

This is the Parish Council sponsored Newsletter for January 2019, giving details of past and forthcoming events and other items we think will be of interest.

1. **Parish Council Notes:**

- a. **Gloucestershire County Council have approved the proposed annual budget for 2019/20** and are now asking residents for feedback on next year's budget proposals which focus on vulnerable children and adults, as well as better roads in Gloucestershire.

The budget includes proposals for:

- £44.5m for schools - including £3.4m towards Leckhampton School, £1.8m towards Barnwood Park, £1.7m towards Fairford Primary, £1m towards The John Moore Primary School and £9.8m of £30m needed for the new secondary school in Cheltenham
- £5.58m Disabled Facilities Grant to deliver adaptations to homes to support people living independently
- £57.67m towards highways schemes, including £6.9m pothole action fund, £3.99m towards improvements on the A419, and £2.6m towards Cross Keys roundabout improvement scheme
- £1.32m into the Fastershire broadband programme
- £2.4m for Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service, including £1.2m for fire appliances and equipment and £300k for personal protection equipment
- £1.12m to upgrade Household Recycling Centres equipment and facilities

The budget also allocates funding for the second year of a three year £30k commitment per councillor to allow each councillor to make community based investments. All budget proposals and recommended council tax levels are subject to the final decision of Full Council on 13 February 2019.

You can read more information about the budget proposals here www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/mtfs

You can take part in the survey and give feedback on the proposals here:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/budget2019

The consultation will be open until 5pm on the 21st January 2019

- b. Details have been announced of the **Innsworth Gateway Project** which will create a new roundabout on the A40 Gloucester Northern Bypass between Elmbridge and Longford to support housing development at Innsworth. A key element of the project is also an upgrade to the existing Longford Roundabout, increasing its capacity to accommodate predicted future traffic flows and helping to relieve existing congestion. For more information about the Project, visit jointcorestrategy.org
- c. The Parish Council have been notified by the **Neighbourhood Watch** team that a house in Deerhurst Road, Apperley was entered between 8am and 10.45pm on 20th December by smashing glass in a rear patio door. Jewellery was stolen from the house. Additionally, a house just off the A417 in Maisemore, was entered sometime during the same day. Jewellery was the target and it's possible that 4 males seen in

the area were involved. If you have any information regarding either incident please report it to the police by calling 101.

- d. The Parish Council have also been notified that a **defibrillator** has now been installed at Mitre Farm. The device is located on the front of unit 2 P&L Manufacturing. There is no combination lock on the nit so it is quick and easy to access.

2. Church Notices:

- a. **Services at St Mary's, Forthampton** for the coming weeks are:
 - i. Sunday 13th January at 09:30 (Morning Worship)
 - ii. Sunday 20th January at 11:00 (Sung Eucharist)
 - iii. Sunday 27th January 2019 at 09:30 (Holy Communion)
- 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. 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!
- d. 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. The **Christmas tree and Christmas card recycling** at the Village Hall, which was held on the morning of 5th January, was a great success with many people taking advantage of the service provided by Barrett Tree Services as well as stopping for a cup of tea/coffee and bacon rolls.
- b. The **Village Hall AGM** will take place on Wednesday 27th February at 7.30pm all welcome so please come along and hear 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 or send an email to: forthamptonvillagehall@gmail.com. Access to the Village Hall is still high on the priorities of the committee and details of the access improvement will be announced at this meeting; these will be carried out early in 2019.
- c. A meeting is planned for the Village Hall committee to discuss event ideas for 2019. If you have any ideas that you would like to share please email forthamptonvillagehall@gmail.com

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 2019 programme of the **Forthampton WI** began with a thought-provoking talk about how the history of our families can be used as inspiration for creative writing. The speaker David Snell, who is a journalist by profession, told the group about his experiences planning and writing his two novels. His parents were both pilots in the 2nd world war and their youthful experiences turned out to be the basis of his stories. During the business section of the meeting members voted on their preferred resolution for the annual NFWI campaign. Delicious homemade refreshments finished off the afternoon. Then, on Wednesday evening, 9th January, members of the group travelled to Stratford to see a new adaptation by David Edgar of the Charles Dickens classic 'A Christmas Carol'. It was a magical evening with an outstanding performance by Aden Gillett as Scrooge. Thanks go to Tessa Hadley for organising what was an unforgettable event. The next meeting is at 2.00pm at Forthampton Village Hall on Tuesday February 12th. The speaker will be Andrew Kerr who will talk about The Sustainable Eel Group. Please come along and join us, you'll be very welcome. Tel. Veronica for more details 01684 591513

6. The next outing of the **Sevenside Walking Club** will be on Monday 21st January when we will do a walk around Purton and Sharpness. Then, in February we hope to take a walk starting from Wotton-Under-Edge. So, if you enjoy walking and meeting friends, simply contact Alan Brown on 01684 291220 or e-mail: skepcott1@gmail.com for full details.