



It's a while now since a new road in Bristol was named "Cheers Drive", after the Bristolian term used to thank the bus driver. In fact, the residential road on a housing development in Speedwell, was so named in 2020 following a poll by residents in 2018.



People thank their bus driver in Bristol.
<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk>

Retail Consortium published earlier this year, found abuse against retail staff had almost doubled compared to pre-Covid levels. Consequently, several leading supermarkets are offering body cameras to staff who are subjected to verbal and physical abuse in the course of their daily work, which understandably causes an emotional as well as a physical impact.

A pilot project by the University of Sussex, Transport for London (TfL) and social connection enterprise Neighbourly Lab found that people were more likely to acknowledge the driver on buses which had signs encouraging them to do so. Signs encouraging a “hello” or “thanks” were installed on the driver cab door and exit doors on more than 150 buses across Hammersmith in west London. Results showed that this led to an increase in passengers greeting the driver.

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Cheques, payable to **Benefice Newsletter**, may also be sent to our treasurer or the editor.

Thank you to everyone who supported our soup lunch at St Leonard's, Tortworth, on 15th October, which raised £135 for The Leprosy Mission .



At the next lunch on October 20th, we will welcome Trevor Grant, who is Community Partnerships Manager for TLMEW and a regular visitor to Tortworth.

Rockhampton Parish Council Report

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday 21st August 2023 with all Councillors present. Ward Cllr Matthew Riddle was unable to attend but sent in a written report confirming that the missing 30 mph repeaters sign were now in place which would now provide the police with legal powers should they stop anyone found speeding. He also reported that the speed monitor device would be placed on the Lower Stone Road in the coming weeks and that the latest update on the repairs to the subsidence on the Hill Road were expected to start in the Autumn.

Cllr Phillips gave a report on his attendance of the first meeting of the Severn Vale Village Agent Steering Group meeting which took place on 10th August. This had been set up to support rural locations to encourage communities to support the elderly in their community.

Cllrs noted that the applicants for the planning application for the erection of a temporary workers dwelling off Hill Road, which had been refused by South Gloucestershire Council, had submitted an appeal against its refusal. It was agreed that the Council would write to the Planning Inspectorate re-enforcing the Council's previously, raised objections.

Cllrs agreed to hold the **Annual Village Litter Pick on Saturday 7th October** between **10am and 12 noon** and to hold a further **Defibrillator Awareness training in the Cricket Pavilion on the Common on Saturday 11th November**.

In the Clerk's report it was noted that the Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2022/23 had been submitted to the External Auditors for exemption, and that the period for the exercise of public rights ended on 4th August, during which time no request had been made by the public to view the accounts.

Other items discussed were the Council's proposed maintenance programme going forward, the installation of the Village Gates and the Kings Coronation Commemorative tree.

Details of the minutes from this meeting can be found on the Council's website. The next meeting will take place on **Monday 27th November** in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm.

<http://www.rockhamptonparishcouncil.co.uk> J. Carpenter, Clerk & RFO

rockhamptonpc@gmail.com

Area Wide Grants

Area Wide Grants (AWG) are awarded to support community organisations working to reduce social and health inequalities across South Gloucestershire. The scheme is open for applications in 2023/24.

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- a voluntary or community group
- a charitable or social enterprise organisation
- a town or parish council

Applications must be for projects that benefit our residents in at least 6 of the 14 Community Engagement Forum (CEF) areas.

Projects must contribute to one or more of the priorities and aims within the Council Plan 2020-24 to be eligible for funding.

Awards are made to projects that:

- reduce isolation and exclusion
- bring communities together
- promote health and wellbeing
- address a particular community need

The closing date for Round 2 applications will be 15 October 2023.

For further details go to [Area Wide Grants | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://www.southglos.gov.uk/area-wide-grants)

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**Friday 20th
October
12.30 - 2.00pm**

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Planting seeds of hope amid crisis in Sri Lanka

Across the UK, churches and communities are getting together to celebrate Harvest. 8,000 miles away in Sri Lanka, people affected by leprosy are struggling to eat.

Sivamalar lives in the northern tip of Sri Lanka. When she was diagnosed with leprosy over 10 years ago, everything changed. The stigma that so unjustly accompanies leprosy had left her struggling with low self-esteem. "I felt I was living in a dark world", she said.

Then, the economic crisis hit in 2020. Like so many families affected by leprosy, Sivamalar felt the impacts acutely. Providing for her family of eight became hard. "Supporting the family was a nightmare," Sivamalar told us. "The days we could eat one decent meal were blessed days".

Sivamalar's story is unfortunately not unique. Amid economic chaos, so many of the people affected by leprosy that we've met have shared their similar experiences. For them, just finding enough to feed their families has been nearly impossible.

One of TLM's partners, KKM, reached out to Sivamalar, and equipped her with what she needed to start gardening. Now she's growing pumpkins and other vegetables. Sivamalar took to it immediately. Now, her family has enough to eat. For many of us, it's hard to imagine what a blessing this must be! What's more, Sivamalar is selling any surplus produce, generating an income that will sustain her family for years to come.

Our fundraising for Harvest this year will be a series of soup lunches to be held on the third Friday of October and November at St Leonard's, Tortworth, in support of the work of The Leprosy Mission. Please join us if you can.

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We are so lucky to have Bristol Children's Hospital covering our area. It provides an unrivalled level of service when our youngsters are most in need.

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Michelle Baden-Daintree says "I hope many people will take advantage of the scheme and leave a generous gift in their Will to the Grand Appeal. Call our friendly team on **01454 412 278** saying you'd like to make a **Grand Appeal Scheme Will**. Then by leaving a donation in your Will, you can gift a sick child a brighter future."



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Setting the Scene (3)

This extract from 'We Grew Up in Falfield' by Ann Riddiford, continues our journey through the village travelling south. Our last venue (in June) was at the top of Mount Pleasant, at The Hut in the field just after the former chapel.

The red-brick house at the end of the field, which was named 'Southview' and was at the top of Gambriel Lane, was built to house the chauffeur for Whitfield House (Tortworth Estate property). In its original state, it was a perfect cube with a perfect pyramid roof, topped by a single chimney. I always thought of it as a giant scale dolls' house. However, the proportions have since been altered and this has destroyed the effect. Its name now, I believe, is Gambriel House and is adorned by trees. The houses in Gambriel Lane were all for housing Tortworth Estate employees. Many of whom worked on Example Farm. Clementine Cottage also had a connection with the estate and at one time housed one of the gardeners for Whitfield House.

Travelling on, one reaches Whitfield Gate Farm, again a Tortworth Estate property. It derives its name from the fact that there were heavy, wooden double gates across the driveway to Whitfield House (formerly the Park Hotel) and further on to Example Farm., more recently known as Whitfield Farm. This area was the hub of the Tortworth Estate ownership in Whitfield. Whitfield House was originally built as the home of Lord Moreton, the heir apparent to the Ducie title. However, things did not quite work out this way, which is another story.

Returning to the main road, at the other side of the once-gated driveway is Victoria Cottage, which I have a strong feeling was once an inn. I recall my father, who was always gathering bits of information in his capacity as a village postman, relating that he had been told that the cottage was so named because Queen Victoria had once stopped her carriage there to request a glass of water. I have always hoped that it was true because it is such a lovely story.

My reasons for believing it may have been an inn, are based mainly on the design of the building and its outside features. Someone once told me that he thought Whitfield Gate Farm had been an inn but I would doubt that, and think that somewhere along the line the story had become confused. Victoria Cottage, by its features, is far more indicative of a hostelry.

Following on along the road, there are two sets of semi-detached cottages, now almost unrecognisable from forty or fifty years ago. These also had connections with Tortworth Estate.

The house now known as Whitfield House Farm I have not investigated, but it possibly had Tortworth Estate associations. The next two properties, associated for many years with the Sams family, had connections with Mount Pleasant chapel, if not directly with the Tortworth Estate.

The larger house, Wellspring House, was the home of Mr and Mrs Shield Eley. He was a great non-conformist preacher and led services at Mount Pleasant Chapel. He was also chaplain to the travelling families who made their way up and down the main road through the village for the hop-picking season in Hereford and Worcester.

Next door, in the smaller property, lived Mr Edwin Child, a poultry keeper. He was also closely involved with Mount Pleasant chapel. He taught at the Sunday School and generally assisted. I once met a lady who had been taught at the Chapel Sunday School by Edwin Child's daughter.

Part of the inscription on James Shield Eley's grave in the chapel graveyard reads:

**Also of the above James Shield
Eley
who fell asleep
January 2nd 1945 aged 77 years**

**From the Hop Pickers' Mission
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Land and properties in Brinkmarsh Lane were all attached to Tortworth Estate, as were many in the Iron Hogg Lane area. Little Whitfield Farm was another such a property. Probably the cottage homes on that side of the road now no longer on the main road, but now situated on the Thornbury road, were originally homes for farm workers.

And so it continues up the old A38 (now only a link road), over Buckover, where, as far as I know, both farms and their tied cottages still belong to Tortworth Estate. At this point, continuing south one enters the parish of Thornbury.

By contrast, if we return to the point where we started, - Mount Pleasant, - having climbed the hill from Falfield village, and avert our eyes to our right instead of to our left, we are confronted by another magnificent sight. Again, there is a lovely mansion, not so shrouded in trees, but set in beautiful parkland. We are looking at Eastwood Park with its mansion; for many years the home of the Jenkinson family.

To be continued

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Falfield Village Community Website

After 20 plus years of operating the Village website on a voluntary basis, I have decided that the time has come for me to give up the running of this website at the end of this year.

If there is anyone in the village who would like to take on the role of the running of this website and would like further information, I can be contacted in the first instance by email at: webmaster@falfield.org.uk.

James Carpenter



Falfield WI

At our September meeting, we congratulated Jean Acton and her husband John on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Our speaker this month was Paul Raven ably assisted with the tech by Allen Jones. Paul is a wildlife and nature photographer who concentrates his work in our area. Stunning pictures were shown with interesting dialogue and questions at the end.

There was an appeal for new committee members for the November AGM.

Because of the temporary closure of Falfield village hall for refurbishment, the meeting in October will be in Stone village hall on October 3rd, when we will have a talk about staying safe from fraud.

The refurbishment also means that St Peter's coffee morning in October will not now take place, but other events are planned.

Members, some of whom had won prizes, brought along a selection of their entries from the Thornbury Horticultural Show. Whether or not they had won prizes, all had enjoyed entering.

Coffee morning

in aid of

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Thornbury Rotary and Butterfly Space – Sewing Machines needed!

Since 2007, Thornbury Rotary has been supporting Butterfly Space in Malawi with grants. Initially, the funding was used for the development of a nursery. 'Local Girl' Alice Leaper from Thornbury has worked tirelessly over the years, with her colleagues and team, to build school facilities and support for primary and secondary students. Many other projects have been developed to help the local community. This non-profit venture has been expanding to incorporate adult vocational training, including basket weaving and carpentry in the curriculum.

They now wish to start a sewing group for the ladies, so there is an urgent need for manual sewing machines. Rotary is asking if anyone has a working machine and would like to donate it to this very worthwhile cause, to please contact Roger Perrin on 07768 173856, preferably by text. Rotary will arrange for collection and all sewing machines will be serviced before despatch to Malawi. Thornbury Rotary president, Guy Rawlinson, expresses his thanks to anyone who is able to make such a donation.

To view a comprehensive list of the activities taking place, please check the Butterfly Space website:
www.butterflyspacemalawi.com.



**Rhymetime at
Thornbury Library**
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**Every Monday and Friday
9.30am-10am**

Tytherington Local History Group Autumn Programme

All meetings take place at 7.30pm in the School-room located at the rear of the Baptist Church on Itchington Road. Talks last about an hour and are followed by refreshments. There is a small charge for admission: Members £2, Visitors £3 and anyone is welcome to join us for the talks.

Friday 13th October

'Dogs in the basement chickens in the loft.'

*When Newark Park became a part of the National Trust.
with Helen Roberts*



Originally built as a Tudor hunting lodge by the Poyntz family of Acton Court, Iron Acton, Newark Park near Wotton-under-Edge, is our nearest NT property.

Friday 10th November

The Journey of a Lifetime

Patrick Howell returns by popular request to tell of his three-month adventure via the Panama Canal to the Galapagos and Tahiti

Friday 8th December

AGM *Further details nearer the time*

St Peter's Hospice Severnside Support Group



'Autumn Leaves Tea'

Rockhampton Village Hall

Sunday 29th October

2.30pm – 4.00pm

Home-made cakes, Jams,

Pickles and Chutney,

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Thornbury Junior Golf Open 2023 - a Great Success

Thornbury Golf Club's recent mixed Junior Golf Open (a qualifier for the Justin Rose Telegraph Junior Golf Championship) attracted a large number of entrants with 57 under-18 golfers competing in fine weather on August 22nd. The quality of play was amazing, with some outstanding scores being recorded, but it was notable that the girls were significantly outnumbered by the boys, so the club hopes to encourage more female applicants in 2024.



Jaxson Perry

This year the best gross score of 66 was achieved by **Jaxson Perry**, aged 13 from Kendleshire GC. His score was a magnificent 5 below par for the course. Jaxson was playing off a handicap of +1, so his net score was 67.

Thornbury Rotary President, Guy Rawlinson presented the prize to the overall net Competition Winner **Mia Robinson** from Thornbury Golf Club. Mia is just 10 years of age and the youngest in the field. She achieved a great net score of 65.



Mia received her award from Guy Rawlinson



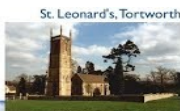
Elizabeth Robbins, winner for the 3rd successive year

Best girls' gross score was achieved by **Elizabeth Robbins**, with 80 (net 74). Liz has won this prize for 3 years running.

Other net score winners include: Jack Taylor from Henbury (Division 2) net 70, and Oscar Alexander from Farrington Park GC (Division 3) net 66. The club also ran a competition on the 18-hole par 3 course and this was won by Charlie Bourne, aged 10, from Wrag Barn GC.

Thornbury Rotary has been involved with the Junior Open for many years, having donated the main cup, with a replica cup each year for the overall winner. The club also provides annual sponsorship to help with the prizes, as well as manpower resource on the day.

Organiser, Ray Sherwood, acknowledged the dedication of the Young Golfers and thanked Rotary for the financial support given and for marshalling. He also thanked Thornbury Golf Club and its volunteers who had worked so hard to ensure the event's success.



St. Andrew's, Cromhall



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
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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 8th 9.30am Eucharist
 Sun 15th 9.30am Morning Prayer

NB Remembrance Service on 12th November 11am led by Rev. David Powe

Falfield

Sun 1st 3.30pm Harvest Festival (Archdeacon Hilary Dawson) an informal service followed by tea and cake. Donations to go to Thornbury Food Bank.
 Sun 8th 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 15th 10.30am Morning Prayer
 Sun 22nd 10.30am Join Rockhampton
 Sun 29th 10.30am United Benefice Holy Communion at Tytherington

Rockhampton

Sun 22nd 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev. Rob Axford

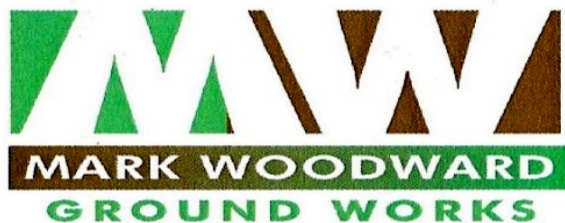
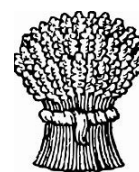
Tortworth

Sun 1st 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 15th 10.30am Harvest Festival
 Fri 20th 12.30 – 2.00pm Soup Lunch

Tytherington

Sun 1st 10.30am Joint service at St James'
 Thurs 5th 9.30am Said Communion
 Sun 15th 10.30am Harvest Service & Holy Communion
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Local company wins grant to bring Digital Radio to South Gloucestershire

Local not for profit company, South Glos Digital Community Interest Company (SGDCIC), which is owned by Thornbury Radio, the local station for Thornbury and the surrounding area, has been awarded a grant of £3000 by Thornbury Town Council.

SGDCIC was awarded the licence by Ofcom to run Digital Radio services (known as small-scale DAB) covering Thornbury, Yate and Almondsbury areas. The proposed DAB coverage region covers a large part of the South Gloucestershire, along with the crossroads of the M4 and M5 corridors.

Nigel Lane, Director of SGDCIC said, "Thank you to Thornbury Town Council for this grant. It will be used towards the set-up of a digital transmitter covering Thornbury and the surrounding area. Our DAB transmissions will benefit listeners across South Gloucestershire by bringing them a wider choice of radio stations including a new way to listen to Thornbury Radio."

Thornbury Radio is already available to 45,000 people in and around Thornbury and has 15 volunteers working together at the station. When DAB transmissions run by SGDCIC commence in 2024, the popular local station will be available to listeners on DAB as well as FM, smart speaker and online.

SGDCIC are continuing to raise the money needed to establish transmissions from two sites in South Gloucestershire. One site is near Thornbury and the other in Yate.

SGDCIC have engaged Nick Piggott from Muxnet as technical consultant and technical provider.

This new Digital Radio network can host up to 20 stations and SGDCIC are looking for any radio service, local, regional, or national with an interest in broadcasting to this area of South Gloucestershire. The proposed DAB service area covers listeners in and around Thornbury, Yate and Almondsbury.

Radio stations that would be interested in covering this area on DAB can contact the group via dab@tmcic.org or at <http://tmcic.org/dab>

The cheque was presented to Chris Criddle and Glyn Roylance, members of Thornbury Radio, by Thornbury Town Mayor, Cllr James Murray who visited the Thornbury Radio studio in Castle Street, where he met presenters from Thornbury Radio and hearing about the local community radio station.

From left to right: Glyn Roylance, Cllr James Murray (Thornbury Mayor), Chris Criddle



Ukrainian Storytime at Thornbury Library

Mondays at 4pm

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Monday 3rd October

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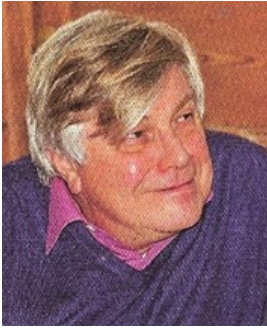


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Peter was born and grew up in Chester, as an only child of older parents. Growing up in the immediate post-war period when bombed-out buildings were still very much in evidence, no doubt had an influence on his choice of career as an architect.

In 1965, whilst studying at Bristol College of Advanced Technology, which later became part of Bath University, Peter met his wife, Dawn, and they married in 1969. His sudden death came just 11 days before their 54th anniversary. Peter embraced his wider family as if they were his own and the arrival of their children,

Michael and Anna, and subsequent grandchildren, added to his joy. He was a 'hands-on' father and eagerly taught his own youngsters the technical skills of DIY, gadgetry and particularly computers, which Michael suggests may have guided them towards their own careers.



As a keen photographer as well as a music lover, with a particular interest in jazz, Peter was skilled at creating slideshows of photographs he'd taken of a wide variety of subjects and providing the musical background. Shortly before his death, he was proudly showing a drone video he had been instrumental in creating, revealing stunning aerial views of Tortworth church as well as amazing close-up pictures of the stained-glass windows. He had spent many hours perfecting a beautiful soundtrack for the film.

Peter's main work as an architect was done in the public sector, especially Stroud District where Dursley Swimming Pool stands as part of his legacy. He also made stringent efforts to ensure public safety in public buildings and hospitals and was fastidious in ensuring that regulations were met. The disaster which occurred at Grenfell Tower affected him deeply and he followed the subsequent enquiry with great sadness, alerting many of his friends to what was being revealed.

When measures needed to be taken to deal with the poor state of the stained glass at St Leonard's, Tortworth, Peter was key to enabling the work to be carried out; his meticulous attention to detail ensured that the restoration was done to the highest standard. He was also heavily involved in the creation of an informative booklet about the church's remarkable glass.

His association with St Leonard's was a long one, beginning at the time of the Reverend Chris Lee's ministry, when Michael and Anna were part of the children's choir. His professional skills made him an obvious choice to fill the vacancy for churchwarden, which he performed faithfully for twenty-four years. The excellent state of the fabric of the building being a testament to his care.

Peter was a passionate man whose interests and hobbies often consumed his time and attention but he was always ready to offer help to those whose understanding of technical matters lagged way behind his own. He was in his element when he could put his skills into action for the benefit of others and is remembered fondly by a friend as 'a kind, quiet and gentle soul with a shared liking for a Bakewell tart!'

He will be sorely missed and we offer our sincere condolences to his family.



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1 st	Joint Service at St James' [Philippians 2:1 - 13]	<i>Val & Brian</i>
8 th	Paul in Pisidian Antioch [Acts 13:16 - 41]*	<i>Brian</i>
15 th	Paul in Iconium [Acts 14:1 - 7]	<i>Brian</i>
22 nd	Paul in Lystra & Derbe [Acts 14:8 - 20]	<i>Brian</i>
29 th	Paul's Return [Acts 14:21 - 28]	<i>Brian</i>

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Thornbury Art Club
Monthly Club night

Tues 24th October

St Mary's Church Hall
7.15 for 7.30pm.

Bristol professional artist and tutor

Paul Weaver

will be giving a painting demonstration.

Visitors welcome. Non-members £5.

Tel. 01454 414433 for further details

Young Persons' Concert at the URC.



Brilliant pianist, singer and raconteur, Michael Lunts, from the Armstrong Arts Group team, is to present a concert featuring a number of highly talented

young musicians. Their impressive and gifted performances will delight and amaze you.



The concert will take place at The United Reformed Church, Chapel Street, Thornbury BS35 2BA on Sunday 12th November at 3.00pm. Tickets cost £7.50 or £5 for under 16 years. Tea and cakes will be served in the interval.



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Friday 20th October 2023. 7pm

From Music Hall To Beanstalk. Tim Lewis and Sheila Furneaux in concert at The Brightwell. A light-hearted entertaining musical presentation telling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk with music, song and the spoken word. Tickets £10pp from www.thebrightwell.org.uk/events

Tytherington Baptist Church AFTERNOON TEA



Our next 'Afternoon Tea' session will be held on

WEDNESDAY 4th October.

This will be in the form of a **Harvest Lunch**

commencing at the **EARLIER TIME OF 1:00pm** in the Schoolroom.

All are welcome.



VISITING RINGERS

There will be a group of visiting ringers at St James', Tytherington, on **Saturday 28th October from 5pm to 5.45pm**

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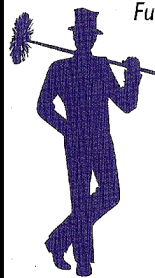
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Sunday Worship Services for October:

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

1 st	(10.30am) Simon Carey*	(6.30pm) Damon Ujvarosy
8 th	(10.30am) David Newman	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
15 th	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30pm) David Horton
22 nd	(10.30am) Derek Cleave	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
29 th	(10.30am) Patrick Prosser	(6.30pm) Stuart Heap

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 4th and 18th we meet in various homes in the area. 11th Bible Study and Prayer in the chapel hall and on zoom. 25th Members' Meeting.

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom): 3rd and 17th and 31st at 7.00pm; 10th and 24th at 9.30 am

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 10th October at 7.00pm. Join a friendly group of ladies to work on your own craft while we chat over a cup of tea.

Harvest Service: Sunday 1st October at 10:30am.

***Harvest Supper:** Saturday 7th October at 6.00pm in the hall. There is a sign-up sheet.

Coffee Mornings: Join us for coffee and cake every Thursday morning, starting 5th October, 10am – 12 noon.

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

An afternoon at Thornbury Library with Alison Hitchcock and Brian Greenley, authors of "From Me, To You"



Alison Hitchcock and Brian Greenley met on a yoga holiday in 2010. Shortly after, when Brian was diagnosed with bowel cancer, feeling awkward and not sure what to say, Alison offered to write him letters to cheer him up. Over the next two-and-a-half years, as Brian's cancer worsened, Alison wrote over 100 letters which became an important part of his recovery process, helping him feel less isolated.

The letters didn't dwell on Brian's illness, but were full of funny stories about Alison's friends, family and herself.

After Brian was given the all-clear, the two friends set up and run the charity **From Me to You** (in 2016) a national campaign encouraging people to write letters to support friends, family and strangers suffering from cancer.



Come for tea, coffee and cake and then sit back and enjoy an hour or two with Alison and Brian at Thornbury Library on **Saturday 21st October at 2pm**. Tickets are £5 at <http://SGlibraries.eventbrite.com> or from [Thornbury Library during staffed hours](#).

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More than 6,300 children took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge at South Gloucestershire Libraries, reading over 117,000 books during the school, summer holidays.

This summer Libraries and The Reading Agency partnered with The Youth Sport Trust for 'Ready, Set, Read!', a sports, games and play themed challenge to highlight the positive impact that reading, keeping active, and having fun have on a child's development.

The Summer Reading Challenge increases children's reading engagement and confidence, and supports priorities we all share, including the levelling up of opportunity, and the support of children's health and wellbeing.

Primary school children from across South Gloucestershire took part by reading books throughout the holidays and collected exclusive incentives including free swim vouchers and Ready, Set, Read! seeds. There was also a mini challenge which was specially designed for pre-school children to help prepare them for their first day at school.

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The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari

A Hallowe'en Treat!

If you were lucky enough to see last October's viewing of "Nosferatu", you know how captivating this mixture of historic film and Minima's avant-garde score can be. Synthesising electronic guitar, cello, bass and drums carry you along with movements that are beautiful and haunting.

Made in the aftermath of the First World War, The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari is the quintessential German Expressionist film masterpiece. Robert Wiene's distorted sets, sinister shadows and unnerving characters creating a paranoid, unreal world at a time of despair throughout Europe.

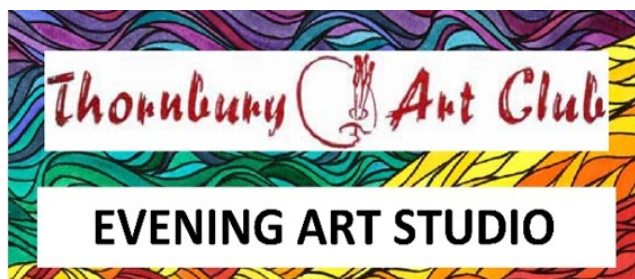
Among many screenings Minima have performed at the Edinburgh Fringe and the Glastonbury Festival. The production won the 2015 Media Innovation Awards Installation/Exhibition/Live event category.



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The Bristol Ensemble An American Landscape by Candlelight

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Falfield Parish Council

The September meeting took place on Tuesday 19th September with three Councillors in attendance along with Charfield Ward Councillor John O'Neill.

Councillors discussed the traffic issues at the Junction 14 of the M5 and the noise of traffic at night on the A38 when the M5 was closed. Ward Councillor O'Neill confirmed that he had spoken to National Highways who advised that the sequencing of the traffic lights had changed at the junction to help with the traffic flow during the ongoing roadworks at the Almondsbury Interchange. It was understood that the sequencing had now been amended. Regarding traffic noise at night, he stated that this was an ongoing issue within his Ward and he sympathised with Parishioners' concerns but was unable to offer a solution.

In his report to the meeting Ward Councillor O'Neil confirmed that the Local Plan Consultation was expected to be published towards the end of the year. He also advised that he had been made aware that the Local Plan could include a proposed development of 1,000 homes on land to the north of Moorslade Lane.



The Clerk informed Councillors that the Bench to commemorate the King's Coronation was now in place at the War Memorial and that the Picnic Bench, the purchase of which had been agreed to at the Council's July meeting, had been installed on the Village Green.



Councillors were advised that a reply had been received from South Gloucestershire Council in response to the Council's letter of complaint relating to the application for 21 dwellings on the Glebe land and the issue of incorrect information being provided to the Planning Committee concerning to the walking distance from the development to the nearest crossing point on the A38. In response South Gloucestershire Council acknowledged its mistake, however the Planning Committee decided that the original decision in July to approve the application was unchanged.

The Chair & Vice Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee provided Councillors with an update on the planned refurbishment of the Hall and advised that work was expected to start on 2nd October and was expected to take approx. 4 weeks requiring the hall to be closed. The work would involve a complete rewiring of the building, widening of the doorway between the lobby and the main hall and reconfiguration of the toilets which would include the addition of a toilet for disabled use.

The Clerk went onto advise Councillors that as the Village Hall would be closed for their October meeting, so arrangements had been made to use a meeting room at HMP Eastwood Park Training Centre.

The usual financial matters were discussed which included a payment to South Gloucestershire Council for the uncontested Parish election in May and to the External Auditors BDO for undertaking the audit of the Council's finances for the year ending 31st March 2023.

J. Carpenter, Clerk & RFO

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