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# LIVE

The Village Appraisal was an interesting exercise in that it asked us why we like living where we do. It asked us what improvements we wanted and - the crunch question - were we prepared to do anything to bring about change?

Several themes emerged but some of the main issues were the absence of a play area or interesting and challenging leisure activities for the under-16s; the desirability of a Voluntary Car Scheme and the need for a Car Park to be available for events at the Village Hall.

A project for the Millennium received considerable support as did the idea of a Village Newsletter - this is the first & experimental edition.

To tackle these and other issues, a committee was formed - always a good step! Its status and relationship with other committees within the community is flexible, developmental & liable to change. We begin life as the Village Appraisal Action Committee and we doff our caps currently to the Parish Council under whose auspices we fall. Smaller groups have been formed to look at leisure activities and to organize the local Millennium. We will be liaising with all the other groups and seeking to publicise what is available for us all.

As the first editor of *Village Live*, I will be in need of info from individuals and organisations on all aspects of what's going on and what isn't going on but we wish was.

This is a good time to remind everyone that the biggest event on the calendar is imminent - the Produce Show. Entry Forms must reach the Show Secretary, Alan Hawkes-Read, at Hillview by August 18th. I shall attempt a Bible Cake - I've shares in Alka-Seltzer!

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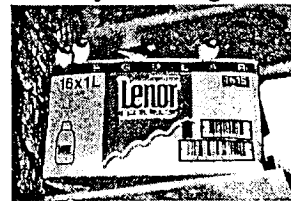
*Congratulations to Brian Turner, Lynne Jackson, Doris Austin and the sixteen and unders who have set off at a gallop to have a good summer.*

*Tennis will be followed by lots more sport and outings.*

*With twenty local young villagers on board - only twenty more to find.*

**Join in the Fun!!!**

**Tennis for 6 to 16 year olds at The Combe, Brockhampton Wednesday Mornings at 9 am.**



ANOTHER GREAT ISSUE OF VILLAGE LIFE

## Celebrating the Millennium

Getting this organised has been delegated to a committee comprising Leslie Agius, Bob Chandler, Cherrie Handy, Brian Turner, Colin Rosser, Charles Arkell, John Bashford & Mark Ovingdon.

The main aims are that we should mark the Year 2000 by improving local facilities for all - gaining a Village Green or Play Area and hopefully some car parking.

It is also intended that a Charity Event should be organised for this special time.

Ambitious undertakings, indeed!

### KNOW YOUR CUPS - 1

For incomers like me, the names of the show trophies mean little. It seemed an idea to at least scratch the surface to find who gave what - you never know one of us might win one day.

The Howard Trophy was the gift of George Howard - long time landlord of the village pub - the other one that is! The Stag & Hounds. *It was awarded for most points in the Cooking & Handicraft Sections and like the Ashes now seem to belong to Australia, the Howard Trophy graced Freda Locke's mantelpiece seemingly without interruption.*

The Reverend Charles then rode to the rescue of the also rans with:

#### The Charles Challenge Cup

Reverend Charles, then the Vicar of Sevenhampton and Serving Treasurer of the Produce Show, awarded his cup for Handicrafts leaving the Howard Trophy to be purely for food & booze. I wonder whether Freda had to make extra room for the new cup or did the second cup bring fiercer competition and other rising stars?.

## Voluntary Car Scheme

It seems a lot of the issues raised were in some way transport related and it is very plain that it is difficult and expensive to travel from the villages if you are not a driver.

This can cause great distress when an individual without transport needs to keep a hospital appointment, or to visit relatives or friends at times that the bus doesn't run.

The constant quote is "I didn't like to ask", when you find that a neighbour has made difficult and expensive arrangements to get somewhere that you would willingly have run them.

It was decided to refer the setting up such a scheme to the W.I. but whoever does organise a rota, it will be an enormous asset particularly if it is time-tabled and everyone knows who to ring when they need that important lift.

## Rural Myths



Transport problems are nothing new to the area, it seems.

In days of yore, villagers depended on the local carrier with his horse & cart to bring goods to their door - a sort of rolled up Royal Mail, Watson's Van, Graham's milkfloat & Littlewood's catalogues - all in one.

It was thirsty work and the most famous of the local carriers spent his wages in the bars as he went along.

On one particularly humid day, he arrived in Sevenhampton in a tired but not emotional state. He fell asleep where he was - on his cart, reins in hand - and snored the night away.

Local stable lads pitied the horse and took it out of harness to feed & water the poor brute who had not quaffed half as well as his master.

On waking, the stiff & headachy fellow was unable to make out his new situation and reputedly said:

Bee oi oi, or bee-unt oi oi?  
If oi bee oi, oi've lost an 'orse  
But if oi bec-unt oi, oi've found a kee-art.

More Myths Needed NOW!!!!

# A Quiet Triumph for Denis

## *The Nelson Cup at his 36th Attempt*

Over the years Denis Fletcher has enthusiastically grown produce of great distinction - regularly winning individual classes in the Show. However, the main prize, the Nelson Challenge Cup, had until last year eluded him. It was a shame that the presentation had to take place within the Village Hall - the traditional show weather having caught up with the move to August - and some of us missed his moment of glory.

Visiting Denis in his beautifully kept garden, I asked how this year's crop was faring. Hard to tell, he said, how it was all doing. The changeable weather throughout the growing season meant it was hard to gauge the outcome. Root crops particularly were unpredictable.

Asked if he was going to give the opposition a run for their money this year, he ventured that they'd have to do pretty well to beat him.

Fighting talk!



*Denis in his garden with the Challenge Cup*

## KNOW YOUR CUPS - 2

The Nelson Challenge Cup was donated by Colonel PHM Nelson who was Chairman of the Produce Show for many years. He retired to the Isle of Man and survived until earlier this year.

Living at the Grange, the cup is believed to have arrived in the area as a wedding gift to the Colonel & his wife - probably one too many to polish.

*It is awarded for the greatest number of points in Section 1 - the Vegetable and Fruit classes - and is keenly contested each year.*

The Redstone Challenge Cup was added by another Chairman, Dick Redstone. *This too is for veg but this time the collection of perfect specimens that form Class 4.*

## ***Another Reminder of the Current Post Office Times***

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 1	Thursday 2	Friday	Saturday
Open	1 pm	1 pm	11 am	10 am	2 pm	3 pm	10 am
Close	5 pm	5 pm	3 pm	1 pm	5 pm	5 pm	1 pm

## The Leisure Activities Group

are looking at getting organised

Rambling: Gardening Society: Photography Club,  
Computer Courses, Language Lessons (*beginning with  
French*) and much more besides.

Have you a skill you could share or want to develop?  
Let the Group know! HOW? Read On .....

The Action Sub-Committee will have a  
Stand at the Village Show!

Please register your interests - at the show or  
on the enclosed form - with address/phone  
details and we'll be in touch!

## PRODUCE SHOW

23rd August 1997

@ 2 PM

Entries by the 18th

## STOP PRESS

MAKE A NOTE

Saturday 16th August @  
6 pm

### *Rounders For All*

Field Opposite Manor  
Farm  
courtesy of the Jackson  
family!

All welcome Young and  
Beautiful & Not So Young  
& Beautiful.

Bring Own Refreshments

## *Enjoy A Good Drama? Join BADs*

Brockhampton Amateur Dramatic Society will be meeting again regularly at the hall on Thursday evenings for Playreadings and Organising Their Own Productions. Early Next Year, they will be putting on a pantomime. Don't know which! BADs are also keen to get out of the villages to see other performances. There is backroom work as well as acting and with organised trips it won't all be hard work!

Find out more? BADs are meeting on 28th August in the Village Hall or ring  
Rod Francis: 820678 or Angela Barnard: 820447

All ages are welcome!

Don't Forget

Your ideas for the future are the ones that matter!

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