

This is the Parish Council sponsored Newsletter for April 2018, giving details of past and forthcoming events and other items we think will be of interest.

1. Parish Council Notes:

- a. **The annual Litter Picking Day in Forthampton** held on Saturday 14th April 2018 was a great success with about 25 volunteers helping out on the day (including guests from the USA!). The number of volunteers meant that the task was completed within an hour and the surrounding roads are once again clean and tidy. Many thanks to everyone who took part (see attached photo of the results).
- b. The **Spring edition of the Staunton & Corse GP Surgery Newsletter** is attached with advice on a variety of health related subjects, but please note that the date of the Dementia Bus coming to Prince of Wales, Staunton is actually 23rd May and not 18th as advertised in the newsletter.
- c. Tewkesbury's popular **Farmers' and Crafts Market** is back for 2018 with lots of tasty treats and goodies on offer. The market will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month on Abbey Lawns car park on Gander Lane, Tewkesbury (GL20 5PG) and will be packed with stalls offering an array of fresh, seasonal produce and beautiful crafts by local farmers and artists. The markets will carry on throughout the year, so future dates for your diary are: 12 May, 9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November, and 8 December. For more information, go to www.VisitTewkesbury.info
- d. The Parish Council continue to receive messages via **the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**. The latest advice concerns a scam in which Victims receive a telephone call from someone purporting to be a bailiff enforcing a court judgement, attempting to recover funds for a non-existent debt. The fraudsters state the debt originates from the victim not paying a magazine advertisement subscription. The advice offered is:
 - * **Listen to your instinct:** just because someone knows your basic details, such as your name and address, it doesn't mean they are genuine.
 - * **Stay in control: always question cold callers:** always contact the companies directly using a known email or phone number.
 - * **Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision:** a legitimate company will be prepared to wait whilst you verify information.

If you have been affected by this, or any other type of fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Visit Take Five (takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/advice/) and Cyber Aware (cyberaware.gov.uk) for more information about how to protect yourself online.

2. Church Notices:

- a. **Services at St Mary's, Forthampton** for the coming weeks are:
 - i. Wednesday 22nd April at 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)
 - ii. Sunday 6th May at 6 p.m. (Evensong)
 - iii. Sunday 13th May at 9:30 a.m. (30 (Morning Worship) Coffee and biscuits will be served after the service.
 - iv. Sunday 20th May at 11 a.m. (Sung Eucharist)
 - v. Sunday 27th May at 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)

- b. The Annual **Dessert Island Evening** will be held in Church on Friday 18th May starting at 7:30 pm with an interesting mix of musical choices, wine and delicious desserts. Tickets are just £7:50 and are available from Pete Remmer on 01684 297903.
- c. On June 30th there will be a concert in St Mary's Church, Forthampton by the **Cantores Choir in aid of the Tower Appeal. This is a chance to hear** one of the Cotswold's finest choirs with Conductor John Holloway and Organist Neil. Tickets are £15, to include refreshments and are available from John Holloway at Tel: 01684292401 or email:johnandphillipa@btinternet.com
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3. **Village Hall Notices:**

- a. Thank you to everyone that came to our **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday 7th April. A fun morning was had by over 30 children who enjoyed their time in the woods searching for bunnies and afterwards back at the hall with face painting, crafting and lots of cake. A brilliant total of £217 was also raised for the ongoing improvements to the hall. We now hope to make this an annual event.
- b. Please come along and meet the new Village Hall committee at our next event which is a **Bingo & Fish 'n' Chip Supper** in the Village Hall on Saturday 9th June at 7pm, eyes down for 7.30pm. Tickets are just £10 which includes Fish & Chips and a pudding. Contact Pauline Coleman 01684 297276 or Rebecca Wynne 01684 296102. See attached poster
- c. Come and join us for **Pilates** in a relaxed, fun environment on your doorstep. We have a new date and time for the next programme £39 for 6 weeks or £6.50 a session Tuesday evenings 6 till 6.45pm Starting on the 24th April through until the 5th June (no class on the 15th May) Look out for the flyer coming very soon through your door or show your interest now to paulinethebaker@gmail.com or 01684 297276

4. **Forthampton Club Notices:**

- a. The Forthampton Club is a social meeting place offering reasonably priced drinks and snacks in a friendly atmosphere. It is run by volunteers and welcomes members and non-members. Summer opening times are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8pm.
- b. On Saturday 5th May there will be a "70s, 80s, and 90s fancy dress party with prizes for the best costume as well as music, a raffle, food and, of course, the bar will be open
- c. There will also be a Pub Quiz on Saturday 7th June
- d. And a Summer BBQ is planned for Saturday 14th July with lots of good food and live music: So something for everyone.

- 5. At their April meeting, **the Forthampton & District WI** were delighted to welcome historian Rose Hewlett, who gave a fascinating insight into Village Life during the 1914-18 war. Thanks to Heritage Lottery funding, research into village life during that period in Frampton upon Severn had been possible and had resulted in a book entitled *Frampton Remembers World War I*. Frampton was no different from other villages in that the men went off to war and the women took up factory work traditionally undertaken by the men. People from outside the village filled labour shortages. Frampton is situated in the Berkeley Vale. The main modes of transport were bicycle, horse and cart, and by boat on the canal; only two

residents had cars – the lord of the manor and the local doctor. Gloucester and Berkeley Shipping Canal (then the largest shipping canal in the world) was used to transport gravel required for the construction of munitions depots and government shipyards. German prisoners of war and the army worked well together in extracting the gravel. Cadbury's chose to build a factory in Frampton, with its rich pasture and numerous small farms. Cocoa beans were brought up the canal to Frampton and were combined with milk from the surrounding farms to make 'chocolate crumb' which was loaded into narrow boats to begin its journey to Bourneville. Condensed milk was also produced for soldiers. In addition to employment, Cadbury's provided sports facilities in the form of a cricket pitch, hard tennis courts and a Bowls club, thus contributing to the social welfare of an already close-knit community. Our next meeting will be held on 8th May at 2:15 pm. For further information regarding Forthampton WI, please contact Veronica Silber on (01684) 591513.

6. The next outing of the **Sevenside Walking Group** will be on Monday 23rd April when the group will enjoy a lovely walk through bluebell strewn countryside near Monmouth. Then, in May, we will be starting out from The Corner Cupboard in Winchcombe for a walk around the local countryside. So, if you enjoy walking and meeting friends, simply contact Alan Brown on 01684 291220 or e-mail: skepcott1@gmail.com for full details.