

At last the sun has been visible and the mud tide has ebbed. This edition is a little later than intended - partly due to a lack of information coming in but mainly due to extremes of sluggishness occasioned by the grey-skied, brown-slimed sogginess of this winter.

Spring, Easter, lambs! Things are looking up.

Time for the election of the new Sevenhampton Parish Council as some of the long-serving members including Chairman, Colin Rosser, are down-sizing their commitments and so won't be standing this time. Details on Page 2 of how to stand if you feel you've a little spare time, a load of enthusiasm and something to offer the community. You'll have to get your skates on though. Nominations have to be in by just after Easter.

A walk in support of Macmillan Nurses, a Jumble Sale, a Beetle Drive, tennis for the younger residents, new services at the Post Office and - a big plea from me for your help and inspiration to help create a Millennium Publication for the villages.

Internet in the Village Hall, too - apparently those my age using/enjoying the Internet are known as "Grey Surfers".

Sad isn't it?

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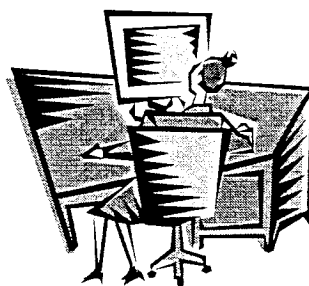
An Internet Café for Brockhampton? Well, almost!

Gloucestershire County Council is offering to lend, initially for a year, a computer with Internet access, for the use of all Brockhampton, Sevenhampton and Charlton Abbotts residents.

The Hall Management Committee has agreed to find space for the equipment in the Hall and the Council is providing all the equipment on free loan. *Too good an offer to refuse!*

There will be a small charge to users of the equipment, but charges will be low. Pennies, not pounds!

Potential uses for this facility cannot be over-stated. It will be possible to access the Internet; consult bus, train and aircraft timetables; produce school projects; send E-mails to friends and relations abroad ("air-time" costs only 1p [one penny!] per minute at weekends!) and so much more. All in your own Village Hall!

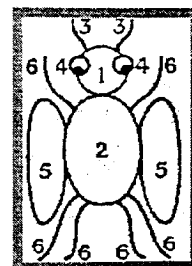


More details later but it is hoped that the computer will be up and running before the Millennium!

Meanwhile, if you would like to be involved in any way, for example, in a User Group, or if you would like further details, please enquire at the Post Office.

Did you know?
Langworth, a village near Lincoln,
already uses the Internet
to book its Village Hall
for Local Leisure Activities.

Millenium Bug??



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Items for next issue by
May 10th
Published
May 24th

TENNIS RETURNS TO COOMBE



The popular tennis afternoons at Coombe will resume again on 7th April for the Easter and Summer School Holidays. They will take place on Wednesdays.

There will be two sessions:

For 6 to 10 yrs:
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For 10 to 16 yrs:
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Enquiries to Brian Turner at Coombe, tel: 820331

CARPET BONUS!

Note the new carpet in the Rhodes Hall. Profligate spending?

Apparently, the carpet was donated & cost us nothing.

Nice work! Right price!



Easter Church Services

Sevenhampton:

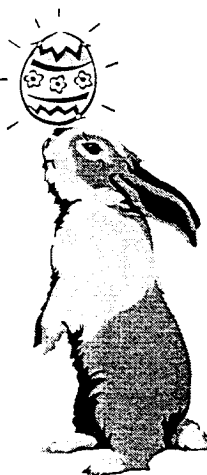
Good Friday: 11:15a.m. Matins

Easter Day: 11:30a.m. Holy Communion

Charlton Abbots:

Good Friday: 2:15p.m. Meditation

Easter Day: 8:30a.m. Holy Communion



and Kerbside recycling

Will be on normal days except:

NORMAL DAY NEW DAY

Mon 5th April* Tue 6th April*

Wed 7th April Thu 8th April

*Lower Sevenhampton

!!REMEMBER!!

Need transport?



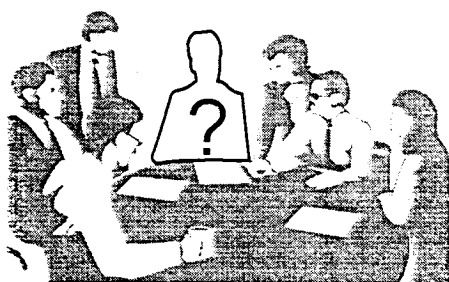
Call the Organisers:

Sheila Agius 820102

Di Brown 820271

Fay Swain 820402

The Sevenhampton Parish Council Nominations, Annual Meeting & Election



8th April: Nominations Close
21st April: Annual Parish Meeting
6th May: Possible Election

To correct some anomalies and reflect higher petrol prices in April there will be an increase to the charges (to cover volunteers' expenses)

It will remain very good value, (e.g. Cheltenham for £4.00 rtn)

Whether this is a true likeness of the Parish Council in its deliberations you'll be able to find out on Wednesday 21st April when the Annual Parish Meeting takes place in the Village Hall at 7.30. Residents will be able to thank members for their past efforts and wish those standing down all the best.

If you wish to be considered for election to the seven-strong Sevenhampton Parish Council, this is what to do! (*Speed is of the essence as completed nominations must reach the Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX by NOON on Thursday 8th April.*)

Nomination papers can be obtained from the Returning Officer by ringing the main Cotswold District Council number: 01285 643643 and asking for the Election Office: Ext. 3229 or 3227.

They can also be obtained by post but it's bound to take longer.

More than seven nominations? An Election on May 6th.

Exciting to know that the Parish enjoyed a surfeit of residents keen to add ideas and energy in service to the community.

Produce Show Outing

Wednesday 23rd June

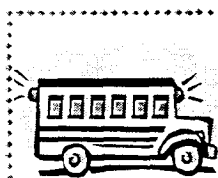
Undoubtedly the Muirs, who bought Kiftsgate Court in 1918 and whose grand-daughter still maintains the gardens, were helped and inspired by Hidcote Manor, just up the road.

£8.50

With its magnificent terraced situation and views the garden has been planned with great care and thought, every plant placed with a definite pattern of contrast to its neighbour. The RHS Journal in 1951 regarded it as "the finest piece of skilled colour work".

Kiftsgate's most famous species rose (although unfortunately not at its best until mid-July), a 'sport' of Rosa moschata, was planted in 1938 but not recognised as a separate variety until 1951 when it was named Rosa Filipes Kiftsgate. Measuring 80ft x 90ft x 50ft high it is claimed to be the largest rose in England.

There are many other unusual plants and shrubs.



The Coach leaves Brockhampton kiosk at 2:45p.m.
Tea at the gardens and a pub supper on the way home.
Return to Brockhampton by about 8:30. - 9:00p.m.
Coach fare: £5.00, entry to the gardens: £3.50.
Open to all but primarily intended for local residents.

details from:

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!The gardens are on a steep slope but there are plenty of places to sit down.!

MILLENNIUM PUBLICATION

Stories, pictures, poems needed.

Needed most of all are ideas of what should go in to make it worth having and worth sponsoring.

Can you put your high-speed thinking caps on?
I'll be approaching all the local societies for contributions but personal stories would be a bonus.

Let's reflect the place and people now!

Transport has changed our lives and though some families have been here forever, many are incomers.

What brought people here? Who has left? For where? What changes have made impressions? What are the hopes and ambitions of the rising generations? We have two young men hoping to train, one as an architect and another as a vet in the village. What other

aspirations are out there?

Is there something in the Parish that you would like to see in this publication? Do you have or can you take a photo? Can draw it? Can you describe it?

Copies of the Publication will its hoped contain a page for families to put in their own photos to personalise their copy - but what about a few interesting portraits for the printed part?

I'm in debate with members of the Produce Show Committee with a view to having an extra category or two in the show. Photographs of the Parish - details or panoramas, concentrating on whether it could be reproduced satisfactorily. Pen and ink sketches too.

The classes would be judged and if our printing advisers say okay,

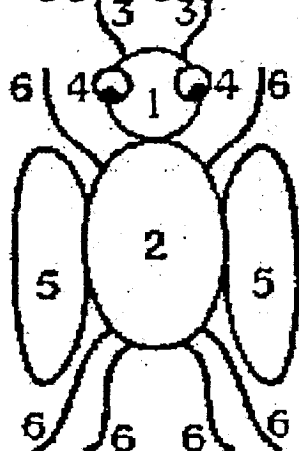
winning entries will go into the publication.

Please, please, lots more pleases, send your ideas to me, Anne Jenkin @ Grange Farm Studios or leave them with Vanessa at the Post Office. If you would like to help with the compilation or offer articles, please let me

What To Publish?

*Thanks to Liz and Rod Francis,
We have Publishers! We may have Sponsors!
Together we could make it worth having!*

BEETLE DRIVE



*Not a Bug,
I'm the Beetle.
Collect My Bits!*

Friday April 9th

7.30 p.m.

at Rhodes Memorial
Hall, Brockhampton

For young, old and
in-betweens to have
some fun:

Adults - £2.00

School age 50p

New Services at the Post Office

LLOYDS / TSB BANK PERSONAL CUSTOMERS!

From 1st April 1999, the services already available to Alliance & Leicester / Giro and Cooperative Bank customers will be open to all Lloyds / TSB Bank Personal Account Customers.

They will be able to deposit cash & cheques into their bank account at their friendly (*Vanessa's awfully fierce, really! Ed*) local Post Office. They will be able to cash cheques, too. (Cheque book and guarantee card needed.) No fee will be payable for these services.

Customers of other banks can cash cheques at the Post Office, but will be charged a £5 fee - so back to the Hole in the Wall.

MORE PO NEWS

The Post Office will close one hour early, at 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday 20th reopening on Wednesday at 11 am. April for the installation of more computer software.

Mail will still be collected at 5pm as usual.

Following installation of the new software, each transaction across the counter will have to be processed through the computer. Whilst this bodes well for an efficient future, the short term could mean that transactions slow down a little. So please allow a little extra time for visits to the Post Office whilst we all get used to the new systems.

B.A.D.S.

Annual General Meeting

All Welcome!

Thursday 29th April 1999

At 7.30p.m. in the
Hall Reading Room.



Sevenhampton and Brockhampton Charity Walk

Why not take some gentle exercise, enjoy the countryside and raise some money for Macmillan Nurses at the same time.

Choose how far you want to walk. Bring your dog if you like.

Cost £2.00 for adults, (£1.00 Children) to include refreshments in the Village Hall (hot soup, crusty rolls etc).

Just turn up at The Rickyard, (opposite the Telephone Kiosk, Brockhampton) at on Saturday 24th April at 1000 to support this fine cause.

SPRING JUMBLE SALE Saturday May 15th 2:15pm

In aid of the Luncheon Club.

Teas, bric-a-brac, books and raffle.

Please bring along any jumble at about 10:30 a.m. on the day

or contact

Mildred Jarman 820462 or

Rita Rhone 234 021

Nothing to bring?

Just come and fight over the antiques and model-clothes in the afternoon.