



VILLAGE LIVE

Issue 8 Christmas 1998



The popular Pies & Punch evening at the Rhodes Hall is only days away! Christmas less than three weeks off and once again lots is going on in the Parish which will hopefully be of interest to all ages and tastes. Struggle to and through Christmas Day and you'll be ready for a Boxing Day re-run of the Dads and Lads football (PC non-sexist version, of course). Into the New Year and the most ambitious ever Pantomime with a cast almost large enough to rival the Produce Show Committee (who will be planning their "Circus" produce Show in January). Time in late January to sort out your no longer wanted possessions for the giant jumble sale. (It's a pity BADS aren't doing Jack & the Beanstalk. They'd then have a had a spare giant for the sale! Sorry).

The religious significance of Christmas is central to local celebrations and times of services in Sevenhampton and Charlton Abbots are on Page 3.

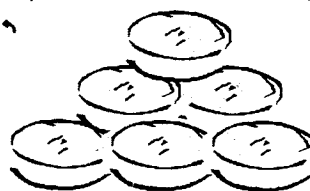
Christmas is a time for stamps so the most commonly asked village question is answered within. i.e. Will Vanessa be open? Page 2 for the answer and more.

Please keep your events information coming in to Village Live - next issue early February.

I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

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Pies, Punch & Carols



Friday 11th December
7pm for 7.30 start
Adults £2.50 Children £1
Inc. Pies & Punch

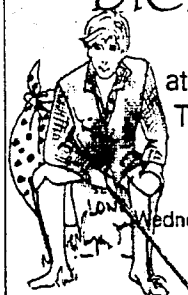
Donations of mince pies very welcome please, Contact Cherrie Handy 820355 or Georgina Oldham on 820423 if you can supply any.

**Proceeds to Victim Support
and Winstons Wish**

BADS

present ...

a traditional Pantomime for all the family!
DICK WHITTINGTON



January 6th - 9th
at The Rhodes Memorial Hall

Tickets from the Post Office

Adults £4.00

Juniors (U16) £2.00

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Evening 7.30pm

Saturday Evening 8.00pm

Saturday Matinee 2.30pm

Not to be missed!





Letters to the Ed

Madam,

As a member of the millennium events committee may I reply to the reader who feels so strongly about the plans to celebrate and commemorate the millennium.

Firstly I am disappointed that the writer remains unidentified because anyone with this much interest in what we do as a community would be more than welcome to put their views to the committee either in writing or better still at the public meeting.

The committee, like all the other organisations within the village, is a clearing house for ideas and we have only responded to ideas from the community.

Let's face it unless some bright spark comes up with the elixir of life, apart from Dale's well kept Hook Norton, then this is the only millennium end and beginning that we shall see. So there has to be a reminder not just for the next 1000 years but for those members of the community that will see time in the new millennium.

So bearing in mind that not only do we have to produce a memorial that requires little maintenance but one that remains a focus for all ages.

What better than a post box, Anybody and everybody can visit it from the youngest who sends his or her hand print from play school to granny in Australia something that will never be achieved on the web until particle transmission is perfected - " Beam me up Postie" is some way off - to the eldest who has no wish to join the internet and wishes to send a voucher with a personal note to the grandchild.

The old adage is that you can't please all of the people all of the time so we have to go with the wishes of the majority. In this case the people who bother to spend time arranging something and the people who turn up at public meeting to endorse or reject the proposals.

Rod Francis Church House

*Ed:
Thanks for riposte Rod. I remain though happy to print comments providing they are not libellous, vulgar or nasty whether signed or not though I prefer to be allowed to print a name. I do however need to know the writer.*

*It was pointed out after the last issue, I should have put "Name and Address supplied". I agree, I should have and if confusion remains, it was - supplied, that is.
Any other views on Millennium or Anonymity or Anything else?*



BROCKHAMPTON POST OFFICE HOURS

MON	13.00-17.00
TUES	14.00-17.00
WED	11.00-15.00
THURS	10.00-13.00 & 14.00-17.00
FRI	14.00-17.00

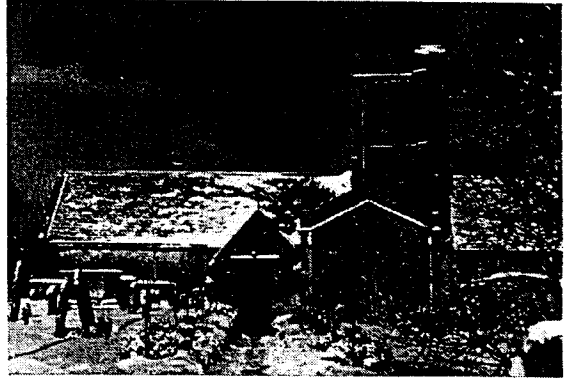
Local Information:

At the Post Office, Vanessa Holland always has the latest update regarding local services. Copies may be obtained during Post Office opening times.

Village Live Forms:

If you are planning an event which you would like to publicise and are at the Post Office, Vanessa has forms you can complete for insertion in the next edition. This should be useful if you are booking the hall for your event. (Any other form of legible info still welcome. Ed)

Christmas Church Services



St Andrew's, Sevenhampton

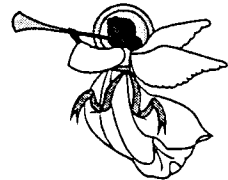
13 th December	Holy Communion	11.15am
20 th December	Carol Service	6.30pm
Christmas Eve	Holy Communion	11.30am
Christmas Day	Matins	11.15am

St Martin's, Charlton Abbots

20 th December	Festal Matins	11.15am
Christmas Day	Holy Communion	8.30am



Bell-ringers Wanted



Sevenhampton Bell-ringers

have been unable to ring at several weddings in 1998 due to a shortage of ringers.

Why not come along and have a go? We would like to ring in the Millennium or even for usual services!

Anyone can have a go whether young or old but it does help to be at least 5 foot tall!

Interested? Phone Robert Jackson 820408

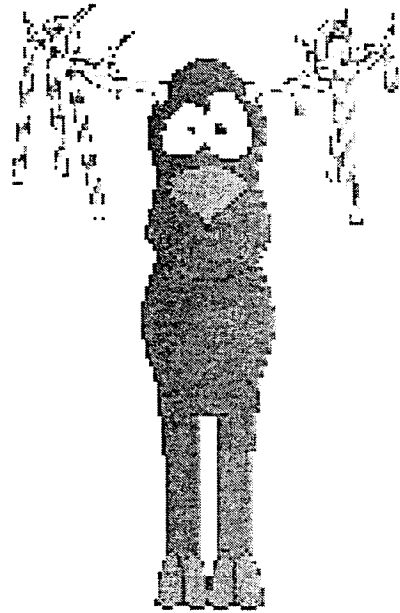


Sevenhampton Sunday Club

The Sunday Club is not running at present but any children in Church are welcome to use the club corner during the services. Books, toys, crayons and paper always available, but please leave the corner tidy for others to use.



Christmas Song Quiz



How are these Songs
& Carols Better Known?



- 1 MY SOLE DESIRE FOR THE YULETIDE SEASON IS A PAIR OF THESE
- 2 BROWN SEED COOKED IN A CONFLAGRATION
- 3 THE EVENT OCCURRED AT ONE MINUTE AFTER 11:59 PM WITH GOOD VISIBILITY
- 4 ORNAMENT THE VESTIBULE WITH LARGE SPRIGS OF A BERRY-BEARING EVERGREEN
- 5 TESTIMONY OF WITNESS TO MATERNAL PARENTS INDISCRETION WITH BEARDED MAN
- 6 IN A DISTANT BOVINE LODGING
- 7 MINOR URBAN EXPECTATIONS OF A YULETIDE EMISSARY
- 8 THE ANTLERED QUADRUPEL WITH THE CERISE PROBOSCIS
- 9 O MINIATURE NAZARENE VILLAGE
- 10 REIGNING MONARCHS OF THE EAST
- 11 WHO'S THE MYSTERY CHILD?
- 12 MAY JEHOVAH GRANT UNTO YOU HILARIOUS MALES RETIREMENT
- 13 THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE TRUE COME HOME
- 14 ARE YOU DETECTING THE SAME AURAL SENSATIONS AS I AM?
- 15 FROM DARK TILL DAWN, SOUNDLESS AND SANCTIMONIOUS
- 16 THE DIMINUTIVE MALE OF LESS THAN ADULT AGE WHO PLAYS A PERCUSSION INSTRUMENT
- 17 UNIVERSAL HAPPINESS
- 18 ALABASTER DECEMBER 25TH
- 19 PRIMARY YULETIDE
- 20 HEAVENLY CHERUBS ANNOUNCING IN SONG--LISTEN

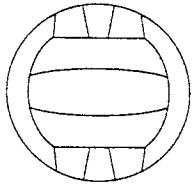
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No Cheating!

It's That Time Again

After last year's success at clearing the cobwebs, it seems a good idea to do it again.

Same rules as 1997!
See Below

Penultimate Chance to Score this Millennium



POST-MATCH REFRESHMENTS

Gill Lanfear has agreed to let us abuse her AGA again so Soup & Hot-dogs will be available in the Lanfear Barn after match.

This time though there'll be a small charge just to cover the cost of ingredients so bring some change and enjoy a hot snack and a detailed analysis of match!



Four Legs Good!

Help needed 1030ish on Boxing Day to mark out pitch so if you're up early and feeling bright and breezy you're help would be welcomed.



DADS AND LADS FOOTBALL MATCH



FEELING TOO FULL OF CHRISTMAS FOOD

TIME TO JOG SOME EXTRA POUNDS OFF !!

WE'LL JOIN IN THE FUN

ON

SATURDAY 26TH
DECEMBER

AT

11.00 A.M.

THE LANFEAR'S FIELD
(BEHIND THE CRAVEN ARMS)

ENERGETIC PLAYERS AND
SPECTATORS REQUIRED

FUTHER DETAILS

Brian Turner 820331



All Welcome
Play or Watch!



Century Club

Transport Problems? Can We Help?

Difficulty keeping hospital appointments, visiting relatives or old friends in hospital or in sheltered housing? Another journey that is hard to organise with limited public transport? In winter these problems multiply.

Don't decide not to go! Discuss your problem with a Good Neighbours Scheme Organiser and they'll find a solution.

The Good Neighbours Scheme has been running now for a year providing safe & friendly answers at modest cost to just such problems.

After almost a year the scheme was reviewed at a meeting in August of volunteers and coordinators. The drivers were thanked for their help and the scheme was discussed and ideas for improvement were collated. At that time a total of thirty-two assignments had been successfully completed and much appreciated by the users.

!!REMEMBER!!

Need transport or other help?

Call the Organisers:

Sheila Agius 820102

Di Brown 820271

Fay Swain. 820402

The Century Club was started in 1958 as a club for retired people.

It was called the Century Club as it was the 100th club to be started in Gloucestershire under the auspices of the Old Peoples Welfare Centre, Gloucestershire.

The Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Rhodes Hall Brockhampton. We usually have a talk or entertainment followed by an excellent tea.

New members are very welcome to join us. For further details please contact Gill Haynes on 820562.



Answers to Song Quiz P4

1. "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth", Herald Angels Sing"
2. "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire", 3. "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear", 4. "Deck the Halls", 5. "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus", 6. "A Way in a Manger", 7. "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town", 8. "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer", 9. "O Little Town of Bethlehem", 10. "We Three Kings", 11. "What Child Is This", 12. "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen", 13. "O Come All Ye Faithful", 14. "Do You Hear What I Hear", 15. "Silent Night", 16. "Little Drummer Boy", 17. "Joy to the World", 18. "White Christmas", 19. "The First Noel", 20. "Hark the

B A D S

Continuing its long tradition of bringing drama and fun to the parish, *Brockhampton Amateur Dramatics Society* is to deliver its most ambitious performance yet. Dick Whittington will brighten the dull days of early January.

Pantomime director, Doris Austin, told me of the headaches coping with rehearsing a "cast of thousands" in the Village Hall. Entrances and exits must be planned with military precision to avoid cast members colliding in the wings. Rehearsals are intensifying. In addition to the normal hazards of learning lines and moves, all the cast, young and not young, are having singing lessons.

This production marks the move of James Candler from back-room boy to Star as Dick which is why when I last saw James he had a thick sheaf of script and a troubled expression. He was being ably supported though by Mark Ovington who plays King Rat. With Helen Jackson as his Cat, Lesley Ball as Fairy Tinkle and surrounded by Sailors, Ratlings and Harem Dancers, I'm sure Dick will become Mayor of London however hazardous the trek.

The backdrop is to be painted again by Liz Francis whose "Green Man" added so much to BADS "Celebration of Spring".

Music, effects, lighting and scenery must all be brought together which in the well-used hall means lots of clearing away at the end of each rehearsal.

Wardrobe, make, programmes, front-of-house - lots for all to do!

SUPPORT ALL THE
HARD WORK AND
SEE THE SHOW!



Not to be missed!



January
6th to 9th!

Wednesday,
Thursday,
Friday
7.30pm

Saturday
Matinee:
2.30pm

Saturday
Evening:
8.00pm.

Tickets:
£4 Adults
£2 Under 16
Available at
Post Office

DICK WHITTINGTON

INNOVATIONS

Hall Archive



Winter draws on!

This is always a good time to look through your old papers and photographs and here is a chance to put them to good use. The Village Hall Committee is hoping to set up a small library of local history in the Reading Room, which could be used by anyone interested in our village and community. This could be a very valuable resource, which would be appreciated both now and in the future. Any donations of books, photographs or any other form of record with a local theme would be very much welcomed.

If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact Mrs. Cherrie Handy, (820355) the new Chairman, or any member of the Hall Committee.

OUR OWN VILLAGE TEA SHOP

Well – not quite but, when you're at Rhodes Hall Post-Office, why not come into the Reading Room for a hot drink & biscuits.

During the winter the Luncheon Club folk would welcome your company.

WEDNESDAYS anytime between 11 am. and 12 noon.

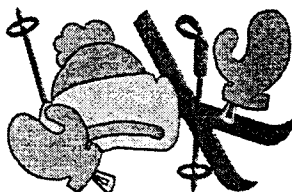
Enquiries for Club: Rita Rhone 234 021; Mildred Jarman 820 990

February Village Live
Info By 20th January Please



Giant Jumble Sale

Saturday
Feb 6th 1999
At 2.15 pm
Rhodes Hall



After the Success of the 50/50 Nearly New Sale raising £1020 for Church Repairs in Sevenhampton & Charlton Abbots come the Giant Jumble Sale.

Gill Hyatt for more info.

The Millennium & Sevenhampton Parish Council

The Parish Council has been considering the events proposed for the Millennium and is holding meeting about the proposals on January 12th @ 7.30 in the Memorial Hall.

Please let them know your views on any of the proposals for memorials and celebrations by then.

YOUNG LEISURE CLUB

We meet on Fridays at 7 p.m. in the Rhodes Memorial Hall and have an enthusiastic band of young people who come along to play table tennis, snooker etc; or just chat.

Our last meeting this year will be December 18th. We will start again on Friday 15th January 1999!

Are there any adults who could help on an odd Friday night?

Contact Lynn Jackson 820408