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Ford Village Newsletter

winter 2023-24

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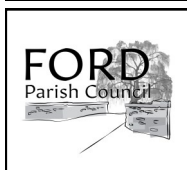
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**WELCOME**

Hello and welcome to the winter edition of the Parish Council newsletter.

HEDGEROW CUTTING

A gentle reminder to all residents to please arrange the cutting of any of your hedges that overhang pavements or the highway now, during the dormant season, before the bird nesting period (March to September) commences.

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints regarding obstruction caused by vegetation on several of our village paths, including Back Lane (Cross Gates Lane), Butt Lane and The Leasowes.

Please cut back any encroaching vegetation to allow all pedestrians, prams, pushchairs and mobility scooter users to safely use our paths.

Failure to do so could well result in an enforcement notice from Shropshire Council.

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

The ongoing saga that is Shropshire Council's Local Plan continues.

The latest version of the county's planning proposals is still in the hands of the planning inspectorate following its submission and last year's visit to Shrewsbury by the inspectors.

Shropshire Council planners are still recommending that Ford be designated Community Hub status, meaning it will be allocated significant housing development. This is due to commence with, but not limited to, development of the ridge and furrow field opposite the school and situated between Quail Ridge and the A458. 75 properties are proposed for

this site.

These proposals have been subject to several consultations over the past 6 or 7 years and, following a mandate from residents (93.4% support in a 2020 survey), Ford Parish Council continues to oppose the allocation of Hub status on our village. If you have any comments on the ongoing process, the parish council would be keen to hear from you.

HIGHWAYS

Whilst the parish council tries to keep abreast of any issues affecting the roads, bridleways and footpaths in the parish, we are always open to receiving notification of any concerns from residents. The parish council would also encourage members of the community to report matters directly to Shropshire Council (for village/parish roads):

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/roads-and-highways/report-a-highways-fault-or-concern/>

or Highways England (for A458/A5):

<https://report.nationalhighways.co.uk/>

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

Following a public consultation and a response from Ford Parish Council, among other neighbouring parish councils, it is the recommendation of the Boundary Commission for England that Ford Parish remains in the Longden Electoral Ward of Shropshire Council. Any changes to the parish boundary are yet to be determined.

FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETING DATES

16th January 2024 - Full Council Meeting

The public are welcome to attend and raise any issues or pass comment.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM FORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Christmas Jokes

Just when you thought it was safe to pull another cracker.....

What is green, covered in Christmas lights and Christmas bulbs, and goes ribbit? A mistle-toad.

What is every parent's favourite Christmas song? Silent Night!

How did Joseph and Mary weigh baby Jesus at birth? They had a weigh in the manger.

What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense? Wait, there's myrrh.

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claus-trophobia!

What happens if you eat Christmas decorations? You get tinsel-itis.

Who's Santa's favourite singer? Elfish Presley.

Who is a Christmas tree's favourite singer? Spruce Springsteen.

Why are Christmas trees so bad at knitting? They have too many needles.

Knock, knock! *Who's there?* Anna. *Anna who?* Anna partridge in a pear tree.

What did one cranberry say to another at Christmas? 'Tis the season to be jelly!

What's every elf's favourite type of music? Wrap!

How does a snowman lose weight? He waits for the weather to get warmer!

What do you get when you combine a Christmas tree with an iPad? A pine-Apple!

Why did the turkey join the band? Because he had the drum sticks!

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the regular alphabet? The Christmas alphabet has Noel.

Why doesn't Santa go to hospital? Because he has private elf-care

THREE CHEERS

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In need of a cosy chat with friends? Like to make new friends? Coffee and cake a bonus?

New members are always very welcome.

Jane, Sue & Elvire would like to wish all our members a very happy Christmas and New Year.

As usual there will be no meeting in December but we look forward to meeting you all again on the following dates:

24th January 28th February

Please join us in the beautiful re-vamped Urwick Room at Ford Village Hall 11 - 12 noon.

All ages welcome. If you would like a lift or more information please ring Elvire Mortimer

on 01743 850616

and leave a message if necessary.

FORD, LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!!

This is a community newsletter, written and produced by members of this community FOR this community and what we do need are more contributions from YOU, our readers!

It might be articles of interest, recipes, quizzes, perhaps information on your hobby or pastime.

Why not "get on your soapbox" and tell us what you think about life here in Ford.

What about this Newsletter - does it provide the sort of information you are looking for? How could it be improved?

We would welcome announcements on special occasions, perhaps a wedding, christening, birthday or anniversary.

Through these pages we can even pass on a special 'thank you' from you to someone who has done a good deed.

The Ford Facebook page is a great asset and well used by the community - why not reach an even wider audience via the pages of this newsletter?

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Roger Evans

Electoral Boundaries

Shropshire Council are now in the process of revising the final recommendations of the Boundary Commission of England (LGBCE). For the Ford Parish no alterations are being proposed.

Local Plan

This has still not been resolved and remains with the Planning Inspectors in Bristol. SC planners continue to recommend that Ford village will be expected take any future development in the Parish. It is being recommended that the village will be designated as a Hub with a development boundary around it. The rest of this Parish would be designated as "Open Countryside." This means only exception housing is likely to be granted planning permission outside of Ford Village.

Finances

The financial position of Shropshire Council at the end of September has just been published. This shows the councils net budget has grown by around £20m due in part to the increased cost in delivering the care budget. This therefore needs to be added to the previously published figure of £51.4m as the total savings that are needed to be made this financial year.

By the end of September, of the original £51.4m saving, the report states £20.6m has been delivered and "they" confidentially expect that another £17.4m will be delivered by March 2024. How and where the remaining £13.4m savings can be made has not yet been identified.

Of the extra £20m increase in the net budget just identified, it estimates that just some of this extra cost will be delivered this year by using "demand management" and some by using short term cash from the previously, what are called the Earmarked Reserves. How much of this reserve will be needed has again not been stated. It has however been confirmed that the budget agreed in March will be overspent. Worth noting is that on 1st April 2022 the Earmarked Reserves stood at £79m, this had dropped to £31.7m by 1st April 2023. Whether or not all this last remaining amount will be used up this year has not been stated.

A group of councillors in the next few months will be looking at council budgets. The hope is that where and what these cuts mean will finally be identified. The effect on and actual contributions made by the consultants recently engaged to help those at present running the council will also then become known.

The Smithfield Riverside Regeneration consultation finished on November 15th. The results have not been published. The cost of this work will however be around £18m.

Other consultations just finished or finishing include a Youth Survey, Care at Home, and Parking Restrictions in Pontesbury. One that continues until the 21st December is concerning "Dog Fouling and Public Space Protection Order".

General Issues

The application to build the 83 room Travelodge next to Rowley's Mansion was recently agreed. As a member of that Planning Committee, I voted against it. To me the proposed building is totally out of character and will impinge on an important asset of that area.

Another application recently discussed was of course the one to build the North West Relief Road. After a 4-hour debate the application was partly agreed by a majority of one vote. It is still due to come back to that committee for a final decision after discussions with the Environment Agency have concluded. The estimated total cost of the road has not yet been shared with councillors but estimates range from £150m to £180m. It was recently stated in the press that a government minister had stated the cost would be met by Government, but no official communication has yet been received by officers of the council.

SC have now joined with 3 other Local Authorities in signing a document called a "Memorandum of Understanding" or MOU to use an acronym. This is an agreement between Shropshire Council, Herefordshire Council and Monmouthshire and Powys County Council's for collaboration as a Marches Forward Partnership. This is something I mooted to happen a few years ago and is a way of working together, gaining both from the saving in economies of scale and in lobbying government to help us improve the lives of residents and businesses in the Marches rural areas.

A new to Shropshire Bus Service is due to start operating in the Longden area from the 4th of December. This is an "on demand" service. The possibility of extending this to other areas is under review.

Highways

Discussions continue concerning the road outside the school and the increasing need to ensure safe access on to, and when turning off, the main Welshpool Road. This access is becoming more and more dangerous. Since this main road is controlled by Highways England help has been asked for from Shropshire Council.

If you need help in these or in any other area or service Shropshire Council provides then please contact me at

Email: roger.evans@shropshire.gov.uk

or on Tel No **07811 992349**

Roger Evans November 2023

Poetry with Paterson

I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL!

Get out of bed it's time for school
I heard my mother call,
Your breakfast's on the table
Your books are in the hall

I don't want to go today
I want to stay in bed,
I don't like it at that school
I'll stay at home instead

The boys they all make fun of me
And make me feel a fool,
The girls they laugh behind my back
The things they say are cruel

They use my coat for a goalpost
My school bag for a ball,
In the lunch queue I'm pushed to the back
Squashed against the wall

I think I'll stop at home and get
My train set out to play,
Unless you can give a reason
Why I should go today

Get out of bed you silly fool
The reason's plain to see
You are the school headmaster
And you're nearly fifty three!

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Ford Citizen of the Year 2023

Now is the time to put your thinking caps on and consider nominating a neighbour, friend or relative who has 'gone that extra mile' and unselfishly provided you or the community with a level of service requiring more formal recognition. In the spring edition of this newsletter please take the opportunity of nominating that person for our 2023 community award.

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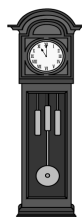
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We usually have a speaker or a demonstration every month with outings organised during the year. We take it in turns to be the refreshment hostesses. We are a very friendly group and welcome new members. We have members from Ford and other outlying areas, not everyone lives in Alberbury!

I have learnt Flower arranging courtesy to WI Loton bursary and won first prize at the local group meeting in October!

I do make jam and chutney, but it's the friendship and fun which is more important to me than the "Jam and Jerusalem".

Please consider joining us, we are desperate for new members as since Covid our membership has decreased considerably.

Please get in touch:
Pauline Jones (Co-Pres. of Loton WI) 01743 850263 or Jackie Greenslade 01743 884921



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We invite you to join the Ford and District Branch of the Royal British Legion.

The Royal British Legion is a charity organisation that provides lifelong support for veterans of the British Armed Forces and their families. We are always looking for new members to join our ranks and help us make a difference in the lives of those who have served our country.

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Forthcoming events - dates for your diary:



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Following fantastic community support, pantomime will be returning to the village on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th February 2024. The pantomime will be Beauty & the Beast and tickets are now on sale. Adults £7, Children £5. Under-2s on the knee.

CHRISTMAS BINGO

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



We are still a very safe area and there has been little crime in this area.

Our local PC is Richard Walters & 2 PCSOs Jacque Baldwin and Sarah Edwards.

There are currently only 2 ways in which you can report crime or ASB to West Mercia Police.

1. The non-emergency 101 telephone call for reporting local incidents (999 in an emergency).

2. The West Mercia website (<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/>).

For antisocial behaviour follow this link:

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

For crime follow this one:

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

The above links are much faster than the 101 system or Crime Stoppers on 0300 555 111.

It is also worth keeping an eye on the Ford Parish Community Facebook page as this will be giving updates on local info etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/fordparish/>.

Remove the opportunities for burglary. Burglaries are often committed by opportunist thieves. Keep doors locked when in the garden and do not leave any valuables in vehicles.

For some useful tips please see:

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2022-11/Nov%202022%20OUR%20NEWS%20small.pdf>

Latest advice from ourwatch see:

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2023-11/Our%20News%20November%202023.pdf>

Staying safe from email scams- at times disasters, fraudsters are always ready to take that as an opportunity to set up fraudulent "Charity" websites. Check the charity name and registration number at: uk/checkcharity.

Check the Fundraising Regulator's online Directory at: org.uk/directory.

Action Fraud and UK Finance have shared their three simple steps to help you avoid becoming a victim of scams:

STOP: Taking a moment to stop and think – keep your information and money safe

CHALLENGE: Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests

PROTECT: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam

Secure your email and social media accounts in just a few minutes.

For detailed instructions on how to reset your password or enable 2FA on your accounts visit: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/secureyouraccounts>

Please be on your guard of bogus telephone callers pretending to be NHS, Track and trace department connected to COVID-19, police, HMRC, Supermarkets and on the numerous phishing/smishing emails/texts that are circulating.

Please forward emails/report to: report@phishing.gov.uk or just delete if unsure.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, please report it to Action Fraud at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> or 0300 123 2040.

Andrew Briggs Chair of NHW

WEEDS UNITED

Weeds United is our local gardening club meeting in Alberbury village hall at 7.30 every third Thursday of the month during the winter months. We hold outdoor meetings in the summer.

We collect the annual subscriptions in January at our AGM. Everyone is welcome to come along as a visitor and pay for any meeting they wish to attend. Annual subscriptions are currently £15.00 per annum, which includes our tea or coffee at indoor meetings.



Programme for the next few months are:-

14th December – Christmas meal at the Yockleton

18th January - AGM, speaker to be confirmed

15th February & 21st March – to be confirmed

Carol Ryles 01743 884314

If you are interested in joining us phone me, Pauline Jones, on 01743 850263 for more details.

News from St Michael's Church...



Advent spans 4 weeks in December. Advent Sunday, 3rd December, marks the beginning of Advent and the beginning of the new church year. We can look back, and we look forward.

The trees, Christmas markets, lights and decorations have been in full swing for weeks. In the church year, these weeks of Advent though are a season of preparation. We prepare to meet the Lord: either when he returns as King and Judge, or when we die. Christians are called to be prepared, as the Parable of the ten bridesmaids and their lamps, reminded us on Remembrance Sunday. Advent is about being ready at all times for his coming or his call. God's kingdom is near, always about to break upon us. The church year tells the story of Christ's birth and life and death and resurrection and ascension and kingdom because we want to be ready when he comes. Christians seek to be awake to the signs of his coming.

Looking back, it has been good to keep the celebrations of All Saints' Sunday, All Souls and then Remembrance. Before that Harvest was celebrated with 5 church services and 3 services with schools. It was a great pleasure to welcome the Singing Club from Trinity School again to sing during the Harvest service in Ford. For me, one sign of God's near presence is when we are gathered together, different generations, all under one roof, worshipping and enjoying fellowship together, and being able to support and encourage each other. The theme of my address for the Thanksgiving Service at Michaelmas was, what do we come into church to do, and what do we go out from church and into our communities to do. We develop of understanding of each of these as we journey though the church year. One can not be a Christian alone. We learn what it is to be Christian by praying, learning, worshipping and serving together.

Movement is very much part of our faith. The Bible records the great journeys of God's people; the call of Abraham, the journey out of slavery, the exile in Babylon....In great and small ways we all journey onwards. My own journey is due to take me to Towcester to minister in the churches there, a market town and 3 villages. I am thankful for the support offered here and for good friendships made. There will be discussions at various levels about what happens next. It seems to me that one key discernment will be to discover how many centres of Christian activity can be enabled to have a critical mass that can lead to the growth of vibrant communities. I have been confounded by the issue of how to grow churches that only meet once a month. Some churches may well need to be Festival Church – maintained and opened for weddings, funerals and baptisms as requested. But even this requires involvement.

With my blessing for the future, Greg

Date	Time	Location	Service
3/12/23 Advent Sunday	9.30 am 11 am	Middletown Alberbury	Holy Communion Community Worship
10/12/23 Advent 2	8.30 am 11 am 6.30 pm	Alberbury (said) Cardeston Ford	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion Carol Service
14/12/23	7 for 7.30 pm	Ford	Evening Prayers
17/12/23 Advent 3	9.00 am 11 am 2.00 pm	Alberbury Ford Wattlesborough	Holy Communion Holy Communion Carol Service
24/12/23 Christmas Eve Advent 4	3.00 pm 4.30 pm 8.00 pm	Alberbury Middletown Ford	Community Carol Singing Crib Service Christmas Eve mass
25/12/23 Christmas Day	10 am	Great Wollaston	All age Christmas service
31/12/23 Christmas 1	10.30am	Cardeston	Holy Communion
7/1/24 Epiphany	9.30 am 11 am	Middletown Alberbury	Holy Communion Community Worship
11/1/24 Thursday	7 for 7.30 pm	Middletown	Evening Prayers (said)

Date	Time	Location	Service
14/1/24 Epiphany 2	8.30 am 11 am 4.30 pm	Alberbury (said) Cardeston Ford	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion Evensong
21/1/24 Epiphany 3	9.00 am 11 am	Alberbury Ford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
28/1/24 The Presentation or Epiphany 4	9 am 11am	Ford Great Wollaston	Holy Communion Holy Communion
4/2/24 2 before Lent	9.30 am 11 am	Middletown Alberbury	Holy Communion Community Worship
8/2/24 Thursday	7 for 7.30 pm	Great Wollaston	Evening Prayers
11/2/24 Sunday before Lent	8.30 am 11 am 4.30 pm	Alberbury (said) Cardeston Ford	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion Evensong
14/2/24 Ash Wednesday	7 pm	tbc	Holy Communion and ashing
18/2/24 Lent 1	9.00 am 11 am	Alberbury Ford	Holy Communion Holy Communion