

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

## 1. Parish Council Notes:

- a. Arrangements have been made for the annual **“Litter Picking Day”** to be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We will meet at the Cross in the village centre at 10 a.m. Tewkesbury Borough Council will supply the usual gloves, “pickers”, refuse sacks and “Hi-Viz” jackets for all sizes. The task should not take more than a couple of hours so please come along and help us to keep the village clean and free of litter.
- b. The Parish Council now **planted two replacement laburnum trees** on the green opposite the bus shelter to compensate for two of the trees that have died. Further plantings will be considered later in the year. Thanks to John Holloway and Mark Russell for the hard work in undertaking the purchase and planting.
- c. Following the request submitted to the Highways Department to **clear the various drains** along the road beyond the church towards Chaceley and to repair or replace the broken posts near the War Memorial, the Highways Department have responded positively and started work on clearing the drains. This is still a “work in progress” but it is good to see action being taken
- d. A reminder that, at this time of year, with cold weather adding to various other factors, the Tewkesbury Food Bank are in need of donations. So, if you can spare anything like sponge puddings, mashed potato or tinned ham, please get in touch with the foodbank either by phone to 01684 296824 or via email to: [info@tewkesburyfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@tewkesburyfoodbank.org.uk)
- e. **Gloucestershire County Council needs foster carers** in this area to give stable and loving homes to older children, teenagers and sibling groups. If you are over 21 and have a spare room, they’d love to hear from you. In return you can expect:
  - Tax-free allowances of up to £650 a week paid for 56 weeks of the year
  - Additional allowances, including transport, Local support and training. If you think you might be interested, check out their web site at: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fostering)

## 2. Church Notices:

- a. **Services at St Mary’s, Forthampton** for the coming weeks are:
  - i. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 11 a.m. (Sung Eucharist)
  - ii. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)
  - iii. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6 p.m. (Evensong) - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month
  - iv. Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30 a.m. (Morning Worship – complementary coffee served afterwards).
- b. The annual **“Dessert Island Evening”** fund raiser will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April in church starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from Pete Remmer and just £7 each to include wine and desserts; all funds raised will go towards the church fabric fund.

## 3. Village Hall Notices:

- a. **The next Village Fayre** will take place on Saturday 4th March 2017. Shortly after this the ceiling in the Hall will be repaired and painted. The top half of the walls will also be painted, and it is hoped the work will be completed in 2-3 weeks. User groups will be contacted regarding dates and progress.
  - b. On Saturday 18th February 2017 Becky Gibbs will host a **Pheasant Supper** in the Village Hall starting at 7pm for 7.30pm. The supper will comprise 3 courses consisting of: starter (potted confit of pheasant leg with salad leaves & crusty bread), main (pheasant casserole with creamed potatoes & green vegetables), and dessert (orange & lemon cake with blueberries & creme fraiche). The Supper will cost £12.50, tickets from Lyndon 01684 275350 or Jean 01684 297854. Please book early as numbers are limited to 40.
  - c. **Another Date for your Diaries:** Beccy Wynne will be running **Pilates** which will start on a date to be announced after the ceiling repair work is completed (see attached poster).
  - d. **The plan for improved access to the Hall** has now been submitted to the Planning Authorities at Tewkesbury Borough Council. Once agreement has been obtained a Grant will be applied for. The Plan will be in the Village Hall for all to see, and if you have any questions or thoughts, please contact Lyndon 01684 275350.
  - e. To book Forthampton Village Hall for a social event please contact Jean Morgan on 01684 297854.
4. The February meeting welcomed Tore Fauske our speaker whose account of 'Growing up in German Occupied Norway' fascinated members, some of whom were prompted to recall memories of wartime experiences here in Britain, although mercifully not in an occupied Britain. The business of the day was briskly worked through, and we heard that in Gloucestershire the National Resolution that has achieved most votes was entitled 'Alleviating Loneliness'. We await the results from the rest of the country. Date of next meeting is Tuesday 14th March at 2.15pm, Forthampton Village Hall. The speaker is Philip Mugeridge, his talk is entitled Gardening for Wildlife. Please phone Tessa Hadley 01684 297463 for more details.
5. On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February the **Forthampton Walking Group** will take a shortish walk through the woods and fields starting from the Royal Oak in Andoversford. Then, in March we will explore the area around Snowhill. 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.