

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

1. **Parish Council Notes:**

- a. Tewkesbury Borough Council have issued the following details of their **Waste collection over the Christmas period:**

Usual collection day	Christmas collection date
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	No change (Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> )
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> December Blue bin (Recycling) Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> December
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> December
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> December
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> December
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	No change
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> January

- b. A reminder that, from Monday 3 to Friday 21 December, **Hempsted Household Recycling Centre**, near Gloucester, will be temporarily closed to allow some important upgrades to the site. The method used to compact some types of waste and recyclable materials is being changed. A mobile materials handler will replace the existing static compaction equipment which is old, breaks down frequently and has become expensive to maintain. The new method will save money and also give more operational flexibility. The information on this closure can be found at [www.recycleforgloucestershire.com](http://www.recycleforgloucestershire.com). During this closure our closest alternative centre, will be Wingmoor Farm HRC in Stoke Orchard (**closed on Wednesdays**). Hempsted HRC will re-open on Saturday 22 December.
- c. Members of the public are being encouraged to take a look at a new planning document, which will help shape regeneration in Tewkesbury town. The document, called **Tewkesbury Town Regeneration Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**, has been developed by Tewkesbury Borough Council, Tewkesbury Town Council and Tewkesbury Regeneration Partnership - which is made up of borough and town councillors and officers, as well as community and business representatives in the town. Its purpose is to provide supporting guidance on the opportunities, constraints and key design principles for the regeneration of key sites within the town centre.

The SPD describes and analyses each regeneration project in the town – for example Spring Gardens, Healings Mill and Back of Avon, and sets key parameters and principles for each one. The aim is for the document to be used to guide redevelopment and also help promote economic investment and vitality within the town. Once adopted, the SPD will be an important consideration when assessing planning applications for proposals within the town.

The public is invited to a consultation event on Thursday, 13 December at Tewkesbury Town Hall between 3.30pm and 7pm. There will be members of the council's planning team as well as representatives from the partnership there to answer questions and gather feedback. Comments can be received on the SPD until 4pm on Friday, 18 January 2019, and all comments received will be considered and will help inform the final document.

To have your say and to view an electronic copy of the SPD, visit <https://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/tewkesbury-town-regeneration-supplementary-planning-consultation> or comments can be emailed to [localplanconsultation@tewkesbury.gov.uk](mailto:localplanconsultation@tewkesbury.gov.uk) Hard copies of the SPD are also

available to view at Tewkesbury Library, Tewkesbury Town Hall, the Public Service Centre, Tewkesbury Abbey and the Tourist Information Centre.

- d. The Neighbourhood Watch organisation has reported that a house in Old Pitch, Tirley was entered sometime between midday and 5pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. A rear window was forced open and cash and jewellery was stolen. If you have any information regarding this crime or saw anything suspicious in the area please report it to the police by calling 101 or by email to [101@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:101@gloucestershire.police.uk)
- e. Mary Heeks, 'the Local Honorary Organiser' of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal has sent a note of thanks for the £202.76p which was donated from the village to this year's Poppy Appeal. (Apologies that as a result of time constraints not every house was called upon).

## 2. Church Notices:

- a. **Services at St Mary's, Forthampton** for the coming weeks are:
  - i. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30 pm (Carol Service – see below)
  - ii. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)
  - iii. Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11:30 p.m. (Midnight Mass)
  - iv. Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 6 pm (Evensong)
- b. The Tower Appeal continues and a 'Just Giving Page' has been set up - <https://www.justgiving.com/forthamptonchurchrestoration>. Please feel free to donate!
- c. **The Fundraising Coffee Morning** held on the 8th. December at Glebe Cottage was a jolly occasion with visitors enjoying Coffee and a mincepie before spending their money on cakes, homemade mincemeat, Homemade Fudge and a variety of Christmas goodies, including Richard Ascough's festive Christmas Decorations. John & Phillipa are extremely grateful to everyone for their help and support, especially all the cake makers and were delighted with the final sum raised of £205!
- d. Do you have an **inkjet printer and use original cartridges??** The empty cartridges can be sent to 'Recycle 4 Charity' in one of the envelopes that are kept in the church. It is freepost and each cartridge raises £1 for the Tower appeal!
- e. This year's **Carol Service will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 6:30 p.m. and, as usual, there will be wine and mince pies for all! So come along and join the festivities.
- f. In addition to the Book lending library in the church, there is now an opportunity to **purchase DVDs for just £1 each** with all proceeds going to the Tower Appeal. So why not pop into the church and have a browse through the collection. And, if you wish to add some of your own DVDs, that would also be welcome.

## 3. Village Hall Notices:

- a. Once again there will be **Christmas tree and Christmas card recycling** at the Village Hall which has been arranged with Barrett Tree Services and will take place on the morning of 5th January. The Hall will also be open for tea, coffee and bacon rolls. Flyers will be circulated soon.
- b. The **Festive Feast** held on the 25th November was a great success and we are very pleased to inform everyone that the event raised almost £800 towards the hall improvements so a very big thank you to everyone that supported and helped with this event. This is another Village Hall event that sold out showing just how successful and enjoyable such events are. Keep an eye out for future events and book early!

- c. The **Children's Christmas Party** held on Sunday the 9th December concluded the Village Hall Committee's calendar for 2018. This was attended by 26 children and families who had a fun afternoon decorating ginger bread men, making Christmas cards and even Father Christmas managed to pop in, we could be finding glitter well into 2019 !!
- d. The **Village Hall AGM** will take place on Wednesday 27th February at 7.30pm all welcome so please come along and hear our ideas for next year and meet the committee. Should anyone be interested in joining the committee or helping with any events please come along and let us know. Details of the access improvement are expected to be announced at this meeting; these will be carried out early in 2019.
- e. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone for their support over the last year, this is very much appreciated.

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. Winter opening times are Thursdays and Saturdays from 8pm.

5. The **annual Christmas lunch of the Forthampton & District WI** was this year held at The Angel Hotel in Pershore and 20 members enjoyed a really delicious lunch. It was a purely social occasion, an opportunity to enjoy each other's company in a relaxing environment. Tessa Hadley provided a quiz, which was won by Deanna Bartlett and Marian Saxton. The President then presented the annual prize for the flower competition to Heather Bloxham and the cup awarded for the monthly 'items of interest' competition to Jackie Turner. Some members took advantage of the venue to explore the Pershore shops and purchase Christmas presents.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, when the speaker will be David Snell who will give a talk on 'My Wartime Saga'. Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in Forthampton Village Hall and new members are always welcome. For further information please contact Veronica Silber (01684) 591513

6. Following a lovely walk starting from the Green Dragon in Cockleford this month, the next outing of the **Sevenside Walking Club** will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January when we hope to do a walk around Purton and Sharpness. 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.