

This is the Parish Council sponsored Newsletter for May 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 will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 17th May starting at 7:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend to hear about our financial position and about activities achieved and those planned for the future.
- b. A series of **night time closures of the roads around the Over roundabout** are planned for “piling work”. These piling works are required to stabilise the embankment to create an additional carriageway. These works have to be undertaken at night because the operation will use the entire available carriageway space and closing the roads (A40 and A417 respectively) during the day would cause significant traffic disruption for thousands of road users. The planned dates for the night time closures are as follows;

A40 East (between Longford Roundabout and Over roundabout) will be closed overnight from 15th May to 1st June between 7pm – 6am.

A417 North (approach to Over from Maisemore) will be closed overnight from 5th June to 13th June between 7pm – 6am.

As the scheme nears completion in August 2018, the Highways department will undertake a complete resurfacing of the roundabout. This will take place over two weekends in August (4th – 5th and 11th – 12th August). Road closures will be in place from 7pm Friday evening through to 6am Monday morning. Please note that further restrictions will be in place during the resurfacing of the roundabout but access will be maintained where possible.

- 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: 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 white van registration number VN04 COU which was seen in the Tirley area at approx. 12md on Friday 27th April. The occupants were described as being eastern European and were found trying to steal aluminium framework of a green house. If the vehicle is seen please contact the police and quote incident number 247 27-04-18.
- e. As part of the new **Neighbourhood Policing offer for Gloucestershire Constabulary**, Chief Constable Rod Hansen along with Police and Crime Commissioner Martin Surl has pledged that each area will have a named Police Community support officer. The local Police Community Support Officer for our parish is PCSO Kev Rees who is supported by colleagues in the local policing team, they can be contacted in a number of ways including the website <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/> where you can follow the link to our policing area and use the “contact your team” link. You can also use the 01452 907330 number for Tewkesbury district and leave a message or contact 101 with your concern and it will sent to the officer via the control room.
- f. The **2018 Affordable Garden Art Exhibition** at Showborough House in Twyning has now started and will continue every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday until 16th

June. Entrance is free and, apart from the glorious gardens to admire, there are over 200 sculptures on display. See their web site at: www.showborough.com/section425907.html for full details and directions.

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 Saturday 26th May the Church will be given a "**Spring clean**". Volunteers will meet at 10.00am so, if you can spare an hour to help, you will be most welcome.
- 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. Tickets are £15, to include refreshments and are available from John Holloway at Tel: 01684292401 or email: johnandphillipa@btinternet.com
- e. On Friday July 13th a '**Heritage Evening**' is being held in the church – so make a note of the date and full details will be announced in the next newsletter.

3. Village Hall Notices:

- a. 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
- b. 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
- c. Other dates for your diary: On Sunday 7th October the annual **Harvest Supper** will be held in the Village Hall; on Sunday 25th November there will be a **Festive Feast**; then 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. On Saturday 7th June there will a **Pub Quiz** in the Club, so get together with friends and enter a team.
 - c. 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 May meeting, **the Forthampton & District WI** the members agreed to support the resolution being put forward to the National WI Conference, regarding the importance of achieving parity between mental health and physical health issues, and to lobby Parliament for better support for mental illness. The meeting also included the annual "Bring & Buy" sale helping to raise funds for this year's charity – the Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury. In June there will be no meeting; instead, the Summer Garden party will be held in Janie Kirby's garden. The next meeting will be held on 10th July at 2:15 pm. When the speaker will be Kamaldeep Sidhu talking about "Kitchen Pharmacy". 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 21st May when the group will start from The Corner Cupboard in Winchcombe for a walk around the local countryside. Then, in June, we will be setting out from Upton-Upon-Severn for a walk along the river bank and surrounding 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.