

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

1. **Parish Council Notes:**

- a. Firstly a reminder that we are holding another **litter picking** event this coming **Saturday (13th October)**. We will meet at the Cross at 10 a.m.; so, if you can spare an hour, please come along and help.
- b. With effect from 28th October Gloucestershire County Council's **Household Recycling Centres will be closed one day mid-week**. On Wednesdays, Wingmoor Farm (Bishops Cleeve) will be closed, and on Thursdays, Hempsted (Gloucester) will be closed. As the evenings get colder and darker, the HRCs across the county receive almost 30 per cent less waste and recycling. In order to reflect this and save taxpayers money, HRCs will be open from 10am until 4pm, six days a week. However, HRCs in the county will still be open on Bank Holiday Mondays and Good Friday, which are especially busy days at the sites. The information on the closure days and new seasonal times are now online at www.recycleforgloucestershire.com .
- c. The annual **Fireworks evening** will soon be upon us - Saturday 3rd November at Alcock's Farm (the home of Alan & Anabel McKinnon) in Church Lane. There will be a cash bar, and various other "delights". So make a note of the date and contact Pete Remmer on 01684 297903 or email premmmer@btinternet.com for tickets (at £5 each) with proceeds going towards the Church Tower appeal.
- d. We have been notified by the **Neighbourhood Watch** team that following the recent burglaries circulated to the Tirley and Corse Lawn areas during the last week or so, there have been two further burglaries not too far away. The first was in Corse Lawn between midday and 1pm on Sunday 30th September while the owner popped out. The rear patio doors were forced and left wide open and the whole house was searched. The second was in Druggers End Lane in Castlemorton where a garage was entered overnight on the 28th/29th September. A hedge cutter was stolen. Please be aware and if you have any information about this incident please call 101 or email 101@gloucestershire.police.uk. Alternatively ring Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111
- e. There has also been a sharp increase in reports about fake TV Licensing emails claiming to offer refunds. The emails state that the refund cannot be processed owing to "invalid account details". The links provided in the emails lead to phishing websites designed to steal personal and financial details. Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.
- f. As previously announced, agreement has been reached to replace the wooden gate into the field opposite the church. A "**Kissing gate**" will be installed to prevent any further incidents of cattle escaping and getting into the churchyard. The installation work will take place during the afternoon of Wednesday 7th November so, if you are able to spare an hour to help, please contact Alan Brown on 01684 291220 or email skepcott1@gmail.com

2. **Church Notices:**

- a. **Services at St Mary's, Forthampton** for the coming weeks are:
 - i. Sunday 14th October at 09:30 (Morning Worship)
 - ii. Sunday 21st October at 11 a.m. (Sung Eucharist)
 - iii. Sunday 28th October at 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)
 - iv. Sunday 4th November at 6 p.m. (Evensong)

- b. 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.
- c. The next fund-raiser will be a **Concert in the church** given by Chris Leslie on Friday 9th November starting at 8 pm. Tickets are £12 and are available from Pete Remmer on 01684 297903 or email premer@btinternet.com (see poster).

3. **Village Hall Notices:**

- a. The long standing issue of **improving access to the Village Hall** continues. Planning permission was granted just before the new committee was formed but this permission still had a number of steps. The present committee have been seeking a solution that would not require steps so prams and wheelchairs would have easier access. A revised proposal was discussed with the Borough Council planners but we have just been advised that this has been rejected. We are again seeking other options but this is proving to be a difficult and time consuming exercise. The committee would like to reassure all of our users that improving the access to the hall remains a high priority and we are determined to find a satisfactory solution for everyone
- b. Congratulations to the Village Hall Committee for putting on an excellent **Harvest Supper on Sunday 7th October**. The quiz was great fun and the event helped to raise funds for the Village Hall and for the Church Tower Appeal.
- c. The **Festive Feast on Sunday 25th November** is already sold out. For those that have already booked tickets, ticket prices will be finalised soon.
- d. The annual **Children's Christmas party** will be held on Sunday 9th December between 2 pm and 5 pm. Tickets are just £5 for children to include refreshments and a gift from Santa. There will be party games and prizes for the best Christmas Jumper! See attached poster for full details.

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.
- b. This month a **Themed Quiz night** is being held in the Club
- c. In November there will be a **Murder Mystery Evening**.

- 5. The guest speaker at this month's meeting of the **Forthampton & District WI** was Liz Spurway, a talented glass artist. She began her talk by introducing the different types of glass used and the equipment required to create various designs. She talked us through techniques and accessories available to enhance each designed piece. Glass fusion can involve two or three pieces of glass, and designs can incorporate crystallised glass, fern placed between the glass (the fern burns and the ash remaining forms a pattern), stencils sprinkled with dry powder and layers of painting which give a three-dimensional effect. All designs are first heated flat in a kiln in order to fuse the glass and different moulds are then

used to achieve the desired shape. Liz ended her talk by placing a small piece of prepared glass in a microwave to demonstrate how the process works. On display were many of her designs, in stunning colours, ranging from earrings to small dishes. Liz also supplies poppies to her local church for Remembrance Sunday – and they are beautiful. Forthampton WI meets in the village hall on the second Tuesday of each month, at 2:15 p.m. New members are always made very welcome and, should you require further information, please contact Veronica Silber (01684) 591513. Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday, 13th November when we hold our AGM and Bring and Buy Christmas Fayre

6. Following a lovely walk around Sheepscombe on a gorgeously sunny day in September, In October the **Sevenside Walking Club** will start a walk from the Golf Club on Cleeve Hill and will use the occasion to raise funds for the Parkinson's disease Charity. Then in November, 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 for full details.