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A display like this obviously takes a considerable amount of planning and we have been working on the forthcoming 2025 display all year. There is a committee of around 12 people who all chip in to make the organisation possible and we meet throughout the year to make sure the display lives up to its reputation. Everything from safety and security, food provisions, fireworks and sparklers, media and publicity and even the clean up the next day has to be thought of and we take great pride in the thoroughness with which the event is run!

This year's display is set to be the biggest and best yet and will include both a children's and adult's display, our signature bonfire and much more. Last year we significantly increased the number of food outlets to enjoy and will be doing the same again this year, including a new bar. We will also have entertainment from Party Peeps with music, dancing and an end of night foam party! With the support of everyone who attends and our excellent local sponsors we have been able to keep admission prices affordable so the event can be accessible to all and we can raise more for our local community than ever before.

As the event is run entirely by volunteers, we are always on the lookout for people willing to join us on the night to help us marshal the event, run stalls and set up the field before the display. In return, you will not only get to see the display for free, but we will also offer you free tickets for your immediate family. It is a great way to give something back to your local community and if you are interested – or just want to find out more about your local Round Table, please drop us an email at thornbury@roundtable.org.uk. Tickets for this year's display are available online – linktr.ee/thornburyRT or by visiting our Facebook page at facebook.com/thornburyrtfireworks.

Last year's event was a monumental success and very well attended, so wherever possible we highly recommend getting tickets in advance to avoid disappointment and save money with early bird prices. 🍷



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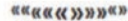
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Thornbury Picture House presents two films this month. The first one is on Friday 3 October: *Kidnapped: the Abduction of Edgardo Mortara*, the story of a young Jewish boy living in Bolgna, Italy, who in 1858, after being secretly baptised, was forcibly taken from his family to be raised as a Christian. His parents' struggle to free their son became part of a larger political battle that pitted the papacy against forces of democracy and Italian unification.

On Friday 31 October, *Reality* profiles the arrest of 25-year-old Air Force linguist and NSA contractor Reality Winner, for leaking to the press classified information pertaining to Russian interference in the 2016 US Presidential election. Adapted from the 2019 stage play, with dialogue pulled directly from Reality Winner's FBI interview.

The venue for both films is Thornbury Methodist Church Upper Hall, doors open at 7pm. Free to members, guests £6.

Thornbury Town Band We are excited to announce our first concert in six years! The band will be playing a wide variety of classical and pop music, plus themes from shows and films. The concert is on 4 October at St James' Church, Tytherington at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets, at £10 each and including a glass of wine and nibbles, are available from Tytherington Village Shop or John Williams, Tel. 01454 412515. Do come along and support Thornbury's very own brass band. We look forward to seeing you.

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Thornbury and District u3a is holding the next New Members' Welcome Meeting on Friday 17 October, from 3.30pm in St. Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Road. New members and non-members who are interested in finding out more about us are very welcome. Maybe you have recently retired or reduced your commitments leading up to retirement. Or are you new to the area and looking to make new friends? Thornbury u3a promotes keeping us mentally and physically engaged and active in an enjoyable and friendly atmosphere. "Learn, Laugh and Live" is the u3a motto and aims to provide opportunities for members to do so without having to travel too far or enrol in expensive courses.

We have over 1500 members and around 80 different groups meeting at various venues throughout the area, but there is always room for more. Our Groups mainly meet during the day and interests range from Archaeology to YOYO (You On Your Own). Some meet weekly, others less often and they include physical activities, wine tasting, lunches out, crafts, board and card games, language lessons, organised visits to gardens and churches, concerts and theatre as well as purely "educational" topics. Details of all our groups can be found on our website <https://thornbury.u3asite.uk/groups/>. Please come along; we would love to meet you. For further information visit our website or phone our Membership Secretary, Pat Light, on 01454 412260 or our Chairman, Roger Steer, on 01454 294371.

Autumn at Thornbury and District Museum A new exhibition is now open – "Thornbury: A Garrison Town, WW2". Our district played an important, and perhaps unexpected, role in the Second World War, as it hosted a significant military presence throughout the war years. The exhibition looks at the various units which passed through the area and especially at Thornbury's 'own regiment' – a little-known and unusual section of the Royal Artillery that was raised in the town and taken into the hearts of the residents. What impact did the presence of hundreds of troops and the military aspects of the war have on the lives of the civilians? The exhibition features personal accounts remembering the armed forces, the fall of Dunkirk, aircraft crashes, the arrival of the 'Yanks', the build-up and effects of D-Day and much more.

In our upstairs exhibition room a related exhibition, "My Dear Mum" concerns the Harwich evacuees who stayed in Thornbury during the war. Their stories are told using personal letters, oral histories, photographs and other sources such as school logbooks.

We also have another, smaller display in our Coins Room which looks at education in Thornbury. The Museum is in Chapel Street and is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 1-4pm and on Saturdays 10am-4pm. Entry is free.

The magnificent "Thornbury Quilt", which is part of the Museum's collection, is now on permanent display in an upstairs room at Thornbury Town Hall and can be viewed every Wednesday during the Town Hall's opening hours. This unique coverlet was created locally in 1900 and may have been part of one of many fundraising events held to raise money for a new vicarage. Some of its 236 squares represent local people and tradesmen and their stories and the story of how the quilt was rediscovered in 2013 are told in an accompanying audio-visual display.

Thornbury and District CRUK Committee. It may be a bit early to think about Christmas but please save the date of our Annual Autumn Fayre raising funds for Cancer Research. It is taking place on Saturday 11 October at St. Helen's School Alveston from 10am-1pm. Free entry with tea and coffee available. Various stalls along with Christmas goods and Christmas cards for sale. We look forward to having your support raising funds for valuable research into the many forms of cancer.

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Thornbury Musical Theatre Group will be back this October with *Oklahoma!* The fantastic cast and crew are well under way with rehearsals and preparations for what is shaping up to be an unmissable show. *Oklahoma!* is Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical, bursting with romance, rivalry, and showstopping songs. Set on the American frontier, it follows the spirited farm girl Laurey, charming cowboy Curly, and brooding farmhand Jud in a love triangle that plays out against the backdrop of a community on the brink of change. Packed with unforgettable tunes like "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'", "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top", and "People Will Say We're in Love", the show made history in 1943 as the pair's first collaboration, revolutionising musical theatre with its blend of story, song, and dance.

The production will be staged at the Olympus Theatre, Filton from 29 October to 1 November. Performance times are 7.30pm on 29, 30 and 31 October. There will be two performances on Saturday 1 November at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets are available at www.tmtg.org.uk/tickets and start at £16. The production is suitable for all ages; however, parental discretion is recommended for younger audience members. If you would like more information about any aspect of the show, please contact TMTG on 07516 270140 and we will be happy to help.

Community Roadshow Well-being Drop-in Join us on Thursday 2 October, 2-4pm at Alveston Methodist Church, Wolfridge Ride, Alveston, BS35 3RA, for advice on improving your wellbeing and to find out what support is on offer. There is no need to book. Advice, support and refreshments available. Village Agent for Severn Vale Movement and Physical Activity. Social prescribing, Healthy Living Advice and much more. Supported by West of England Rural Network (WERN) and South Gloucestershire Council.

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builds up layers within a painting. Mark is an experienced practising artist and tutor and works from his studio in North Shropshire. There will be a short break during the evening for free tea, coffee, and biscuits, giving everyone time to socialise and to chat to the artist and ask questions. This is an opportunity to enjoy an evening of art, whether you are just starting out or looking to refine your skills. The Club Nigh is on Tuesday 28 October at St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Road, 7.15 for 7.30pm until 9.30pm. Members free, non-members very welcome – £6 on the door, cash or card. If you are interested in joining the Club, our membership secretary, Pat, will be on the door to give you more information.



There will also be a Painting Workshop on Watercolours on Saturday 1 November, with Catherine Beale, who will teach us some of her techniques in capturing light and the use of punchy colours and tone to create atmosphere in our painting. A professional artist, her work has been in many group and solo exhibitions and can be found in private and public collections worldwide. Catherine is a member of the Society of Women Artists.

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Junior Golf Open, Thornbury. The annual Junior Open, organised by Chris Golbourn, was held on 19 August, in dry playing conditions at the Thornbury Golf Centre. Once again, there was a great response to this popular event, with 63 youngsters taking part, mainly from the local area, but some from far-away golf clubs. Slightly disappointing this year were the number of girls taking part, there being only three. The Rotary Club of Thornbury and the Thornbury Golf Club are keen to encourage more girls to take part in future events. A total of ten Thornbury members joined in, with 53 visitors. The lowest handicap was scratch, which, in golfing terms, is “brilliant” and 29 of the remaining entrants were playing off single figures. Rotary has been sponsoring the Thornbury Open for many years and, as always, a number of members from the club were in attendance to carry out various duties, to help ensure the day ran smoothly – and to admire the astonishingly high standard of play.



The Thornbury Rotary Cup for the best gross score was won by Ernie Elford from Bristol & Clifton, with a score of 72, which is one over par for the course. Zak Armstrong from The Kendleshire achieved the same score but was just beaten on countback. The Dennis Cup for the best net score was Oscar Penny, a Thornbury member, with a fantastic net 62. Organiser



Chris Golbourn thanked all those taking part, Thornbury Rotary Club and all the supporting helpers, for making the day such a success.

Mark Wilkinson (Recent Past President of Thornbury Rotary) presenting cups to Ernie (left) and Oscar (right)

The first meeting of the new season for Thornbury Local History and Archaeology Society is on Tuesday 14 October, with a talk by Ann Taylor, “Four Hundred Years of Stroudwater Mills”. The Stroud area has for centuries been a centre for the woollen industry, not least because of the fast-flowing streams that provided power for mills. It was once famous for military uniforms and quality Saville Row material and is still a dominant force in the world markets for tennis and snooker cloth. Ann Taylor will explain the processes involved in producing fine woollen cloth and trace the changes in the mills resulting from the Industrial Revolution and the introduction of synthetic fibres. Ann is a retired Education Officer from Stroud Museum and a busy volunteer and Trustee of the Textile Trust. She was also one of the organisers of the beautiful walled garden at Stroud Museum.

The meeting is in St Mary’s Church Hall at 7.30pm. Members free, visitors £3.50. Membership subscription for 2025-26 is £12. For more information see www.thornburyhistory.org.uk.

Thornbury Volunteer Centre hosted its annual Volunteer Fair on Wednesday 10 September in the St. Mary Centre. Eleven local charitable and community groups had stalls in the Centre with the aim of recruiting volunteers, promoting their organisations and in some cases raising funds. Thornbury Radio played throughout the morning and Town Mayor Cllr. Helen Ball visited and spoke to all the stallholders. It was a very social and successful morning which attracted many visitors, resulting in at least 25 potential volunteers coming forward, with many more people taking away information. Our thanks to the St. Mary Centre Management team and South Gloucestershire Council for their support of this event.



Grant-Giving Programme 2025/6. Thornbury and District League of Friends has now celebrated four very successful years of community grant awards and support. Since the closure of Thornbury Hospital at the end of 2018 we have also continued to support the Outpatients in St Mary Centre. Examples of grant recipients to date include Jigsaw, Haven Memory Café, Krunch, Great Western Air Ambulance, Thornbury Community Permaculture Project and Thornbury in Bloom.

This year's grant-giving programme encourages local organisations to apply for a grant towards any wellbeing or health-related project supporting our charitable aims for which our financial assistance might be needed. We welcome your interest and will consider all requests carefully.

The 2025/6 programme will operate as follows:

8 October-10 November 2025: Grant Applications to be submitted

10 November: Last date for Grant Application submission

14 November: Announcement of Grants awarded

Please contact Andrea for further information regarding the above programme, email: abates1101@msn.com)

The last event of the year will be our AGM on Friday 21 November, 3pm at St Mary's Church Hall, when there will be a talk by one of our previous grant recipients and light refreshments. For news of future events/updates please see our facebook page.

We need more active members to help us put on future events, so if you are interested in assisting in any way, please contact Paul, email: paul.wilkinson53@outlook.com. We look forward to another rewarding year of supporting health and wellbeing in our local community.



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To mark this anniversary year Michael has invited some old faces back alongside the new (though the old faces are still very young!) and there will be a wide variety of instrumentalists, singers and musical performers, sharing their talents in a non-competitive, celebratory atmosphere. An uplifting way to mark Remembrance Sunday. Tickets cost £7.50 or £5 for under 16 years. Tea and cakes will be served in the interval. Contact AAGThornbury@gmail.com or Tel. 01454 850933.

Thornbury Town Trust invites applications from residents of Thornbury who are in financial need. A distribution is made just before Christmas each year. Last year over 80 people received a gift from the charity. If you are on low income and receiving means tested benefits, you are invited to apply in writing to: Sally Bertram, Clerk to the Thornbury Town Trust, c/o Thornbury Town Hall, 35 High Street, Thornbury BS35 2AR, giving details of your financial and household circumstances. Last year's recipients need not re-apply but will be asked for an update to their circumstances. Please reply by Monday 20 October.



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Update on The Armstrong Renovation work started at the beginning of July. The old foyer and bar area have been stripped out and the ceiling removed from the Cossham Hall, ready to be replaced by a more energy efficient solution, while retaining the vaulted panelling to maintain the acoustic benefits. The works will continue through the rest of the year with the expectation that they will be finished by December.

An unexpected highlight in August was a visit to the site by Maggie Lansdown, the generous benefactor who has made Phase One of the renovation possible. She saw the progress made, heard about the future plans and met some of the people involved in the project. Her visit also provided an opportunity for some of the team to thank her.

As the builders transform and renovate, there is a hive of activity within the teams planning for the re-opening and management of the Cossham Hall and the bar and foyer. One group has been visiting other venues in the region to research prices, programmes, management and the role of volunteers in the new organisation – many will be needed! While it has been very encouraging to learn from these successful venues such as The Subscription Rooms at Stroud, the Memorial Theatre at Frome and The Goods Shed at Tetbury, it has also become clear that The Armstrong compares well in terms of space and flexibility, so the outlook is positive.

There will be many opportunities for community involvement and active support, including helping to clear, redesign and plant the outside space once the builders have cleared the site. Fundraising for Phase Two, the renovation of the Armstrong Hall itself, is paramount for the completion of the scheme, so that is also a vital and intensive activity in these months prior to completion of Phase One.

If you would like more information, please look at the website where updates will be posted and you can sign up for a regular newsletter at www.thearmstrong.co.uk.

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Thornbury Wayfinders welcomes Japanese Professor Yuko Shioji Yuko, who is a Professor at the International Tourism Department of Hannan University in Osaka, came to Thornbury to research Walkers are Welcome activities after winning funding from the Japanese government. The title of her research is "Walking Tourism: How it drives new forms of local development." Her research will be used as an example at the Conference of the Japanese Footpath Association. She was welcomed to St. Mary Centre by the Manager Alan Coles and members of Thornbury Wayfinders. During her visit she was introduced to people at the Museum, Krunch and Jigsaw.



As Yuko was interested in finding out about the health benefits of walking activities she joined the local Walking for Health group with Roland Howard of Age UK. Her research will help all WaW towns including ours in their efforts to promote the health aspects of walking as well as trying to bring economic benefits for our local shops and businesses.

Walking Tourism means walking and maintaining footpaths and welcoming walkers – exactly what Thornbury Wayfinders stands for!

Eastwood Gardeners' Club will welcome Sue Aitken to its October meeting to give a talk on the History of Thornbury in Bloom. This will be on Thursday 14 October at 7.30pm in the Avon Room, Turnberries. Visitors are welcome.



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A fracas, a fire, and a forest

by Jane Marks

TWO major events that happened hundreds of years ago have an unexpected link to our part of the world. October 21st 1805 saw one of the great sea battles which resulted in a decisive British victory, fought between the Spanish port of Cadiz and the Strait of Gibraltar. It was of course the Battle of Trafalgar where a combined Spanish and French fleet of 33 ships fought the 27 ships of Admiral Horatio Nelson. The battle shattered forever Napoleon's hopes to invade England, killing or wounding about 1,500 British seamen



and claiming the life of Nelson himself. Some 25 years later, the area known as Charing Cross in central London was re-named Trafalgar Square and by 1843 the now famous column was put in place. So how can all this possibly have anything to do with our part of the world?

The answer is the Forest of Dean, for it was from here that much of the timber was taken to build many of the ships that took part in the Battle of Trafalgar. It has been estimated



that *HMS Victory* alone required 6,000 trees for its construction, 90% of which was oak. The ancient Forest of Dean, once a royal hunting ground, has a history stretching back to Roman times and beyond, and is famous for its source of timber for Tudor warships. The forest was designated a National Forest Park in 1938 and today is still a working forest producing sustainable timber for UK and world markets.

The story now comes much closer to home because here in Thornbury we find another link. Long before the 3rd Duke of Buckingham, Edward Stafford, built Thornbury Castle, there was a large timber-framed manor house on the site, owned by the de Clare family at the time. A fire around 1236 seriously damaged the manor house and King Henry III ordered major repairs to be made using about 20 mature oak trees brought over from the Forest of Dean.

So the Forest, only a few miles across the River Severn, has played a significant role in both local and national history and with its wide variety of woodland and wildlife is today a popular destination for tourists. ■

Christmas Craft Fair at Thornbury Baptist Church. This popular fair returns this year on Saturday 15 November, 10.30am-2.30pm. Every penny raised will go to Project Possible (projectpossible.org.uk) a charity which supports schools, hospitals, children's homes, work with street children and abused women, and many more projects throughout the world. It also finances small business projects, where groups of men and women have skills and lots of ideas, but just need the finance to get going. The sum of over £1500 that we raised two years ago has helped disadvantaged men, women and children to escape poverty. The fair will have about 30 stalls selling high quality gifts and crafts, so do come along and do your Christmas shopping and update your Christmas decorations with items not found in shops. The church café will be open, serving teas, coffees and cakes as well as light lunches. For more information or to book a stall please contact Sue Dunn, suemdunn@virginmedia.com or Tel. 07306 810430.

October in Thornbury Library. Half Term Crafts on Wednesday 29 October, 10.30am-12 noon – free holiday crafts suitable for primary school age children. Have You Read...? A book group for everyone on Friday 3 October, at 2pm – a reading group with a difference! No set novel to read, just drop in for an hour for refreshments and a chat. Computer support 1-1 is every Thursday at 10am, 11am and 12 noon – book a session with our computer volunteer for IT and digital support. For children there are Rhymes and Stories every Monday, 9.30-10am, Rhymetime every Friday, 9.30-10am, and Lego Club every Saturday, 9.30-10.30am. All activities are free. Joining the library is free, and easy! Just come along and sign up.

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LOVE that so often the season of Harvest, which is all about thanksgiving and gratitude, runs seamlessly into the season of remembrance, when we call to mind all those we are grateful for through the years. One moment we are enjoying the colour of autumn, giving thanks for food, friendship and God's goodness, and the next we find ourselves pausing to remember loved ones who have blessed our lives.

Harvest and remembrance might seem very different, but really they belong together. Both invite us to stop, take stock, and notice the gifts we have been given. At Harvest we celebrate the fruit of the earth and the generosity of God, as well as sharing with those in need. Then, as the leaves continue to fall, we turn to remembering those who have gone before us – the people whose love, courage, and kindness have shaped our lives. Gratitude is the golden thread that ties these seasons together.

Of course, remembrance also stirs up sadness. We miss those who are no longer with us. But even in the midst of loss, we find grace: the love of God that holds every memory, every life, every story. That love is bigger than grief, and it gives us hope.

This autumn we would love to welcome you at St Mary's. We will be celebrating Harvest together in early October, giving thanks for God's goodness. In November we hold two special opportunities to remember: our All Souls Service with Requiem Music at 6pm on Sunday 2 November, a gentle and beautiful time to name and honour loved ones who have died; and our Service of Remembrance at 10.30am on Sunday 9 November, when we gather as a community to honour those who gave their lives in conflict and to pray for peace.

Do come along – you will be very welcome. Together we will give thanks, remember with love, and find hope in the God whose grace holds us all. ☒

Community events at Winterbourne Medieval Barn Talk: "Filton in Space, 60 Years and Counting", on Tuesday 7 October, at 7pm. The British Aircraft Company at Filton entered the 'space race' in 1956, providing part of the first British rocket to reach space in November 1957, just a few weeks after Sputnik 1. The space business continued in Filton until 1999 in the hands of British Aerospace and Matra Marconi Space. In that time over 60 spacecraft were launched with Filton designed and built hardware on board. To coincide with World Space Week, Terry Ransome tells the story. Terry spent 30 years working in the space industry in Filton and worldwide.

On Friday 17 October at 7pm, there will be Cider Tasting under the guidance of David Lindgren, who has many years' experience of managing orchards in Gloucestershire and making cider. Taste a range of ciders and perry in this informative but fun workshop. Learn how cider is made and what makes the difference between a local craft cider and the mass-produced supermarket products. Strictly over 18s only.

Booking for these events is online at Ticketsource or via the Barn's website: www.winterbournebarn.org.uk. Winterbourne Medieval Barn, Church Lane, Winterbourne BS36 1SE.



The AAG presents a talk by Professor Gareth Williams, “Tube Alloys”, the story of the British scientists who built the first atomic bombs. Their names are mostly forgotten but they changed the course of history. Without them, the Manhattan Project and Los Alamos would never have happened, and

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The talk takes place on Thursday 13 November at 7.30pm in St. Mary’s Church Hall, Eastbury Road. Tickets cost £7.50, with tea/coffee and cake, from 01454 850933 or AAGThornbury@gmail.com.



A tour of Thornbury Castle will take place on 1 November at 10.30am. Discover the hidden treasures of this unique Tudor Castle. Learn about the beheadings associated with the Castle, which are a microcosm of the whole Tudor era. Back by popular demand, this tour has limited availability. Tickets are priced at £15 per person and are available from the British Heart Foundation shop, St Mary’s Centre, Thornbury. The tour is suitable for children aged over 12. All proceeds to the British Heart Foundation.

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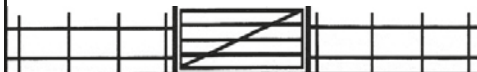
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- Thu 2** Thornbury Art Club, Thursday Painting Studio Group, SMCH, 1.30-4.30pm. 07776 271010.
Farmers Market, St Mary Centre, 9am-1.30pm. 01454 888822.
Ballroom and Latin dance classes, beginners and improvers, MCH, 7-8.30pm every Thursday. 01454 415346 for further details.
Computer Support 1-1, TL, 10am, 11am and 12pm, every Thursday. To book a session: thornbury.library@southglos.gov.uk or 01454 868006.
Krunch Senior Youth Club, school years 9 -11, TCC, 6.30-8pm, every Thursday. Admission £1. penny@krunch.org.uk.
Write Now! URC (small hall), 10am-12noon, 1st Thursday every month. Contact ministerththurc@gmail.com or ring 0117 3305598.
Developing Through the Senses, JIGSAW, St Mary Centre, 10-11.30am, pre-school children with additional needs and their parent or carer, every term-time Thursday. £3 per young person. www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk/events.
Community Roadshow Well-being Drop-in, Alveston Methodist Church, 2-4pm
- Fri 3** Rhymetime, TL, 9.30-10am, every Friday (except Bank Holidays).
North Bristol and South Glos Foodbank, TBC, 1.30-4pm, every Friday.
Sequence Dancing classes, beginners and improvers, MCH, 6-8pm, fortnightly, Fridays. 01454 415346 for further details.
Haven Memory Café, URC, 10.15-11.45am. Sue Walton 07794 370903.
"Have You Read?", open book club for everyone, TL, 2-3pm.
Thornbury Stamp Club, CCC, 7.15 for 7.30pm, Members: Letter L. Carlton 01454 260517 or Martin 01179 696808.
Thornbury Arts Festival, James Dowdeswell, comedian, CKCH, 7.30pm. £18 from www.thornburyartsfestival.org.uk.
Thornbury Picture House, film, *Kidnapped: the Abduction of Edgardo Mortara*, TMCH, doors open 7pm. Guests £6.
- Sat 4** Coffee morning, URC, 10am-12noon, every Saturday. For further information contact Mark on 07564 874221.
Little Stars Drama Group, MCH, 5-7year olds 9.15-10.15am, 7-12year olds 10.30am-12noon, every Saturday. Caroline 07890 869263.
Thornbury parkrun, weekly, 9am, Mundy Playing Fields, 5k (just over 3 miles). All ages and abilities welcome – walk, jog or run. thornbury@parkrun.com.
Thornbury Litter Busters, meet at The Swan, 9.30am every 1st Saturday of the month for a group litter pick. Contact 01454 414703 or email thornburylitterbusters@gmail.com.
LEGO Club, TL, 9.30-10.30am, every Saturday. No booking required.
Thornbury Hockey Club, Castle School, 10am, Ladies 1st v Bristol Uni 3rds.
Thornbury Arts Festival, "Nell Gwynne and Charles II", Lesley Smith and Dr Gareth Williams, SMC, 7.30pm. £18, from www.thornburyartsfestival.org.uk.
Thornbury Town Band concert, St James' Church, Tytherington, 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from Tytherington Village Shop or 01454 412515.
- Sun 5** Thornbury Rambling Club meets RSCP, 9am every Sunday. Details: Sue 01454 413924 or Frances 07793 666972 or www.thornburyramblers.org.uk.
- Mon 6** Over 60s Tea Room, TH, 10am-3pm every Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays). Hot drinks 50p, homemade cake 50p a slice.
Rhymetime and Stories, TL, 9.30-10am, every Monday (except Bank Holidays). Tel. 01454 868006 or pop into the library for information.
Thornbury Table Tennis Club, CS Sports Hall, 7-9.30pm, every Monday and Wednesday. Open to all. For further information Tel. 01454 854790.

- Mon 6** Volunteer Centre, TH, open Monday to Friday, 10.30am-12 noon.
Continued Thornbury Camera Club, TCC, 7.30pm, for more information contact secretary.thornburycameraclub@gmail.com.
- Tue 7** Thornbury Art Club, Tuesday Painting Studio Group, SMCH, 1.30-4.30pm. 01454 414433.
 Citizens Advice sessions, TH, 10am to 12noon, every Tuesday. No appointment needed to see an advisor.
 Thornbury Town Band rehearsals, URC, 7.30-9.30pm. Every Tuesday.
 JIGSAW Tuesday Group, 15/17 St Mary's Centre, drop in for parents and carers, 10-11.30am every term time Tuesday. Free, donations welcome. Visit www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk/events.
 Just Sew It, CCC, 6.30-9.30pm every Tuesday. £6. Carrie 07753 236095.
 Sunbeams Toddler Group, MCH, 1.30-3pm every term-time Tuesday. All families with babies and toddlers welcome. £2 per family. See our Facebook page, [Sunbeams Toddler Group: Thornbury](#) for more information.
 Thornbury Men's Shed, 6 Eastland Rd, 9am-5pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Contact 01454 414834 or thornburymensshed@gmail.com.
 Family Café, TBC, 10am-12noon, with soft play for toddlers, every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. office@thornburybaptistchurch.co.uk or 01454 419118
 Youth groups, TBC, Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays, for different age groups. office@thornburybaptistchurch.co.uk or 01454 419118.
 Northavon Dolls House Club, Alveston Methodist Church, 2pm, every first Tuesday. New members welcome. Contact Mrs V Craig 07577 161092.
 Walking Well, gentle walks approx. 1¼ hours, every first and third Tuesday. Meet outside MS charity shop, St Mary Centre, 10am. Sign up via www.southglos.gov.uk and search for 'walkingwell'.
 Thornbury & District Museum open 1-4pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and Saturday 10am-4pm. Free entry.
 Thornbury Community Permaculture Project, Alexandra Way Care Home, BS35 1LA, gardening 9.30-11.30am every Tuesday and every second Saturday of the month. For details: tcpp@sustainablethornbury.org.
 Circle Dancing, MCH, 6.30-8.30pm, also Tuesdays 14th and 21st. Cost £8. Turn up or contact vickislade1@outlook.com or 07516 999384. Newcomers welcome.
 Town Council, TH, 7.30pm, Staffing Committee.
 Winterbourne Medieval Barn community event, 7pm. Talk, Terry Ransome, "Filton in Space, 60 Years and Counting". www.winterbournebarn.org.uk.
- Wed 8** Let's Sing to Remember, SMCH, 1.30-3.15pm. Also Wednesday 22nd. Gill Dunkley 01454 28180 or oldmalthouse@btconnect.com.
 Inner Wheel Club, Ship Hotel, Alveston. 2nd Wednesday every month. Contact the Secretary pat.rawlings@hotmail.com or 01454 418673 for more information and time of meeting.
 u3a Thornbury Investment Group 1 Club, Tockington Methodist Church, 10am, 2nd Wednesday every month.
 Royal British Legion Coffee and Chat, The Swan, High St, 10-11.30am, 2nd Wednesday every month.
- Sat 11** Dads and Kids, fun craft morning for Pre-school and KS1 children and dads and grandads, SMCH, 2nd Saturday every month, term-time, 10am-12noon.
 Royal British Legion Veterans' Breakfast, 2nd Saturday every month, The Swan, 9-11.30am.
 Thornbury Art Club, Outdoor Sketching Group, 2nd Saturday every month. www.facebook.com/ThornburyArtClub or publicrelations.tac@gmail.com.

- Sat 11** Thornbury Hockey Club, Castle School, Mens 1sts v Bristol and West 5ths, *Continued* 10am; Ladies 2 v Wick 3rds, 11.30am.
CRUK Autumn Fayre, St Helen's School, Alveston, 10am-1pm.
- Mon 13** Thornbury Camera Club, TCC, 7.30pm, Huw Alban, "That's not a Landscape".
Contact: secretary.thornburycameraclub@gmail.com.
Severn Vale Flower Club, SMCH, 2pm, Caroline Cooper, "In a Previous Life".
Competition: "Autumn at its best".
- Tue 14** Thornbury Memory Café, MCH, 10.15-11.45am. Sue Rowley 01454 412941 or Louise Wright 07800 776998.
Thornbury Local History Society, SMCH, 7.30pm, Ann Taylor, "400 Years of Stroudwater Mills". Members free, visitors £3.50.
Town Council, TH, 7.30pm, Finance and General Purpose Committee.
Eastwood Gardeners' Club, TCC, 7.30pm. Sue Aitken on the history of Thornbury in Bloom. Visitors welcome.
- Thu 16** Farmers Market, St Mary Centre, 9am-1.30pm. 01454 888822.
- Fri 17** Haven Memory Café, URC, 10.15-11.45am. Sue Walton 07794 370903.
Thornbury Stamp Club, CCC, 7.15 for 7.30pm, Dr Gwynne Harries, "Meter Mail and Stuff!" Carlton 01454 260517 or Martin 01179 696808.
u3a New Members' Welcome meeting, SMCH, 3.30pm.
Winterbourne Medieval Barn community event, 7pm, Cider Tasting with David Lindgren. www.winterbournebarn.org.uk to book.
- Sat 18** Peace Vigil on Thornbury High Street, 10.30-11am, 3rd Saturday every month.
Thornbury Hockey Club, Castle School, Mens 1sts v Bristol/UWE 2nds, 10am; Ladies 2 v South Gloucs2, 11.30am.
Thornbury Good Afternoon Choir, Charity Concert, with Dodington Parish Band, SMC, 7.30pm



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- Mon 20** Thornbury Camera Club, TCC, 7.30pm, Ruth Spencer, "Photography in cold climates (Canada and Norway)". Contact: secretary.thornburycameraclub@gmail.com.
- Tue 21** Town Council, TH, 7.30pm, Climate and Nature Committee.
- Wed 22** Severn Valley Quilters, SMCH, 7.30pm, Jo Routley, "Japanese embroidery".
Alveston Local History Society, Alveston Methodist Church, 7.30pm, Dr Michael Whitfield, "The Story of Cossham Hospital and Handel Cossham".
- Fri 24** School Term 1 ends.
- Sat 25** Meet your Town Councillors session, TH, 10am-12.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits available. Last Saturday every month except August and December.
Thornbury Hockey Club, Castle School, Mens 1sts v Gwent 4ths, 10am.
Bristol Ensemble Concert, "Classical Masterpieces by Candlelight", URC, 7.30pm. Tickets £20 from AAGThornbury@gmail.com or 01454 850933.
- Sun 26** Thornbury Royal British Legion, The Wheatsheaf skittle alley, 12.30pm, last Sunday of every month. All welcome.
- Mon 27** Thornbury Camera Club, TCC, 7.30pm, Internal Competition Round 1 (open). Contact: secretary.thornburycameraclub@gmail.com.
Severn Vale Flower Club, SMCH, 1.30-3.30pm, Practice Class: "Glorious Autumn".
- Tue 28** Thornbury Memory Café, MCH, 10.15-11.45am. Sue Rowley 01454 412941 or Louise Wright 07800 776998.
Thornbury Art Club, club night, SMCH, 7.15 for 7.30pm. Mark Warner on the use of tone and colour in landscape painting. Non-members £6.
- Wed 29** Thornbury Magazine distribution.
Half Term Crafts, TL, 10.30am-12noon for primary school age children.

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Thu 30 Town Council, TH, 7.30pm, Planning Committee.
Fri 31 Parkinson's Support Group, CCC, 11am-2pm. Coffee 11am, lunch (optional) from 12noon, last Friday every month. Sally Derham 07443 332150 or sally.derham@outlook.com.
 Thornbury Stamp Club, CCC, 7.15 for 7.30pm, Mick Cant, "Airmails of the World". Carlton 01454 260517 or Martin 01179 696808.
 Thornbury Picture House, film, *Reality*, TMCH, doors open 7pm. Guests £6.

NOVEMBER

Sat 1 Thornbury Art Club, Painting Workshop on Watercolours with Catherine Beale. Thornbury Castle tour, 10.30am. £15, tickets from the British Heart Foundation Shop, St Mary Centre.
 JIGSAW's Purple Party, Thornbury Golf Club. Book tickets at www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk.
Sun 2 All Souls Service with Requiem music, SMC, 6pm.
Mon 3 School Term 2 starts.
Tues 4 Severn Vale Flower Club, Christmas Open Evening, Olveston and Tockington Parish Hall, 7.30pm.
Sat 8 Thornbury Volunteer Centre, Christmas Tabletop Sale, TMCH, 10am-1pm.
Sun 9 Service of Remembrance, SMC, 10.30am.
 Thornbury Young Musicians 10th Anniversary Concert, URC, 3pm. Tickets £7.50, under 16s £5, from AAGThornbury@gmail.com or 01454 850933.
Thu 13 AAG talk, Prof Gareth Williams, "Tube Alloys", SMCH, 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50, from 01454 850933 or AAGThornbury@gmail.com.
Sat 15 Christmas Craft Fair, TBC, 10.30am-2.30pm.
 Christmas Lights Switch-on, 6pm by The Pump. Community market 2-7pm.
Fri 21 TAD League of Friends, AGM, with talk and light refreshments, SMCH, 3pm.

Venue abbreviations: CCC-Chantry Community Centre, CKCH-Christ the King Church Hall, CS-Castle School, LCCP-Leisure Centre Car Park, MCH-Methodist Church Hall, RSCP-Rock Street Car Park, SMC-St Mary's Church, SMCH-St Mary's Church Hall, SPC-St Paul's Church, TBC-Thornbury Baptist Church, TCC-Turnberrie's Community Centre, TH-Thornbury Town Hall, TL-Thornbury Library, TLC-Thornbury Leisure Centre, TMC-Thornbury Methodist Church, URC-United Reformed Church.

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ANGLICAN: St Mary's Parish Church and St Paul's, The Hackett: Service every Sunday, 9am at St Paul's, 10.30am at St Mary's. Please see, Facebook or website www.thornburybenefice.org for up to date information.

BAPTIST: Gillingstool, Family Service 10.30am. Tel. 01454 419118.

METHODIST: High Street: Sunday Morning Service 11am.
 Wednesday Shoppers' Service 11am. Tel. 01454 418176.

ROMAN CATHOLIC: Christ the King, Castle Street: Mass Sundays 9am, 10.30am.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH: Chapel Street: Family Morning Worship Sunday 10.45am.
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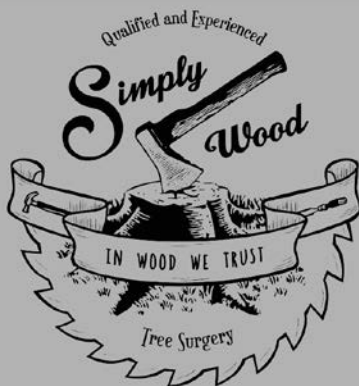
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