

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

Parish Council Notes:

- a. As previously mentioned, it is now a legal requirement for every Parish Council to create and maintain a **web site**. Ours is now operational and can be viewed at www.forthamptonparishcouncil.org.uk The site contains a description of the village, has copies of Parish Council meeting minutes etc, copies of Village Newsletters, and details of future and past events being held in and around the village. So take a look and if you have any suggestions for future content or wish to advertise an event, just send the details to: info@forthamptonparishcouncil.org
- b. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published draft recommendations on the **future electoral arrangements for Tewkesbury Borough Council**. Today is the start of a nine-week public consultation on the Commission's draft recommendations on new ward boundaries across Tewkesbury. The consultation closes on 4 September 2017. You can view the Commission's draft recommendations at www.lgbce.org.uk where you can find interactive maps, a report and guidance on how to have your say. The Commission has not finalised its conclusions and now invites representations on the draft recommendations. An interactive map of the Commission's recommendations for Tewkesbury, electorate figures and guidance on how to propose new wards is available on the consultation area at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>. The Commission encourages everyone who has a view on the draft recommendations to contact them whether you support them or whether you wish to propose alternative arrangements. Before finalising the recommendations, the Commission will consider every representation received during consultation whether an individual, a local group or an organisation submit it. They will weigh each submission against the criteria the Commission must follow when drawing up electoral arrangements:
 - To deliver electoral equality where each borough councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the borough.
 - That the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
 - That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

The Commission welcomes comments on the recommendations report by 4 September 2017. Representations should be made by email to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk.

- c. **The National Neighbourhood Watch Association** has introduced a periodic newsletter giving information about various issues likely to affect us all. The latest edition of "Our News" is now available to read at <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/NNWW-Our-News-newsletter-JUNE17-online.pdf>
- d. **Gloucestershire County Council** is conducting a survey to gather the views of adults about what is available and valuable within their community to keep them well and independent. The results of this survey will help them to understand how people use their community and how they might shape this in the future. The survey will take between 10 and 15 minutes to complete. It can be completed online or on a paper copy. You don't need to answer all the questions, only the ones that apply to you. They are not asking for your name or other personal details so your answers will remain anonymous. Click here to open the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CommunityandWellbeingSurvey>
- e. Statistics show that Gloucestershire has a poor take-up of **pre-school vaccinations**, which are vital to protecting our more vulnerable children. These are the vaccinations

children are invited to have at age three. NHS England has urged the County Council to join them in a campaign to increase uptake and raise awareness of childhood vaccinations. They want to use every opportunity to promote vaccination to parents and remind them to check their child's status at their GP surgery, using messaging and images adapted from the NHS England campaign. The County Council have been working closely with primary schools and early years childcare settings as well as GP surgeries to support this message.

Key Messages

- Make sure your child has the right vaccinations before they start school, when they come into contact with more potential sources of infection
 - Highly infectious diseases and potentially fatal diseases such as measles, mumps and diphtheria are still in circulation – if not vaccinated, your child is at risk
 - Not vaccinating your child puts them at risk. Vaccination protects children for life from a range of highly infectious and potentially deadly diseases. Speak to your GP surgery to make sure your child is protected
 - A child must receive a number of doses of some vaccines to be fully protected. It is important to complete the vaccinations at the right times or your child may be vulnerable
 - The reason some diseases have become rarer is because of the success of vaccination programmes. They can still come back and spread rapidly if people are not vaccinated
 - To help stop infectious diseases spreading, at least 90% of the local population need to be properly vaccinated
 - Some vulnerable people – particularly sick children – cannot be vaccinated. They are put at risk if others around them have not been vaccinated as disease can be spread and they are less able to fight it
 - The full [vaccination schedule is available](#). If in doubt, speak to your GP to check your child has had the right vaccinations and is protected
- Vaccines are thoroughly tested for safety and are continually monitored after they are introduced.
 - f. **Gloucestershire Constabulary is currently embarking on a new community engagement initiative** where they are opening their doors to the public allowing an insight into the Force Control Room with guided tours and presentations. They are keen to meet as many members of the public as possible so if you are interested or are part of a local community group, school, college or partner agency and would like to learn more please contact them via e-mail at: FCRCommunityVisits@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk explaining your requirements and they will work to facilitate a visit according to your needs. The visits will last about 45-60 minutes and will allow for a question and answer session. As this is an Operational Control Room numbers will need to be kept to a maximum of 15 persons per group.

2. Church Notices:

- a. **Services at St Mary's, Forthampton** for the coming weeks are:
 - i. Sunday 16th July at 11 a.m. (Sung Eucharist)

- ii. Sunday 23rd at 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)
- iii. Sunday 6th August at 6 p.m. (Evensong)
- iv. Sunday 13th August at 9:30 a.m. (Morning Worship – complementary coffee served afterwards).

3. **Village Hall Notices:**

- a. **The monthly fayre** held on 1st July raised a further £50 which will go towards the maintenance and continued refurbishment of the Village Hall. The next Fayre will be held on Saturday 5th August (see attached poster).
- b. On Saturday and Sunday, 8-9 July **an exhibition of paintings by local artists** was held in the Village Hall and what a fantastic time it was! Apart from showcasing the artistic capabilities of local artists and have the opportunity to buy some of the art, it was lovely to chat to other attendees over coffee and cake. And the event raised £370 for the Village Hall refurbishment scheme. Many thanks to Kate and her band of helpers.
- c. A **Birds of Prey event** will be held at the Village Hall on Sunday 13th August. The event will be held in the field opposite the Village Hall – see attached poster for more details.
- d. To book Forthampton Village Hall for a social event please contact Jean Morgan on 01684 297854.

4. At their July meeting the members of the **Forthampton WI** heard an account of the June National AGM at Liverpool sent to us from our link institute Newtown. We celebrated 4 members birthdays with the gifts of handmade floral buttonholes kindly made for us by Liz Lean. Final plans for two first aid workshops were made for August. Our very amusing and informative talk was provided by Phillip Collins, alias Prof. Colliwobbles. His account of the history of Punch & Judy and all the puppet characters involved in the show, culminating in the timed construction of a full size striped booth and an actual Punch and Judy show was thoroughly enjoyed by all our members. It was a truly interactive session of much laughter, happy memories, singing and questions and answers - with special prizes of wine gums and a string of real sausages, all provided with very able assistance of volunteer, our member Polly Brown, Programme Organiser.

We have a break during August so the next meeting is Tuesday September 12th at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker is Alysia Cameron-Price, who's talk is entitled The History of Sue Ryder.

Please call Tessa Hadley 01684 297463 for more details.

5. On Monday 17th July the **Sevenside Walking Group** will start their walk from the George Inn, in Cambridge and walk part of the Sharpness to Gloucester Canal. So, if you enjoy walking and meeting friends, simply contact Alan Brown on 01684 291220 or e-mail: skepcott1@gmail.com for full details.