

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

Parish Council Notes:

- a. There will be no **Parish Council Meeting** this month; the next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 13th July starting at 7:45 p.m.
- b. From 19 to 23 June, **Hempsted Household Recycling Centre (HRC)** in Gloucester will be closed to finish the work already underway to accommodate more traffic and reduce queues. The changes are being made in response to customer feedback and increased use. Work includes extending the upper road area and creating a multiple lane system, as well as increasing the boundary size to accommodate heavy vehicles. The plans will also make it possible for a reuse shop to be added in the future. Alternative recycling facilities are available at the HRCs at Stoke Orchard, Fosse Cross, Wingmoor Farm, Oak Quarry and Pyke Quarry.
- c. Gloucestershire Constabulary have informed the Parish Council that, at this time of year, there is always an increase in traders in the Tewkesbury area offering services such as work on driveways, garden services and general other maintenance services, and have requested that we advise people who are considering using these services to ensure they research the company/people they are using. If you are not happy about the work do not pay and seek advice from the Citizens Advice Bureau
- d. For those who use (or are considering using) the **Staunton and Corse GP Surgery**, their Summer newsletter is attached.
- e. **Recent changes have been made to the Joint Core Strategy (JCS)**. The most notable changes have been an increase in the housing requirements from 30,500 to 35,175 across the JCS area along with the addition of a number of extra sites, namely at Twigworth, West of Cheltenham and Winnycroft. Significantly the site at MoD Ashchurch has been removed from the plan owing to an ongoing operational need for the site for at least the next 10 years. This has left a supply shortfall of approximately 2,800 for Tewkesbury Borough and the JCS team proposes an immediate review of the plan to address how this will be delivered. Engagement with parish councils and neighbourhood plan groups will be undertaken as part of this process. It is hoped that consultation on a preferred options plan will take place from September 2017.
- f. **The Tewkesbury Food & Drink Festival** returns to the town on the 24th - 25th June 2017 in what is set to be another fantastic event. The festival is again, going back to its roots - being held in the Tewkesbury Abbey grounds and will provide a weekend of fun and foodie delights. All of the original popular highlights will be there including a Food & Drink marquee with more than 60 stalls offering a wealth of local produce including award-winning cheeses, locally reared meat, homemade cakes and pastries, local wine, beer and cider plus much more. Adults £2.50 under 14s FREE. The event will feature a cookery theatre with live demonstrations from local chefs and experts.

2. Church Notices:

- a. **Services at St Mary's, Forthampton** for the coming weeks are:
 - i. Sunday 18th June at 11 a.m. (sung Eucharist)
 - ii. Sunday 25th at 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)
 - iii. Sunday 2nd July at 6 p.m. (Evensong)

- iv. Sunday 9th July at 9:30 a.m. (Morning Worship – complementary coffee served afterwards).
- b. The service at St Mary's on Sunday 4th June was wonderfully different in that it was attended by the monks and nuns from the **Benedictine Community at Mucknell Abbey**. Tea/coffee and cakes were served before the service, giving the congregation the opportunity to chat to the visitors and learn more about their Order. to
- c. **Chaceley PCC are holding a fete on Saturday 24th June** at Chaceley Hall from 1:30 until 5 p.m. Stalls include bric-a-brac, cakes, books, produce and plants. There will also be pony and trap rides, Classic cards, Croquet, Badminton and Clock Golf.

3. Village Hall Notices:

- a. **The monthly fayre** held on 3rd 2017 raised a further £80 which will go towards the maintenance and continued refurbishment of the Village Hall. The next Fayre will be held on Saturday 1st July (see attached poster).
 - b. **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.
 - c. On Saturday and Sunday, 8-9 July there will be **an exhibition of paintings by local artists** – all members of Kate's Art Class. Refreshments of home-made cakes, bacon and cheese rolls, tea, and coffee will be available (including a bar) and the exhibition will be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. So come along and see how good our local artists are! Entry is free and the proceeds from the refreshments will go towards further refurbishment of the Village Hall.
 - d. A date for your diary: A **Birds of Prey event** will be held at the Village hall on Sunday 13th August (not 12th as previously advertised). The event will be held in the field opposite the Village Hall – see attached poster for more details.
 - e. To book Forthampton Village Hall for a social event please contact Jean Morgan on 01684 297854.
 - f. And, at Chaceley Village Hall, there will be a **Pig Roast** on Saturday 15th July starting at 7 p.m.
4. In early June the members of the **Forthampton WI** ventured away from the usual base at the Village Hall for our annual garden visit. We all met at the Fleet Inn at Twyning for lunch and then wound our way to the Showborough House Sculpture exhibition. The lovely gardens and orchard were a brilliant environment to show the many sculptures of every size and style. The sun shone and the breeze was very evident but it didn't spoil exploring the exhibits. Tea and cake were very much enjoyed relaxing in the comfy chairs on the sunny side of the house, with the garden sparkling in the sunshine after a very wet morning. The next meeting is on 11th July when speaker Philip Collins will talk about the history of Punch & Judy. Please telephone Tessa Hadley for more details. 01684 297463.
5. On Monday 26th June the **Sevenside Walking Group** will take a local walk starting from the Lower Lode Inn, then, in July, we hope to follow the "Whittle Way" around Brockworth; a route which has been established as a tribute to Sir Frank Whittle's invention of the Jet Engine So,

if you enjoy walking and meeting friends, simply contact Alan Brown on 01684 291220 or e-mail: skepcott1@gmail.com for full details.