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Police (All non-urgent calls) 0845 090 1234	Education Helpline: 01452 425300
Crimestoppers: 0800 555111	Environment Helpline: 01452 425500
Bogus Callers Helpline: 0800 100 0777	Libraries Helpline: 01452 305420
Doctors Surgery - Beachley Road 01291 626041	Adult Helpdesk: 01452 426868
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Sedbury Pharmacy: 01291 622532	Bulky Items Collection: 01594 812444
Sedbury Post Office: 01291 629300	Abandoned Vehicles: 01594 812264
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TIDENHAM NEWS

THE PARISH NEWSPAPER FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

SPRING 2009

WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!!

A group of youngsters from the BurySed Youth Project set out on an experience of a lifetime during the winter travelling on a section of the Tall Ships Race. Here is a copy of the Press Release, issued by Gloucestershire Constabulary, reporting on the trip together with just two of the superb photographs sent to the Parish Council by PC Rob Dix.

FOREST OF DEAN OFFICER JOINS YOUTHS ON SAILING TRIP

November 27 2008

A neighbourhood beat officer from the Forest of Dean joined a group of young people for the trip of a lifetime.

PC Rob Dix from the Forest South Safer Community Team (SCT) accompanied 18 young people aged 14 to 15 years old as they sailed a tall ship from Greenock in Scotland to Swansea.

The children, from the BurySed Youth Project based in Sedbury or Lakers Secondary School, started their eight-day trip on October 14.

The Forest South SCT helped to set up the BurySed Youth Project as a means of addressing anti-social behaviour issues in the community.

As a result of publicity for the project, the Tall Ships Youth Trust invited the group to take part in their trip.

The group were split into three watches, each on duty for four hours at a time, during which they were responsible for sailing the ship.

When not sailing, the crew cleaned the ship, including toilets, showers, scrubbing the decks and helping the ship's cook prepare meals.

PC Rob Dix said: "This was an amazing experience for the youth crew, one which they will never forget.

"The trip helped them to build their confidence and taught them to work as a team.

"Many of the crew came from difficult and challenging backgrounds. In my role as youth mentor I was able to help them with their issues."



COUNCIL EXPENDITURE AND BUDGET FOR 2009/2010

In the Winter Edition of the Newsletter Council promised to set out its plans for expenditure in the coming financial year which runs from 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010. It is hoped that the following details will explain how these plans have been made but please remember that, like any budget, changes might be made and no costs can ever be guaranteed.

However the total amount of expenditure (£109,895) is fixed and it is this figure on which the Precept (the amount Council receives from Forest of Dean District Council and is used in their calculation of our Council Tax) is based. Any additional expenditure can, by law, only come from the Council Reserves but it is hoped that due to the careful preparation of these figures there will be no sudden surprises and there will be no need to dip into any reserves other than as planned.

So how did Council calculate this figure? The first step, taken in December by the Finance Committee, was to calculate the actual expenditure in the year to date and then to estimate the remaining costs for the rest of the current year. This resulted in an anticipated total expenditure for 2008/9 of £79,262. The Committee then looks at expected costs for the next year and any special plans it is considering for expenditure within the year. Then an allowance is made for inflation of costs.

The desire of Council is always to balance the amount of money needed to provide the Parishioners with a high standard of service against the necessity of keeping all costs within reason. This year, with the well publicised "Credit Crunch", it was also considered that as small an increase as possible over last year would be appreciated by all.

Overall the figures are as follows and are set out as a comparison between the budget for 2008/9, the estimate for this year and finally the figure for 2009/10:

		2008/9	Total spend 08/09	2009/10
Sector Total	Staffing	£ 31,000		
Salaries		£	17,600	£ 22,000
Clerk Exp		£	2,500	£ 2,600
HMRC		£	5,760	£ 7,260
Sector Total	Corporate Exp	£ 15,000		
Insurances		£	2,207	£ 2,295
Newsletter		£	5,987	£ 3,000
Audit Fees		£	716	£ 745
Stationers		£	710	£ 738
Subs		£	1,000	£ 1,040
Laptop		£	572	£ 600
Licences		£	-	£ -
Meetings		£	-	£ -
BT		£	373	£ -
Misc		£	426	£ 442
Training		£ 3,000	£ 500	£ 1,000
Capital		£ -		£ 13,000
Contingency		£ 2,000		£ 2,000
Election		£ 1,000		£ 1,040
Highways		£ 500		£ -
Grants		£ 2,000	£ 3,500	£ 5,000
Gr. Fund Raising		£ 1,500		£ -
Maintenance S&BVH				£ 6,500
Amenities		£ 42,000	£ 37,411	£ 40,635
TOTAL Expenditure		£ 98,000	£ 79,262	£ 109,895

There are some decreases in costs such as staffing as Council no longer employs an Administrative Assistant as well as a Clerk and there will be savings in respect of the Newsletter (see elsewhere in this Newsletter). However there is an increase in Grant Funding and also a sum of £13,000 has been allocated for Capital Purposes which is a sensible precaution particularly when property is involved.

Expenditure in 2008/9 was reduced by £8,800 to arrive at a Precept of £89,200 (with the reduction coming from monies paid to Council from Forest of Dean District Council for works undertaken on its behalf). In the coming year the Expenditure will be reduced by £20,214 to produce a Precept of £89,681. This is due to a combination of monies paid to Council by Forest of Dean District for works undertaken on their behalf as last year and monies coming from Reserves (including for the coming year some £15,000 saved on expenditure last year).

The actual Council Tax charge depends upon the number of properties within the area (a figure not available to Council at present) but it is hoped that there will be no increase on that part of the Council Tax which funds Tidenham Parish Council Precept.

YOUR COUNCIL IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE ANOTHER AWARD

Forest of Dean District Council "Pride of the Forest" Award won by Tidenham Parish Council

Having achieved Quality Parish Status in March 2008 Tidenham Parish Council is delighted to have subsequently been awarded the Leader of the Council's Award in December 2008 as part of the "Pride of the Forest" Awards. This new award was presented by the Leader of the Forest of Dean District Council, Mrs Mairilyn Smart, to the Parish Council deemed to have done exceptional work within their community. Mrs Smart chose the winner from Parish Councils submitting presentations on the work they had undertaken in 2008 within their community.

At a presentation, held as a part of the Forest of Dean District Council's Annual Civic Dinner, Tidenham Parish Council was awarded with a Presentation Scroll and Plaque to commemorate the achievement together with a cheque in the sum of £250 (the only award in a total of 12 to receive a monetary prize). The Parish was represented at the Annual Civic Dinner by District and Parish Councillor Mr Roy Birch, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council Mrs Carole Dawson and the Clerk to the Council Mrs Jan Cordon.

Council will now consider how best to utilise the money in pursuit of the aims of the award.

ARE YOU VISUALLY IMPAIRED - OR DO YOU KNOW ANYONE IN THE SITUATION? HELP IS AT HAND!

A request was made during the winter asking if copies of this Newsletter could be made available in a suitable format for the visually impaired. Your Council has considered this request and is now pleased to announce that the Newsletter can be obtained on a tape made for Council by the Forge Project.

Council would like to express its gratitude to the Forge Project for their assistance and advice and also for producing the tapes. Their experience in the reading and preparation of the tapes has been invaluable - a suitable donation will be made to the Project to express thanks and to financially compensate them for their work.

If you would like to receive a copy of this particular Newsletter on tape please contact the Clerk and one will be provided. The Clerk will then compile a list of people who would like to receive the tape on a regular quarterly basis for the future - please inform the Clerk if you would like to be added to this list.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELIVERY OF YOUR PARISH NEWSLETTER

The cost of using the Royal Mail Door to Door Service to deliver your Newsletter four times a year has always been high and with postage set to increase yet again Council is sure that a further cost will be involved. However it is felt that Parishioners do miss the Newsletter when it does not arrive and this was proved when, in the Autumn of 2008, some Newsletter were mislaid and did not reach the letter boxes as intended.

In order to reduce the cost of postage Council will in future be using the services offered by the Forest Review paper. A copy will be delivered with the Review quarterly as usual with the first delivery being the summer edition in late June/early July.

Council is aware that occasionally some houses do not receive the Review and indeed some houses never receive a copy. So in order to ensure you receive your copy of the Newsletter it can be collected from the following places: The Live and Let Live Public house and Roser's Shop in Tutshill and Sheila's shop in Sedbury. If by any chance you still miss your copy you can also contact the Clerk who will make arrangements to get a copy to you.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2008

On Saturday 29th of November the two local community centres based in Sedbury and Tutshill held a Christmas Fayre at Tidenham War Memorial Hall. The main attraction was the Grand Christmas Draw which was made possible by the generous donations from numerous local business and individuals. Tea and cakes were served with stalls selling Christmas gifts, a tombola, bottle tombola, cards, books and many others. This most recent event raised a superb total of approx £930 split between the two halls to help fund their running costs and keep them viable in these difficult times. Pictured Sheila Bollen and Lisa Lovering who organised the event and raffle with the help of the user groups who ran the stalls.

Andy Hossack, Chair TWMH & RT