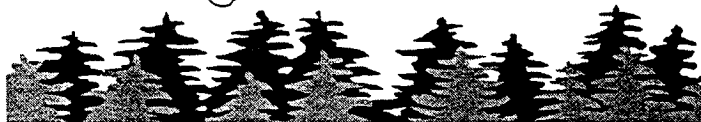


VILLAGE LIVE

Issue 7 October



Village life has been very exciting for the last few days with the activity of diggers and dumpers determined to hide "the electrical wiring" underground. Less so is the reopening of the Syreford Quarry albeit with restrictions - currently being walled with imported stone!

This is a special day for Village Live. The first discordant note has been struck on local plans for marking the Millennium (See Page 2) and I couldn't be better pleased. The views expressed may please or infuriate but do deserve an airing. You'll form your own opinion.

Your chance to express a view will be at the Village Hall on October 21st when the Millennium Events Committee are holding a public meeting.

The next edition will be the Christmas one - eight pages if I can have some contributions. Gifts to make, games to play, family traditions. Please share them via this newsletter.

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Village Design Statement

The Parish Council was asked by Cotswold District Council to prepare a Village Design Statement and you may have observed someone photographing village houses in preparation. The result is available for viewing at the Post Office and an exhibition in the Village Hall is being planned for which invitations will be sent to all households. There will also be a questionnaire to enable input

from all residents of the Parish.

The object of the statement is to:

- ♦ Be an historic and visual record of the village.
- ♦ Point out features and local landmarks that should be preserved.
- ♦ State what we think are particular characteristics of buildings in our village and offer preferred solutions for owners considering alterations.
- ♦ Point out practical and visual needs in the village including new tree planting.

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Produce Show Gives £1000 to Millennium Fund

The fine weather brought out the crowds and their purses and wallets for a very successful Produce Show and Fete on the August Bank Holiday weekend. This enabled the serried ranks that make up the Show Committee to make a "grand" donation to begin the Parish Millennium Fund.

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Rose Ballinger Begins Life as Clerk to the Parish

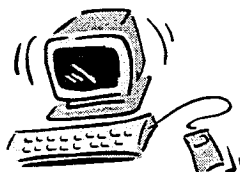


Well - what can I say - me and machines just don't click. I have had five visits from the Hoover Engineer (That started people talking) and I still can't spin! My new word processor, normally a simple but effective little number - didn't!

This little hitch didn't prevent me from completing my first duties as Clerk to the Parish Council. Eventually, everything was typed, copied and produced on the night.

It is an interesting and varied occupation, from Planning, to pinning things up on various notice boards (I must remember not to use my nails to remove the drawing pins next time).

There is a lot of correspondence to deal with, and I am learning the art of typing, albeit rather slowly. The number and complexity of the reports received by the Chairman (he does read them) never ceases to amaze me. For me it is a totally new experience and I have a lot to learn.



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♦ Be a suggestion book of design solutions and choice of materials. Unless your house is Listed many alterations and additions can be made without planning permission. Authoritative advice may be helpful.

The Parish Council hopes the statement will be adopted by the Planning Department as a guide in their decision-making.

The appearance of the village is important to most. Make sure you play a part in its future.

A Reader asks:

Is the millennium committee so stuck for ideas and flush with money that we have to encase the village post-box in stone?

Will it enhance the village green? Make the postal facility more efficient? Be a fitting reminder of the 20th Century? I think not.

Dalek or Rocket?

I don't know what the final design will be but I thought that the picture in the May Village Live looked like a Dalek with a bobble hat on. Why not in the shape of a rocket which is a nice 20th Century space age symbol. I understand the Royal Mail is very excited about the project, but then of course they are not paying! We are!

Trees Instead

I personally favour a clump of trees similar to that planted on Elsdon for the Jubilee which will last several hundred years at least whilst post boxes may well be redundant in 50 years with Computer E-mail and the "World Wide Web".

Millennium Plans

The Millennium Events Committee has drawn up a report with proposals for celebrating the turn of the century throughout the Year 2000 and would like your comments at its public meeting on Wednesday 21st October at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

The committee is aware that in this special year villagers will be enjoying events both locally and around the country. They have therefore sought to play a part in the Millennium not take it over.

Initial plans:

- ♦ To encourage attendance at the Diocese of Gloucester's Celebration of Pentecost at the Racecourse on June 10th/11th.
- ♦ An event at Manor Farm on July 15th/16th of a Family Fun Day followed by a Barn Dance.
- ♦ An historical exhibition by Ros Stewart at the Hall from 5th to 12th August complemented by a Flower & Quilting Exhibition in the Church.
- ♦ Publications, a video and a Parish Map with field names.
- ♦ A Village & Villagers Photograph

Please try to attend the Open Meeting!

A Lively Summer for Young Leisure

Reports Lynne Jackson & Brian Turner

Two evenings of **Rounders** were held at Manor Farm with a dozen enthusiastic youngsters.

We also had a **Treasure Trail** (on foot) around the Sevenhampton end of the village.

Another attraction was an afternoon talk on **Horses**. A big thank you to Caroline and Jemima Stewart.

Tennis has been enjoyed all summer at Coomb and still continues though light will stop play soon as the nights draw in.



The **Young Leisure Club** has now started its Autumn season on Fridays 7 - 8:30 pm. All 8-16 year-olds welcome at Rhodes Hall.

Young Leisure Cricket

Liz and Chris Ball hosted a lovely game of cricket which took place on Sunday 30th August in glorious sunshine! Thank to them and son, Damian, for his hard work in preparing the pitch.

Everyone had a knock, there were no "ducks" (courtesy of some astute umpiring!), most had a bowl, and most took (or dropped!) a catch. All 18 participants, from 8 to 50'ish, had a great time.

Innings	1	2	TOTAL
Y LEISURE	57	67	124
"OTHERS"	48	40	88

The score, for the record was: -

No mean feat on that wicket with a tennis ball!

Well done the young!

Must be repeated next summer, with perhaps an "adult" game to follow.

NOT TO BE MISSED!

*Have you bought items which were never really used?
Here's the chance to re-home them, help the churches and do yourself some good - all in one go!*

CLOTHES, HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES, BRIC A BRAC & MORE

NEARLY NEW 50/50 Sale
with PRODUCE STALL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 1998

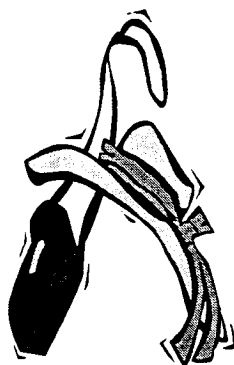
RHODES MEMORIAL HALL

1030am. - 4:00pm.

IN AID OF MAJOR REPAIRS

at

SEVENHAMPTON and CHARLTON ABBOTS CHURCHES



Items sold 50/50 - Half price going back to Vendor - Half to Repair Funds.

If you have any articles for sale or wish to donate outright and which are almost new and clean, please deliver them to one of the following by Wednesday 14th October: Arrangements can be made for items to be collected if necessary.

Clem Holland	820318	Gill Lanfear	820862
Ros Stewart	820294	Gill Hyatt	820458

Moneys and unsold items will be returned to the donor, as soon as possible after the Sale.

Donations to the Repair Funds would also be welcomed.

NOTE THE DATE NOW

OCTOBER 24th

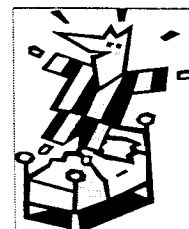
Will this affect you?

Gloucestershire Hospitals: Consultation

Gloucestershire Community Health Council is consulting us about two current proposals:

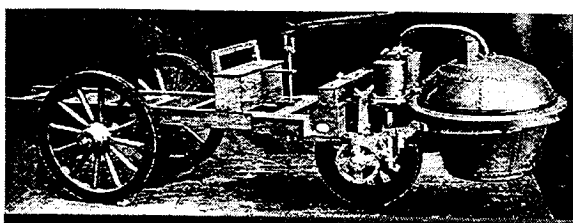
- In-patient E.N.T. (Ear Nose and Throat) services will be at Gloucester Royal only.
- In-patient Ophthalmology (Eyes) services will be at Cheltenham General only.

Make your views known at the Everyman Theatre Studio on Thursday 8th October 1998 7:00 pm



Or contact the Gloucestershire Community Health Council, 10 Pullman Court, Great Western Road, Gloucester, GL1 3ND. Tel 01452 413044.

ROBERT'S ENGINE
OPEN DAY AND
CRANK UP
OCTOBER 18th 1998
12-5 pm.

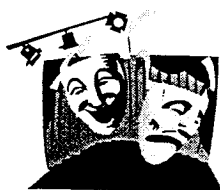


BRING AN EXHIBIT TO SHOW
TO MANOR FARM,
CHELTENHAM 820408.

WORKING HORSES
FROM COTSWOLD
CART HORSE SOCIETY

Panto Star?

Rehearsals for early January's pantomime 'Dick Whittington' are now under way. Parts are still open for junior members of the society (9 to 12 year olds). Contact Doris Austin on 820425.

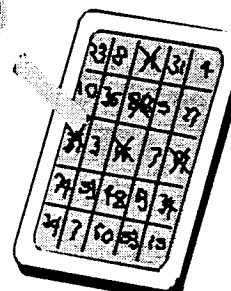


If the preview we enjoyed at Easter is a guide then it will be lots of fun.

Good with a needle? Could you assist with costumes? Other skills to offer? You're needed. Ring Doris as above or come to BADs any Thursday at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

BINGO

**Rhodes
Memorial
Hall**



Friday 20th November at 7.30

Cotswold Mobile Library

A reminder that the Cotswolds Mobile Library visits on a fortnightly basis - next

Brock	Old Inn (Top of Village)	11.35 - 11.55
Brock	Telephone Kiosk	12.00 - 12.15
Brock	The Park	12.20 - 12.30
Seven	The Church	1.40 - 2.00

visit Monday 12th October.

New faces welcome just bring I.D. with your address on it.

Collections of books can be assembled for housebound borrowers unable to visit the library themselves specially selected to reflect their interests.

Questions? Susan Westwood on (01684) 275966 or try Moreton Library on (01608) 605780.

Publicise Your Event In Village Live

From mid-October, forms will be available at the Post Office for anyone planning an event which would benefit from the word being spread.

They will be collected and put into the next edition of this rag.

Next Edition will be at beginning of December so details of all your Christmas plans in by November 20th. Thanks.