

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

1. **Parish Council Notes:**

- a. With effect from 1st October the **Village and Community Agents scheme** will be combining with "Social Prescribing" to become a new service called Community Connectors. Village and Community Agents have been working across the county for 11 years and helped thousands of older people and communities gain better access to services and information as well as providing support and assistance to those who need it most. Over the past 4 years, Social Prescribing has offered GP practices and other healthcare professionals a mechanism for referring patients who are in need of alternatives to prescribed medicines and has worked closely with Village and Community Agents. The schemes have evolved tremendously over the years, building up networks of referral partners and building vital knowledge about the areas in which they work. We expect that the new providers will communicate their plans over the coming weeks and, from 1st October, relevant contact details will be published so that you can get in touch with the new providers direct.
- b. The Autumn edition of **the Staunton & Corse GP surgery newsletter** has now been published and is attached for reference.
- c. Looking for something a little different to do? How about going along to **the Old Baptist Chapel in Tewkesbury** on 30th September to discover how a timber-framed building was constructed? There will be a chance to meet a costumed medieval builder who will let you into the secrets of his craft, from mortice and tenon joints to making wattle and daub panels. There will be plenty of opportunity for some hands-on history and all in a beautifully restored 15th century building. The cost is just £4 for adults, £3:50 for seniors and £2 for children. Telephone 01684 297174 for more details
- d. The Tewkesbury Battlefield Society have announced their programme of **guided Battlefield walks for the Autumn**. Stroll around the battlefield and learn about the politics of the 15th century and the events of the Battle of Tewkesbury. The walks will take place on Sundays 1st October, 5th November and 3rd December, all starting at 2:30 pm from the Crescent, Gander Lane. No need to book and the walks are free of charge, although a donation would be accepted. Wear stout shoes and take the dog!

2. **Church Notices:**

- a. **Services at St Mary's, Forthampton** for the coming weeks are:
 - i. Sunday 17th September at 11 a.m. (Sung Eucharist)
 - ii. Sunday 24th September at 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)
 - iii. Sunday 1st October at 6 p.m. (**Harvest Festival**)
 - iv. Sunday 8th October at 9:30 a.m. (Morning Worship – complementary coffee served afterwards).
- b. On Friday 13th October a musical evening with a difference will be held in St Mary's Church under the title "**The Dean's Delight**". The evening will be hosted by the Reverend Michael Tavinor, Dean of Hereford Cathedral, and will start at 7:30 pm. Tickets are just £7:50, including a glass of wine and can be obtained from Pete Remmer on 01684 297903

3. **Village Hall Notices:**

- a. **The monthly fayre** held on 2nd September raised a further £60 which will go towards the maintenance and continued refurbishment of the Village Hall. The next Fayre will be held on Saturday 7th October with all the usual wares, as well as coffee/tea and bacon butties (see attached poster).
- b. On Friday 29th September a **Macmillan Coffee Morning** will be held in the Village Hall from 10 am until 1 pm. There will be a cake stall, a children's play area and a raffle. So come along and enjoy coffee and cake and help to raise funds for this fantastic cause.
- c. This year's **Harvest Supper** will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 1st October after the Harvest Festival service in church and starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are just £7:50 and are available from Pete Remmer on 01684 297903. Any profit made will be added to the Church Tower Restoration Fund.
- d. On 26th November 2017 a **Christmas Lunch** will be held in the Village Hall and on 10th December 2017 the annual **Children's Christmas Party** will take place with the usual visit from Father Christmas. Further details will be published in the next Parish Magazine and this newsletter.
- e. Planning permission for **improved access to the Village Hall** is expected to be granted by the end of September as there were no objections following the submission. Support was also received from the Conservation Planning Officer and the Parish Council so, hopefully, work should be completed before Christmas.
- f. To book Forthampton Village Hall for a social event please contact Jean Morgan on 01684 297854.

4. The first meeting of the Autumn for the **Forthampton WI** took place in September and the members were given a most interesting illustrated talk by two of the fund raising team from Sue Ryder, Leckhampton. We learned the history and present day services and activities of this marvellous organisation which provides hospice and day centre support for patients suffering from cancer and several other life shortening illnesses, and their families. The centre at Leckhampton Court is a very beautiful Cotswold stone Manor House with lovely gardens. Dedicated staff and volunteers make this an invaluable facility for the folk of Gloucestershire. There are several other centres around the country. The Sue Ryder homes are largely self-funded and we heard about the tireless efforts to raise the two million pounds

needed to run the Leckhampton Court centre every year.

The next meeting of the WI is on October 10th at 2.00pm in Forthampton Village Hall. The speaker is Mike Curtis who will tell us about his experience of helping and supporting the homeless. Please call Tessa Hadley on 01684 297463 if you'd like more info on our WI.

5. On Monday 18th September the **Sevenside Walking Group** will start their walk from the free car park in Upton-on-Severn for a walk along the bank of the River, followed by lunch at the Swan Inn. In October the walk will start from the Severn Springs pub to walk the Leckhampton Loop to the Devil's Chimney and back. So, if you enjoy walking and meeting friends, simply contact Alan Brown on 01684 291220 or e-mail: skepcott1@gmail.com for full details.