

5 Villages Alive

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Education changes lives....

The school summer holidays are here again, providing a welcome rest from lessons and homework for pupils and teachers alike! All children in the UK have the opportunity of an education. However, across the world children are not so fortunate.

Many years ago, Roy and I spent two years teaching in a boys' secondary school in Zambia. At that time Zambia had one of the most poorly developed education systems of Britain's former colonies and less than one percent of the population were estimated to have completed primary education. Of that one percent, few were girls.

Things have improved and now education is free. However, there are insufficient school places in the towns, and in the rural areas many children do not have a school within walking distance. To meet the need for primary places, community schools have popped up in the densely populated compounds around large towns and cities. These schools receive no funding from the government and many teachers are unpaid volunteers.

Twenty years ago, we returned to Zambia with three members of St Andrew's Church and were dismayed at the poverty we saw. On our return, and after lots of consideration, we decided to form a charity to try and change at least a few lives in and around Lusaka. It certainly changed my life!

In 2009 we helped an Anglican priest to set up two community schools in church buildings, with voluntary, untrained young men and women teaching the children. These schools are still running and now provide a basic education for around 500 pupils aged 3 – 14 years. Classrooms are too small, and classes are too large as they find it hard to turn away a child who wants to learn.

Three of us visited these two community schools in May this year, after a gap of five years due to the pandemic and we received a wonderful welcome from both teachers and children. We experienced teaching large classes in crowded rooms and watched the children line up eagerly for school lunch. Our charity, CLinC, manages to pay for two meals a week for all 500 children.



Five of the original teachers are still there and, over the years, we have managed to enable eight of the teachers to gain Primary teaching diplomas at local colleges or universities. It is also good to get news of past students and hear how education has changed their lives, and the lives of their families.

To find out more about what we do, look at www.cromhall.com/clinc
'Changing Lives in Chongwe District' Charity Reg. No. 1106904

Ann Greenhalgh

There's always
a reason to
smile find it!



Calling All Daredevils! Join The Brightwell's Thrilling Charity Abseil Down the City Skyline!

Are you ready to take your bravery to new heights? Gear up and join The Brightwell for an exhilarating charity abseil down one of Filton's most iconic buildings! This is your chance to make a daring descent while raising funds for a local worthy cause that transforms lives.

The Brightwell, a dedicated support centre for local people affected by neurological conditions including Multiple Sclerosis, are organising their first ever abseil, 65 feet down the side of Village Hotel, Bristol.

Organiser Libby Jordan said: "This is your opportunity to do something amazing. Every penny raised will go towards providing life-changing therapy, enabling our members to minimise symptoms of their chronic conditions and to live a fulfilled, independent life for as long as possible.

"Our experienced instructors will provide all the necessary training and safety equipment. Participants can feel confi-

dent knowing they will be in capable hands throughout.

"The individual sign-up fee is £45 with a target to raise £250 in sponsorship, but if you don't fancy going it alone why not grab your colleagues, family or friends and form a team? Our team packages boast enviable incentives, and there is even a special gift for the team organiser. Enter via one of The Brightwell's team packages and you'll also be added to our team leader board to win the best fundraiser trophy!

"We would like to thank Steve Schwartz and the team at Village Hotel for helping to make this exciting event happen. Why not sign up for the challenge today by heading to www.thebrightwell.org.uk/events to secure your place!"

The event takes place on Wednesday 13 September at Village Hotel, with slots available between 9am and 5pm. Limited places are available so early booking is advised.

For any questions or to enquire about Corporate team-building packages, please contact libby.jordan@thebrightwell.org.uk

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, TORTWORTH



**Friday 15th
September
12.30 - 2.00pm**

Soup and a roll £5

Proceeds to The Leprosy Mission

Everyone welcome



Falfield WI News

President Gill Spiller and Jenny Jones visited Eastwood Park with a view to booking the venue for the 100th birthday celebrations of our WI next year.

Several members enjoyed a walk, with only one heavy shower, in Alveston. Janice Leach took us through local woods down to Lower Hazel and then for lunch at the Alpaca cafe. Details of the craft days they hold were noted.

Falfield WI will be hosting the monthly coffee morning on 30th September at the village hall. We also noted in our diaries that St Peter's Hospice is having a coffee morning at the village hall on 28th October.

Our speaker Mark Rutterford was a very entertaining story teller.

We have no meeting in August so look forward to seeing everyone in September when we will be looking through the lens of Paul Raven to see local wildlife.



LEGO CLUB at Thornbury Library

Listen to a story or some poems, then create your own LEGO masterpieces and display them in the library for your family and friends to see.

FREE Every Saturday 9.30am
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Coffee, Cake & Chat

FALFIELD VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 26th August
10.00am - 12 noon

Everyone welcome

Enjoy a free hot drink in Thornbury Library
Available Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri
9.30am-4.00pm



Use the computers or use your own iPad, phone etc. (wifi available). Read a book, a newspaper, browse the shelves, enjoy a communal puzzle or just relax.

Tortworth Parish Meeting
in the Estate Office
on

Tuesday 5th September at 7pm

Open to all parishioners and everyone welcome.

TALK TO US

The next date and time for the Police Neighbourhood Surgery in **Falfield** village hall is:

Tues 22nd August – 9am – 10am



Tat3

will meet on

Wed 16th August

at 3pm in
Cromhall Village Hall



All senior citizens living in and around Cromhall are welcome.

For further information contact Ann on
01454 294200

There is still lots of time to join the Summer Reading Challenge!!



“Ready, Steady, Read”

This year’s Summer Reading Challenge
will continue until 9th September
for all primary age children

Read six books over the holidays and earn yourself a medal.

And look out for wonderful activities throughout the holidays



View 5 Alive online

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

Rhymetime at Thornbury Library



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It all adds up to a service that leaves their clients with peace of mind. And they currently have a **special offer of 20% off** the price of LPAs for our readers.



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Later Life Wills - Protect your family's inheritance from Care Home fees and Tax

Lasting Powers of Attorney - Ensure your wishes are followed by appointment of those you trust, in case of serious injury or illness.



"We were made to feel very welcome and cared for" H.L.

"You have lifted a great weight off our shoulders" C.R.



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“CALENDAR GIRLS” treading the boards next month



In 2012 the play “Calendar Girls”, written by Tim Firth, was re-leased to amateur groups for 18 months to get it into the Guinness Book of Records. Now,

amateur group Collaborative Productions will perform the play at Rangeworthy Village Hall 21 – 23 September 2023. This charity event is raising funds for (1) BUST and (2) Blood Cancer UK.

When Annie’s husband John dies of leukaemia, she and best friend Chris raise money for a new settee in the local hospital relatives’ room. They persuade four WI members to pose for an “alternative” calendar, with help from hospital porter/amateur photographer Lawrence. Overcoming their initial reserve they drop their dressing gowns, their modesty spared only by cleverly placed cakes, knitting, flower arrangements, etc. Riding the wrath of the WI, they spark a global phenomenon and hordes of press descend upon them. The calendar is a huge success, but Chris and Annie’s friendship is put to the test under the strain of their new-found fame. Calendar Girls is a funny, charming and touching tribute to the fundraising efforts of a group of extraordinary women.

For over 16s, three performances 7.30pm and Saturday matinee 2.30pm. Tickets £12 and £10 (concessions) from www.ticketsource.co.uk/collaborative-productions or TicketSource phone line 0333 666 3366. Cash bookings at Rose & Crown, Rangeworthy.



CLinC

SUMMER SUPPER EVENING

Thank you to everyone who came to hear about our visit to Zambia in May after a gap of five years due to the pandemic. We received a wonderful welcome from teachers and children at our two schools and enjoyed teaching some of the large classes! We also visited the clinic in Chongwe where we equipped the ‘Mother and baby ward’ several years ago and the Primary school where we once set up a ‘computer room’ with computers donated by St Andrew’s Primary School in Cromhall.

Thank you to all who supported the Supper Evening Raffle and to all who bought tickets for the CLinC quilt that will be drawn later this year. The evening raised a wonderful **£530**, plus some generous donations.

We are aware that lots of people were away and missed this event, so, if enough people are interested, we are planning to show the presentation again later this year, perhaps as a coffee morning? If you are interested, contact me on anngreenh@gmail.com. Then look out for details on posters around the village and in Cromhall Shop.

Ann, Enid and Elaine

Information about the Cromhall based charity, ‘Changing Lives in Chongwe District’, can be found on www.cromhall.com/clinc



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UNDER THE SEA

St Andrew's Church, Cromhall
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2pm – 4pm

Join us for a Family Stay and Play with an under-water theme. Try to Pin the Leg on the Octopus and Feed the Shark. Splash out and make your own Jellyfish Suncatcher, Sparkly Fish Puppet or Octopus Pencil Holder. Then dive into some delicious refreshments with Starfish Cakes and Clam Shell Cookies before a Sunken Treasure Hunt around the Churchyard. Watch out for the Giant Pirate Octopus who has hidden all the prizes!

Ahaaarrrrr!



Computer Support 1-1 at Thornbury Library

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

Every Thursday 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am



Thornbury Volunteer Centre

Thornbury Volunteer Centre invite you to join them at a Volunteer Fair on **Thursday 14th September** between **9am - 1pm** in **St Mary Shopping Centre**, Thornbury. There will be charitable and volunteering stalls who will be promoting their organisations, publicising volunteering opportunities and selling a wide range of goods.

Please visit us and find out how you can make a difference to your local community.

This event is sponsored by the St Mary Centre, Thornbury and South Glos Council.

Thornbury Volunteer Centre can be contacted via mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk

FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS JUNE 2023			
	High	Low	Average
Temperature	28.5 °C	6.4 °C	18.3 °C
Dew Point	21.2 °C	-8.8 °C	10.9 °C
Humidity	99 %	10 %	69 %
Precipitation	27.68 mm	Year to Date	420.37
Wettest Day	Tuesday 20th May - 18.54 mm		
Wind direction	South South East		
Pressure	1,030.14 hPa	1,008.84 hPa	
PREVIOUS YEARS			
RAINFALL	2020	2021	2022
MAY	79.50 mm	18.79 mm	48.28 mm



**A message from Dan Norris,
Metro Mayor
of West of England Mayoral
Combined Authority.**

Many happy returns and singles

I'm pleased to let readers of Falfield, Tortworth, Tytherington, Rockhampton and Tortworth know about Birthday Buses. Please do apply at www.birthdaybus.co.uk There you can apply for a special Birthday bus pass for free bus travel throughout the whole month of your Birthday. We have ambitious net zero targets in the West of England and 44% of our carbon emissions currently come from transport. This is a plan to encourage people to try the buses and hopefully switch to them, which in turn will mean more fare income and so better buses in the future too.

You'll need a digital style passport photo and a local address to apply - and to fill in a couple of quick questions about your travel habits.

Thinking about a green upgrade to your home?

The new "Retrofit West" Advice Line has been launched. Call 0800 038 6733 to find out about measures that could suit your home and get advice on next steps.



Albert Edward Godsell 1932 – 2023

As a long-term resident of Tytherington known to so many, Albert/Albie's life was celebrated by a congregation which squeezed into the church of St James to bid him farewell – a fitting tribute to a man who had played an important part in village life and was a true local.

Albert was born and raised in Cromhall, before moving to Tytherington and later to Thornbury but he had experience of the wider world through army service and holidays abroad.



Like most of the youngsters of his day, his schooling in Cromhall ended when he reached the age of 14 and he went to work in the quarry as an odd-job boy, arriving on his bicycle and starting work alongside his father. Albert was proud of his service to the quarry, talking animatedly about his time there and the changes he had witnessed as he rose to become foreman with the entitlement to use a yellow Land Rover!

Vehicles seem to have featured quite significantly in Albert's life. As well as a way of getting to work, his bicycle became a means of taking his future wife, Pauline (Polly), home during their courting days. Later, when called up for national service with the Royal Berkshires, Albert was a driver to an officer – not bad considering he'd never taken a driving test.

Albert was a fine sportsman. After playing football from an early age in Tytherington for the mighty Rocks, his love for the sport continued throughout his life: he spent his 80th birthday at Old Trafford. In fact, so taken was he with Polly back in the 50s, that he chose her over a footballing career, signing a marriage certificate instead of a contract with Aldershot Town. Skittles was another skill for which Albert was well-known and which he eagerly passed on to family members.



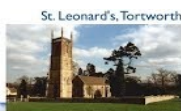
During his national service, between 1951 and 1953, part of it spent in Eritrea, Albert became a boxer and in later years enjoyed demonstrating his shuffle to younger family members along with the 'proper' way of boxing: 'with the knuckles facing down'. Service in the military clearly had an impact on Albert's life as he became a loyal member of the British Legion in later years.

Growing up in the countryside at a time when growing your own food was a key part of daily life, Albert had a deep knowledge of plants and wildlife which made him a keen gardener; this brought him much satisfaction and pride - along with many prizes and accolades which he always accepted with real humility and grace;

His family remember him as a patient and caring husband, father and grandfather who taught the youngsters about the world around them and the things that mattered to him. His granddaughter, Katy, in her eulogy described Albert as 'a kind, gentle and loving father and grandfather who taught us all a thing or two about how to behave properly, how to love fiercely, and how look after each other.'

Pauline would also like to thank all those who attended the service, visited her at home, sent cards, flowers and messages.

A special thanks to Sue P-M who made the service so special to the family in celebrating Albert's life.



St. Oswald's, Rockhampton



St. James', Tytherington

St. George's, Falfield



Church services and information

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

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

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

Cromhall

Sun 13th
 Sun 20th

NB services reverting to 9.30am start in August

9.30am Holy Communion led by Rev. Rob Axford
9.30am Morning Prayer

Falfield

Sun 6th
 Sun 13th
 Sun 20th
 Sun 27th
 Sun 3rd Sept

3.30pm Café Church
 10.30am Holy Communion
 10.30am Morning Prayer
 10.30am Join Rockhampton
 3.30pm Pet Service

PET SERVICE
Sun 3rd September
3.30pm at St George's,
Falfield



Rockhampton

Sun 29th

10.30am Holy Communion with Rev. Rob Axford

Tortworth

Sun 6th
 Sun 20th
 Sun 3rd Sept

10.30 am Holy Communion with Rev. Jennifer Cole
 1.15 pm (Our 3rd Sunday event) **Wedding of Nina and Jay with Gospel Choir.**
 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev. Jennifer Cole

Tytherington

Thurs 3rd
 Sun 6th
 Thurs 10th
 Sun 20th

9.30am Said Holy Communion
 10.30am Joint service at St James'
 2pm WEDDING
 10.30am Holy Communion

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Public urged to check if they can claim Universal Credit as £7.6bn goes unclaimed.

Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire is appealing to anyone in the region who is struggling financially to check online or contact the charity to see if they can claim Universal Credit. Emmanuelle Claverie, Lead Supervisor at Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire said: *"The main point is that a lot of people think that if you are working you won't be entitled to Universal Credit. That's not necessarily the case. It's always worth going to check and there are benefits calculators available online - there's one on our website - or they can call the Help to Claim team [a national service provided by Citizens Advice] to check out their entitlement to Universal Credit."*

Universal Credit was introduced to replace a number of benefits for most people including:

- Housing Benefit
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Income Support

Claimants usually get one monthly payment to cover living costs. A couple will get one payment between the two of them. The payment is made up of a basic 'standard allowance' and extra payments that might apply depending on circumstances. Extra elements can be included if claimants are looking after children or paying for rent or childcare. Extra payments can also apply if claimants are disabled, have a health condition, are a carer for a disabled person or have a disabled child.

Emmanuelle added, *"Even if people are finding they would be entitled to a very small amount of Universal Credit, it is worth applying for it because it opens up other entitlements, including Cost of Living payments and possible entitlement to Council Tax Reduction which is another benefit which is not claimed very much."*

In 2022, Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire helped 4,778 people with 22,493 issues and saved clients a combined total of £4.4 million - that is the equivalent of £920 back in the pocket of each person it helped.

Get help from Thornbury CAB
Town Hall, Thornbury.
Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon
 No appointment needed

For free independent, confidential advice given on a wide range of subjects from housing to relationships, benefit entitlement and debt.

Ring 0808 278 7947 or www.southgloscab.org.uk



Ukrainian Storytime at Thornbury Library

Mondays at 4pm

Please tell your Ukrainian family, friends, and colleagues, about Zoya, a Ukrainian teacher, who will be in the library every Monday at 4pm to share stories, reading, etc, from the Ukraine

There will be a Bottle Stall at Cromhall Show to raise money for St Andrew's Church, Cromhall.

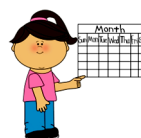
Donations of bottles of wine would be appreciated.

Please label any bottles donated for the church with a label indicating this and leave it in Cromhall Village Shop.

Thank you. *Peggy Collett*



TYTHERINGTON CALENDAR 2024



If you have any photos, drawings or artwork of in and around Tytherington that you would like to submit for inclusion in the calendar, please send them to Mike Brown.

Big file size is best so for preference, please put them on a memory stick which you can leave in an envelope at the village shop. Your memory stick will be returned. Also please ensure that it is in Landscape format.

If sending by email please send singly to mbrown.dsuch@care4free.net

Closing date SAT AUGUST 26th

Alveston Gardens Association

Monday 7th August

"The Four Seasons"
 with Mandy Bradshaw

7.30pm in Alveston Jubilee Hall

All welcome - Visitors (£3)

Have You Read...?"

A book group for everyone



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Friday 4th August 2pm - 3pm



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6 th	Joint Service at St James' 'Sharing' [Matt. 14:13 – 21]	<i>Val & Brian</i>
13 th	[Psalm 23]*	<i>Brian</i>
20 th	'Saul (2)' [Acts 9:20 – 30]	<i>Brian</i>
27 th	'The First Missionary Journey' [Acts 13:1 – 12]	<i>Brian</i>

*Service includes Holy Communion All services commence at 10:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise stated)

Everyone welcome

Rockhampton Parish Council Report

Following the re-run of the election held in June, four Councillors were returned. The four Councillors returned were: Tom Cullimore, Tina Mitchell Skinner, Tony Cullimore and Henry Price.

At the first meeting of the Council following the election Anthony Phillips was co-opted on to the Council bringing the Council up to its full complement of five members.

Cllr Cullimore was elected as Chair and Cllr Tina Mitchell Skinner was elected as Vice Chair. Cllr Cullimore took the opportunity of thanking Mike Goode who had decided to retire from the Council for his hard work and effort put in during the time he was on the Council.

Cllr Cullimore welcomed Ward Cllr Tony Williams to the meeting following his election and also Ward Cllr Matthew Riddle on his re-election to serve as our Severn Vale Ward Councillors.

Ward Cllr Riddle reported on the investigation work concerning the subsidence on the Hill Road and indicated that the work required would cost in the region of £150,000 which StreetCare hoped would be completed in the current financial year.

Further monitoring of the speed of traffic through the village had been completed in May which recorded an average speed of 35 mph. However, it was noted that 15% of traffic was travelling in excess of 45 mph. It was also confirmed that further 30 mph repeater signs were to be installed along with 30 mph roundel on the road at either end of the village.

Cllr Cullimore confirmed that the 'Village Gates' had arrived and would make the necessary arrangements to have them installed in due course.

Ward Cllr Williams informed the meeting on the current issues regarding the planned strike action by the employees of Waste contractors SUEZ. He also went on to say that there would be a forthcoming consultation relating to the Waste renewal contract due in 2025 and urged everyone to look at this when it was published and make comment.

It was agreed that a Litter Pick would take in the Autumn with a provisional date agreed of Saturday 7th October. Cllrs also agreed to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III by planting a tree on the common. Cllr Cullimore offered to look at this and report back at the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that the internal audit for 2022/23 had been completed with Cllrs approving the auditors' recommendations along with approving the Annual Governance and Accounting Statements.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 21st August** in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

J. Carpenter, Clerk – Rockhampton Parish Council.

rockhamptonpc@gmail.com

<http://www.rockhamptonparishcouncil.co.uk>



Ride + Stride to Save Our Historic Buildings

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust's Ride+Stride, will be held on **September 9th 2023**. This remarkable initiative invites participants to explore the stunning churches of

Gloucestershire and North Bristol, while raising funds for the preservation of these cherished historic buildings.

Ride + Stride encourages participants to fundraise by visiting churches in the area on the day of the event. Some try to visit as many as possible while others take their time exploring a select few. Previous participants have used various modes of transportation, including walking, cycling, public transportation, and even horse riding, as they travel between churches. On the day of the event, many churches will open their doors, providing participants with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the beauty of these magnificent buildings and enjoy refreshments along the way.

Funds raised through Ride +Stride are divided between the participant's nominated church and GHCT. The trust then uses the contributions allocated to GHCT to provide grants to churches and historic buildings throughout Gloucestershire and North Bristol. These grants play a pivotal role in ensuring the longevity of these architectural treasures, allowing them to serve as vibrant community spaces and be enjoyed by future generations. Previous grants have been utilised for roof repairs, enhancing accessibility, and improving facilities, among other vital projects.

The event welcomes everyone, whether they are members of local churches or simply admirers of the area's historic buildings.

To stay updated and learn more about how to participate, please visit our website at <https://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride> or follow us on social media:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/GloucestershireHistoricChurchesTrust>

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St Leonard's, Tortworth, benefited from a GHCT grant of £4,000 in 2016 towards cleaning & preserving its stained glass.

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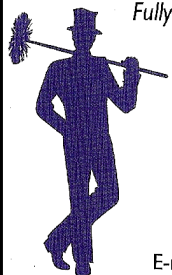
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Gareth Williams trained in medicine in Cambridge, London and Geneva and was Dean of Medicine at Bristol University and Chair of the Trustees at the Edward Jenner Museum. His books include *Angel of Death: the story of smallpox*, *Paralysed with Fear: the story of polio*, *A Monstrous Commotion: the mysteries of Loch Ness* and *Unravelling the Double Helix: the lost heroes of DNA*. He has appeared at the Hay, Edinburgh and other book festivals, on *The Briefing Room* (Radio 4) and *The Forum* (BBC World Service) and in several TV documentaries including *The Mary Berry Story*.



News from St George's, Falfield

Church warden, Siân Hogg, is currently training as a funeral minister. She is hoping to be licensed by Gloucester Diocese early in 2024. She is also in the vocation/discernment process for ordained local ministry and is looking forward to starting an Introduction to Christian Ministry course in September.

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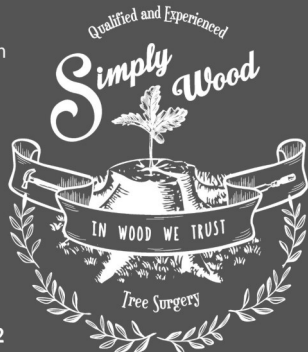
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Falfield Parish Council Report

The Parish Council election in May resulted in an uncontested election with the previous five Councillors elected unopposed. As the Parish Council consists of seven seats this leaves two vacant seats. Anyone wishing to become a member of the Parish Council should contact the Clerk for more information.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held in May following the election, Cllr Emma Jarvis was elected as Chair.

The issue of speeding vehicles on Church Avenue during shift changes at HMP Eastwood Park had been raised by a Parishioner. Following the May meeting the Prison Governor was contacted to bring this issue to their attention and requesting that some 'slow children crossing' signs were installed. The Parish Council were subsequently advised that all staff had received a notice reminding them of the speed limit along Church Ave. This issue was raised again at the July meeting when the new Digital & Communications Manager for the prison attended to introduce herself and explain her role within the community.

In early June, the Parish Council had been notified that the Planning Officer was recommending the approval for 21 houses on the land located between Falfield Grange and the A38 by the developer Cotswold Homes. Cllrs agreed to request that this application be called in to the Development Management Committee for a determination. This resulted in a site meeting taking place which was attended by a number of the members of the Development Management Committee on 7th July as well as the Chair of the Parish Council raising a number of issues and concerns in line with the Council's objection to this planning application. This application was due to come before the Development Management Committee for determination at their meeting on 20th July. *(The planning application for the development was subsequently approved by the Development Management committee by six members in support, 2 against and 1 abstention.)*

At the July meeting following a suggestion from the Village Hall Management Committee that a picnic bench be located on the village green, Cllrs agreed to this. This bench is designed to accommodate six people and up to three wheelchair users and/or pushchairs. The cost of the bench and associated works is £1,770.00 which will be covered from a donation from the Village Hall Management Committee of £200.00, which was the profit from the Coronation event on the Village Green in May, £367.00 from Falfield Stores and Post Office with the balance coming from Parish Council reserves.

Regarding highways issues a concern was raised by Cllr Hathway on the condition of the pavement on the A38 between the Old Vicarage and Moorslade Lane which in some areas was very uneven and it was agreed that this should be raised with StreetCare. A parishioner also raised the issue of brambles encroaching on the footpath leading to the A38 from the Falfield Grange. Cllrs were unsure whether South Gloucestershire Council had adopted this or whether it was still the responsibility of the developer. It was agreed to ask Ward Cllr for clarification as to who was currently responsible for this footpath. Councillors were also concerned regarding the issue of the overgrown verges in Sundayshill Lane, Moorslade Lane along with the central reservation at Whitfield which had been reported to StreetCare following their June meeting and had still not been addressed.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19th September** in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

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27 th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) Rob Simpkins

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Cromhall Crafters will not meet in August.

Townwell Tots has finished for this term and will be moving to Charfield in September.

Verse of the year for 2023: *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*
Romans 1:16 and 17

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