

This is the Parish Council sponsored Newsletter for April 2017, giving details of forthcoming events and other items we think will be of interest.

#### Parish Council Notes:

- a. As a reminder, the **Parish Council Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 starting at 7:30 p.m. The agenda will include a report on progress against the Parish Plan, details of our financial position and aspirations for future improvements to the village infrastructure. We would be very pleased to see you there.
- b. Another very successful annual “**Litter Picking Day**” was held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you to all those who volunteered. As usual, the size of the pile of litter surprised us all (see photo), but we now have a clean village again!
- c. The next task is for a **Working Party to clear some of the ditches along the road towards Forthampton Court** on Saturday 22nd April. The task should not take more than an hour or two if we get sufficient volunteers. We will meet at the bus stop in Bishop’s Walk at 10 a.m. If you can spare some time, please contact Alan Brown on 01684 291220 or via email to: [skepcott1@gmail.com](mailto:skepcott1@gmail.com)
- d. The University of Gloucestershire is seeking **Simulated Patients for Nurse Training**. They are currently looking to recruit people who have an interest in shaping the future of nursing care in Gloucestershire, in order to support the education of our students through the use of simulated patient care. Simulated patients are people who play the role of someone that the students might meet as part of their clinical practice; this enables students to practice and develop their nursing skills around communication and care prior to going into their placements. Your experience would benefit the students and future service users by you being able to ‘play the patient’ by being the actual patient, or relative, while the students have to assess, plan and care for you. Full training and support is provided. If you feel you would like to shape the direction of future nursing care and can offer your time around 1-6 days a year, then please get in touch with **Rachel Jefferies, University of Gloucestershire. Tel: 01242 714579 or email [rjefferies1@glos.ac.uk](mailto:rjefferies1@glos.ac.uk)** explaining where you saw this message.
- e. Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) has joined other services around the country to urge residents to **stop using white goods that have been recalled**. GFRS attends more than two incidents every month involving defective white goods and, as part of their Safe and Well campaign, carry out free checks of all white goods in the home. Trained teams will visit, free of charge, and carry a full safety check for residents. You can book a visit by calling free on 0800 180 41 40 or visiting [www.glosfire.gov.uk](http://www.glosfire.gov.uk).

#### **White goods fire safety tips:**

- Be sure to register your appliances so you can be contacted if a safety repair is ever needed. It’s easier than you think! Visit <http://www.registermyppliance.org.uk/>
- You can also use the free “self service” model checker on the following websites or call 0800 151 0905 to confirm if your appliance is affected and for details on the next steps should your model require corrective action.
  - For Hotpoint, Creda or Proline – <http://safety.hotpoint.eu>
  - For Indesit – <http://safety.indesit.eu>

- For Swan – <http://safety-swan.eu>
- Don't leave appliances such as dishwashers, washing machines and tumble dryers running overnight or when the house is empty.
- Good housekeeping can reduce the risk of fire – dusty vents on fridges should be cleaned and lint filters cleaned regularly.
- If your tumble dryer is taking longer to dry your clothes, the vent hose may need cleaning out.
- Research reveals that 32% of people would continue to use white goods even if they started making strange noises. It's never wise to ignore strange appliance noises – turn the appliance off and call an electrician.
- Make sure you have working smoke alarms and a fire escape plan.

## 2. Church Notices:

- a. **Services at St Mary's, Forthampton** for the coming weeks are:
  - i. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)
  - ii. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6 p.m. (Evensong) - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month
  - iii. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30 a.m. (Morning Worship – complementary coffee served afterwards).
- b. The annual “**Dessert Island Evening**” fund raiser will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April in church starting at 7:30 p.m. For tickets (which are just £7:50 each to include wine and desserts) contact Pete Remmer on 01684 297903. All funds raised will go towards the church fabric fund.

## 3. Village Hall Notices:

- a. **Repairs to the Village Hall ceiling** have now been completed, the hall has been redecorated and the curtains re-hung making everything look bright and cheerful. The Village Hall committee looks forward to welcoming visitors old and new at the next monthly fayre which will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017. There will be a full cooked breakfast available for just £5; please help by ordering in advance by contacting Lyndon on 01684 275350
- b. On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 a “**Race Night**” will be held in the Village Hall. Tickets are just £7.50 to include a Fish & Chip Supper and can be ordered by 10<sup>th</sup> May from Lyndon on 01684 275350 or Jean on 01684 298754.
- c. **The next project is for improved access to the Hall. Plans** have been submitted to the Planning Authorities at Tewkesbury Borough Council. Once approval has been obtained a Grant will be applied for. The work will include an improved footpath and handrails on both sides of the path up to the door. An artist's impression is on view in the Village Hall and if you have any questions or thoughts, please contact Lyndon 01684 275350.
- d. To book Forthampton Village Hall for a social event please contact Jean Morgan on 01684 297854.

4. At the April Meeting of **Forthampton WI** members met again back at Forthampton Village Hall after the ceiling refurbishment and redecoration. We were very happy to have Ann Burden our secretary back with us after an unexpected health problem. We welcomed four members from our fellow Group institutes to our spring meeting and we all enjoyed our speaker, Sandra Ashenford, talking about 'Objects of Days Gone By'. We were given 20 objects of a vintage character to examine and to guess what they were, including something that looked very much like a rolling pin with a series of rubber suckers which revolved around it length (early massager), to a large egg shaped metal container (hand warmer). This provoked much discussion amongst us with one member guessing 18 correctly! Planning for the forthcoming Group Social at Hartpury, hosted by Ashleworth WI, and the outings to Oxford and the forthcoming croquet sessions completed the business of the day, and finally we all enjoyed tea cake and a good chatter. The next meeting is May 9th at 2.00pm Forthampton village Hall. Please ring Tessa Hadley 01684 297463 for more info.
  
5. On Monday 24th the **Sevenside Walking Group** will explore the area around Dymock taking in part of the Daffodil Way and the local (now disused) canal. In may we plan to take a walk around the Pershore area. So, if you enjoy walking and meeting friends, simply contact Alan Brown on 01684 291220 or e-mail: [skepcott1@gmail.com](mailto:skepcott1@gmail.com) for full details.