

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

1. Parish Council Notes:

- a. The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 17th May. The minutes have now been posted on the Parish Council web site at: www.forthamptonparishcouncil.org.uk
- b. **Gloucestershire Highways Department has announced Operation Road Rescue** which has been concentrating on fixing the roads that have major damage caused by the severe weather from earlier this year. For example, **18,182** defects were repaired between 1st March – 30th April. There are also a number of major road resurfacing activities planned including around Maisemeore and the A4019 Tewkesbury road, Cheltenham. If you see a problem with the state of the roads, Use their online 'report it' function to tell the Highways Department where the problem is.
Visit: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/reportit
- c. Owing to an increase in fly tipping and the general misuse of the **Ashchurch Road recycling site in Tewkesbury**, the decision has been made by the site owners, Morrison's, to close the facility with immediate effect. However, Household Recycling Centres can be found in Bishops Cleeve and Gloucester. Full details of what can be recycled and where is available on the councils website <https://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling>
- d. A number of houses in the village have received a flier from Gigaclear and Complete Utilities suggesting **that installation of Fibre Broadband is now imminent**. Just in case you did not receive a copy, the Flier is provided as an attachment to this edition of the newsletter.
- e. 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: 14 July, 11 August, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November, and 8 December. For more information, go to www.VisitTewkesbury.info
- f. And, don't forget that a **Pig Roast** will be held in Chaceley Village Hall on Saturday 21st July from 6:30 pm onwards. There will be live music, great food and fun for all.

2. Church Notices:

- a. **Services at St Mary's, Forthampton** for the coming weeks are:
 - i. Sunday 17th June at 11 a.m. (Sung Eucharist)
 - ii. Sunday 24th June at 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)
 - iii. Sunday 1st July at 6 p.m. (Evensong)
 - iv. Sunday 8th July at 9:30 am (Morning Worship)
- b. The Annual **Dessert Island Evening**, held in Church on Friday 18th May, was a great success, raising further funds to help with the Tower Appeal.
- c. **Do you have a folding wheelchair that you are prepared to donate to the church?** It would be good to have one available in the Benefice to help our elderly friends get into and out of church. Please contact Canon Barbara Messham on 01452 780880 if you can help.

- d. 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 Fortin. Tickets are £15, to include refreshments and are available from John Holloway at Tel: 01684292401 or via email at: johnandphillipa@btinternet.com
- e. On Friday July 13th a '**Heritage Evening**' will be held in the church. Forthampton church has a rich heritage and this event will describe the various items in all their glory. Admission is free and there will be a retiring collection in aid of the Tower Fund.

3. **Village Hall Notices:**

- a. The fantastic sum of £632.50 was raised at the recent **Bingo & Fish 'n' Chip Supper**. This is a brilliant sum which will be used towards the current project of improving the access to the Village Hall.
- b. The next planned events are **The Annual Harvest Supper on Sunday 7th October** and back by popular demand the **Festive Feast on Sunday 25th November**. More information will be available later but tickets are selling fast so book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Pauline and Ian Coleman at: ian_coleman@btconnect.com
- c. The Hall now has **tables, chairs, crockery and cutlery available for hire should you be planning an event.**
- d. On Sunday 9th December the annual **Children's Christmas Party** will be held. Full details will be published nearer the time.

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. A **Summer BBQ** is planned for Saturday 14th July with lots of good food and live music: So something for everyone.

5. At their June meeting members of **Forthampton WI** were invited to Janie Kirby's garden for a relaxed afternoon. Everyone who attended supplied a plate of food and various outdoor games were provided for all who wished to take part. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to mingle and enjoy themselves. The sun shone – in fact the weather was slightly warmer than we might have wished – and a great time was had by all. The next meeting will take place at Forthampton Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th July and the speaker will be Kamaldeep Idhu on the subject of Kitchen Pharmacy. New members are always welcome and our meetings are held at 2:15pm on the second Tuesday of each month. For further information please contact Veronica Silber on 01684 591513.

6. Following an excellent walk around the Winchcombe area in glorious sunshine in May, the next outing of the **Sevenside Walking Group** will be on Monday 18th June when the group will be setting out from Upton-Upon-Severn for a walk along the river bank and surrounding countryside. The walk in July is scheduled for Monday 16th. So, if you enjoy walking and meeting friends, simply contact Alan Brown on 01684 291220 or e-mail: skepcott1@gmail.com for full details.