have rarely marked twenty-five years; George V succeeded in reaching his Silver Jubilee in 1935 but died a year later.

His grand-daughter has achieved rather more but it's unlikely that her achievement will ever be repeated.

Cromhall Parish Council

As the new Chairman, I wanted to give you all some news of what is happening on Cromhall Parish Council.

Firstly, I wanted to thank Cllr Line for his time as Chairman since 2017, we appreciated the time and effort you put into this role and are glad that you will continue as a Parish Councillor.

At the Annual Village Meeting in April, we had a number of residents attending, and a number of issues were discussed:

- CRiSP, the new road safety group explained the work they are doing at improving the safety of the roads within Cromhall.
- A number of villagers were concerned about the state of the pavements between Jubilee Lane and Cowship Lane.
- The Parish Council is not responsible for the pavements, and we suggested that members of the public, as well as the council, should report it to South Gloucestershire council via the http://southglos.gov.uk/reportit function on their website.
- Cromhall History group are also running a "History of Cromhall Exhibition" on the 4th June, the Queen's Jubilee Weekend, from 10am - 4pm in Cromhall Village Hall. The parish council is pleased to support this community event by paying the hall hire.

Cllr Daly has been regularly clearing litter from around the village, you may have seen him out with his trolley. The amount of litter collected is quite concerning. If you would like to volunteer to help with litter clearing, please contact Cllr Daly (details on the council website).

If you have any feedback, or concerns about the village, please come along to the next Parish Council meeting on 8th June where members of the public are welcome to attend and raise issues during public participation. Alternatively, you can contact the Council's Clerk via email: clerk@cromhallpc.org.uk

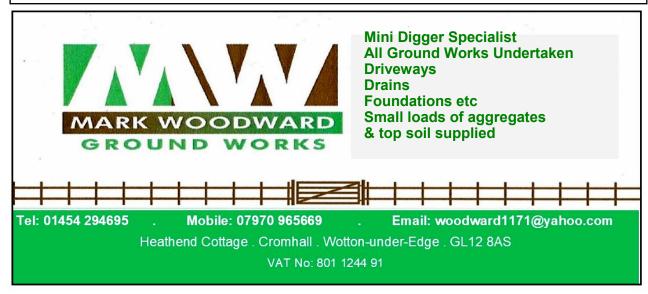
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THORNBURY FUNDRAISERS CELEBRATE £1 MILLION MILESTONE

The Thornbury and District Local Committee of Cancer Research UK, which began fundraising in 1977, recently celebrated achieving a remarkable total of £1 million over the past 45 years through various activities.

Tony Flintoff, Chair of Thornbury and District Local Committee, expressed his thanks for the generosity of the people in the Thornbury area in helping to fund research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer and helping to ensure more people in the Bristol area and across the UK survive. The fundraising group are always looking for local people who might want to join the group in its ambition of seeing 3 in 4 people survive their cancer by 2034. However, progress relies on the dedication and commitment of volunteers and supporters like the Thornbury Committee. Find out how to play a part in supporting Cancer Research UK's work at cruk.org or call 0300 123 1022.



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0-00	High	Low	Average
Temperature	22.2 °C	-3.7 °C	10.2 ºC
Dew Point	13.3 °C	-12.3 °C	2.1 ºC
Humidity	99 %	14 %	64 %
Precipitation	17.53 mm	Year to Date	177.06 mm
Wettest Day	Wednesday 6th 6.86 mm		
Wind direction	South		
Pressure	1,035.90 hPa	987.47 hPa	

Increase in advertising costs

As one of the measures to address the raised costs of printing 5 Alive, we have decided to increase the cost of some advertising space with immediate effect. The monthly rate for one eighth of a page will now be £10 for businesses within the 5 parishes and £12 for others. (The difference reflects the fact that parish councils make a donation to our costs.)



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All our sermons are available on the website: WWW.CROMHALLCHAPEL.ORG



Sunday Worship Services for June:

Join us as we worship the Lord each Sunday, followed by refreshments. 5th (10.30am) Simon Carey (6.30pm) Trevor Dogherty 12th (10.30am) Trevor Ranger (6.30pm) Simon Carey (9.30pm) Simon Carey (6.30pm) Roger Chilvers (10.30am) Simon Carey (6.30pm) Damon Ujvarosy

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 1st Home Groups; 8th 15th and 22nd Bible Study and Prayer in the hall and on zoom; 29th Communion and Prayer in the hall.

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom): 7th and 21st at 7.00pm; 14th and 28th at 9.30 am

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 14th at 7.00pm. Come and join a friendly group of ladies who enjoy working on their own crafts while they chat over a cup of tea.

Lake Walk: Sunday 5th, meeting at the chapel at 3.00pm for a walk around Tortworth Lake. Returning to the chapel for a bring-your-own tea at 5.00pm.

Ladies Summer Special: Friday 10th June at 7.00pm. You are welcome to join us for an enjoyable evening themed on flowers— napkin folding, quiz, finger buffet and a talk on "Flowers" by Joan Shawe. Wear a summer dress if you would like.

Everyone welcome.



The Platinum Jubilee in Tortworth

Following the 10.30am service at Tortworth on 5th June we will be planting a crab apple tree



(var. Red Sentinel) in the Churchyard. An attractive tree which will also be good for wildlife.

It is hoped that the oldest and the youngest residents will

carry out the honours (perhaps with a little assistance!).

Anyone is welcome to attend any part of the celebration. We hope to follow the planting with coffee and cake, making use of the smart new facilities in the Church.



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NEWS COPY:

Where?

 News items should be sent to Kay Rea, The Bungalow, Moorslade, Falfield, GL12 8DJ Tel. 01454 260364 Email: kay.rea@btinternet.com

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.

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- The deadline for inclusion of advertising in 5 Alive is the 12th of the month preceding publication.
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*NB To offset our increased costs, from June 2022 there will be an increase of £2 for eighth of a page adverts.

