

This is the 56th Parish Council sponsored Newsletter giving details of forthcoming events and other items we think will be of interest.

1. **Parish Council Notes:**

- a. Residents and businesses in Gloucestershire and Herefordshire are being invited to contribute to a major **survey of broadband availability** across the two counties. The survey is being undertaken by researchers at the Royal Agricultural University (RAU) as part of the 'Evaluation of the impact of superfast broadband in Herefordshire and Gloucestershire' due to be published in 2017. **The online survey will be live until the end of November** and responses will feed directly into the Fastershire project. The results will also help demonstrate the level of demand in communities that are yet to benefit from the Fastershire rollout and help to raise their profile for better broadband with potential suppliers. To take part in the survey, which should only take about 5 minutes to complete, please visit - www.broadband-feedback.com.
- b. The installation of the **defibrillator** in the (former) telephone box will be completed during the week of 14-18 November and arrangements have been made for a training session to be held in the Village Hall at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday 3rd December (immediately after the monthly Fayre). So, anyone who wishes to know more about how to operate the defibrillator, just come along to the Village Hall – or even come to the fayre and stay for a few minutes afterwards.
- c. Following the concerns raised over **dog fouling**, particularly in and around the churchyard the Parish Council have now purchased and installed 2 dog bins to enable dog owners to dispose of materials hygienically. One is located near the junction of Bishops Walk and Church Lane (opposite the club); the other is located further up Bishops Walk towards the road to Corse Lawn (B4211). Notices have also been erected to encourage dog owners to clean up and use the bins. These bins will be emptied on a regular basis by Tewkesbury Borough Council Refuse Department.
- d. The **Christmas lights in Tewkesbury** will be turned on by Santa Claus on Sunday 20 November. There will also be a Christmas Market in the High Street.
- e. Young Gloucestershire is an organisation that runs a **mentoring programme for 16-25 year olds** specifically to support them with their next steps in to Education, Employment or Training. Volunteers from various industries are matched with young people who want to go into that industry in order to support them and also help them grow their self-confidence and self-esteem. Young Gloucestershire are looking for volunteer mentors and mentees. If you would like more information, just contact: Michelle Chatham, Mentoring Lead, Young Gloucestershire, Tel: 01452 501008.
- f. On the subject of the **Joint Core Strategy** the Parish Council have been notified that the Ministry of Defence have now decided that a significant portion of the MoD site in Ashchurch will **not** be released for housing. The three Borough Councils will now, therefore, meet to consider the implications of this latest news and expect to make an announcement early next year.
- g. At the beginning of November, **new waste and recycling collection calendars** will be issued to all properties outlining their collection days as well as the bank holiday collection changes which will take place over the Christmas and New Year period. In addition, from April 2017, the collection days for approximately 50% of properties in

Tewkesbury Borough will change because the increase in the number of homes in the borough has put pressure on the current collection rounds.

Collection day changes over Xmas and New Year are as follows:

Normal Collection Day

Monday 26 December (bank hol)
Tuesday 27 December (bank hol)
Wednesday 28 December
Thursday 29 December
Friday 30 December
Monday 2 January (bank hol)
the 26/12/16)
Tuesday 3 January
Wednesday 4 January
Thursday 5 January
Friday 6 January

Revised Collection Day

no collections
Wednesday 28 December
Thursday 29 December
Friday 30 December
Saturday 31 December
Tuesday 3 January (catch up food collection from
Wednesday 4 January
Thursday 5 January
Friday 6 January
Saturday 7 January

Monday 9 January – collections back to normal schedule (extra material will be collected from both refuse and recycling as a catch up collection for the missed collection on the 26 December)

- h. Officers at Tewkesbury Police Station are offering **free crime prevention surveys** to home owners. If you would like a crime prevention survey please email PCSO Karl Simpson Karl.Simpson@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk and provide the following details: Name, Full address and a contact number. An Officer will then contact you to arrange a visit. Alternatively you can call 101 and leave a message for Karl.

2. Church Notices:

- a. **A Concert will be held in St Mary's Church** on Saturday evening 19th November starting at 7:30 p.m. Paul Downes will be performing and tickets are just £10 available from Hazel Saunders on 07811 643115 or via email: hazelandrew60@hotmail.com A cash bar will be available.
- b. **Services at St Mary's, Forthampton** for the coming weeks are:
 - i. Sunday 20th November at 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist – 3rd Sunday of the month
 - ii. Sunday 27th November at 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion: BCP) – 4th Sunday
 - iii. Sunday 4th December at 6 p.m. (Evensong) - 1st Sunday of the month
 - iv. Sunday 11th November at 9:30 a.m. (Morning Worship – complementary coffee served afterwards)
- c. This year's **Carol Service** will be held in St Mary's Church, Forthampton on Sunday 18th December starting at 6 p.m.

3. Village Hall Notices:

- a. **The Food & Craft Fayre** in November raised the excellent sum of £130 helping to raise much needed funds for repairs and maintenance of the hall. The next Fayre is scheduled for Saturday 3rd December, so please come along and support it, meet up with friends and have a bacon or sausage roll with your cuppa. A "full English breakfast" will be available on this occasion which needs to be booked in advance by calling Lyndon on 01684 275350 or via email at: lyndonmclean@aol.com. And, as mentioned earlier, there will also be a demonstration of how to operate the newly installed defibrillator; so make a note in your diaries. See attached poster.

- b. **The Bonfire and Fireworks evening** organised by Alan and Anabel McKinnon on 5 November was a huge success. As well as being a very enjoyable evening, it helped to raise over £500 which will be divided between Village Hall and Church maintenance funds. Alan and Anabel would like to thank the Parish Council for their generous contribution towards the fireworks which really helped make the bonfire party the success it was
 - c. The Forthampton Village Hall Committee invites you to a **Children's Christmas Party** in the Village Hall on Sunday December 11th 2016 between 3.00pm to 6.00pm. There will be Party Games, Tea, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies and FATHER CHRISTMAS will make an appearance. Tickets are just £5 per adult, and children are free. RSVP to anabelmckinnon@aol.com or Lyndon 01684 275350 lyndonmclean@aol.com See attached poster
 - d. The **Christmas Whist Drive** will be held on 14th December and the Village Hall Committee would like to make up a Hamper(s) for the raffle, if you would like to make a donation of tins, bottles, biscuits or anything else suitable please ring Jean on 01684 297854 or Lyndon on 01685 275350, your donations will be much appreciated.
 - e. And after Christmas, Barrett Tree Services will be at Forthampton Village Hall on 7th January 2017 **to recycle your Christmas Trees**, let's see if we can beat last year's record of 22 Trees. Tea Coffee and Bacon Rolls will be available in the Hall from 10.30 to 12.30, looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year.
 - f. Finally thank you to everyone who has supported the Village Hall Committee over the past year and helped to raise much needed funds. You have been brilliant - without you the Village Hall could not survive. Finally, finally the Committee, Jean, Rachael, Mark, Nick and Lyndon wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.
 - g. To book Forthampton Village Hall for a social event please contact Jean Morgan on 01684 297854.
4. The November meeting of the **Forthampton & District WI** included the AGM where we welcomed Frances Parish and Jane Edwards onto our existing committee, Philippa Holloway, Liz Lean, Janie Kirby, Polly Willmott, Deanna Bartlett and the principal officers Tessa Hadley - President, Diana Carter - Vice President, Ann Burden - Secretary and Lynda Remmer - Treasurer. After a review of the year's activities, financial position, and thanks all round, the members enjoyed an exhibition and talk about the most wonderful selection quilts made by four of our members, it was a real treat. A special Christmas raffle to raise funds for the Denman Appeal was well supported, as was the Bring and Buy sale. We venture out to The Chase Hotel in Ross-on-Wye for our Festive lunch on 13th December in place of our usual meeting. Please call Tessa Hadley if you'll like to come along to any of our meetings, which are held in the Village Hall
5. On Monday 14 November the **Forthampton Walking Group** will explore the area around Brimpsfield and Syde starting from the Brimpsfield Village Hall, then in December we hope to take a local walk around Ashleworth. So, if you enjoy walking and meeting friends, simply contact Alan Brown on 01684 291220 or e-mail: skepcott1@gmail.com for full details.