

# VILLAGE LIVE

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**As we head inexorably for it, I'm going to get brave in this issue and mention the MILLENNIUM again.**

Plans are evolving "organically" for a variety of activities from Summer 1999 almost to New Year 2000. There will be fund-raising for that with a candlelit supper, a walk around local lanes and, we hope, an auction. It should be possible for all to get something out of the occasion whilst avoiding getting too gung-ho about it all!

*Thanks to those preparing articles for the Millennium Publication - meeting in June! Could I look at progress then or before? I will need photos and sketches for the booklet - perhaps a series of two or three memorable village/parish images. Possibility of £5 cash prize - just like the lottery. More info later but look through the album & sketch pads, please.*

Two good garden parties to look forward to raising funds for worthwhile causes. You'll find enclosed a leaflet setting out the workings of the Good Neighbours Scheme. This is not a charity but a cooperative venture. Any of us could be a user. Zooming along today, broken big toe tomorrow - you may find a lift useful.

*BADS are looking for people who might consider helping or taking part in their Year 2000 production. (See backpage.)*

Vanessa's launched the Village Hall computer. Should give each a chance to learn new skills. Bewarned though, everyone becomes the world's leading expert on some minute computing facet. You won't stay immune!

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## **Parish Election**

**For the first time in 12 years a poll was held to elect the new Parish Council.** There were eight nominations for these seven places.

Several candidates and a spouse or two went to the count at Moreton Fire College.

Sevenhampton was the last of three counts at "Table 4" and so it got later and later before the system - a Byzantine version of Blue Peter - threw up the results. As the ballot papers were lined up across the counting sheets, it was obvious that everyone had a respectable number of crosses by their name. No candidate was supported by less than half of those voting.



Those elected were Leslie Agius; Charles Arkell; John Davis; Kit Gregory; Anne Jackson; Thomas Jackson and Bill Jenkin. Maurice Cann, was behind by only one vote and prompted a school of thought that believes he was the big winner. Showed willing but doesn't have to go to the meetings. Seems a good result.

**Asked if the evening was interesting, new Councillor, Thomas Jackson, caught the mood with, "In a tedious sort of way".**

**Info for Issue 11 in by  
August 3rd (Elastic)  
Magazine Out  
August 15th!**

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The **Annual Parish Meeting** on April 21<sup>st</sup> thanked and said good-bye to some familiar faces who have stood down from office after long service. It also heralded the arrival of some new ones.

Those leaving office - Arthur Challoner, District Councillor for many years; John Lanfear parish councillor for 24 years and Chairman for 18; Colin Rosser, Chairman of the Parish Council; Lesley Ball who was Parish Clerk for 12 years and Cherrie Handy, parish councillor. Thanks were expressed to all the councillors and voluntary members of committees.

In his report, Colin Rosser (Chairman) looked back at the Village Appraisal recommendations of 1996. There had been some successes: The relocation of the Post Office to the Village Hall; publication of his magazine; the "Good Neighbour" Scheme; Leisure activities for the under 16s were all examples. There had also been failures: The acquisition of sites for a car park and recreation field had both proved impossible.

Colin reminded the meeting that minutes of all Council proceedings are lodged in the Post Office. A local information leaflet is also available from the Post Office (it is constantly up-dated).

Other items mentioned were the disruption caused by the water and electricity works; grass vergemaintenance; the useful work of the Parish Tree Warden (John Jackson); the loan from the County Council for a village hall with internet connection, for use by any Parishioner who cares to book. Some questions were raised about security and funding for this.



Lynn Jackson reported on proposed Millennium celebration events. (See opposite page) A report about the Village Design Statement caused much comment from the floor and an open meeting was arranged to discuss this further. (Report next column)

Also raised by the meeting: Speed restrictions through the village (the County Surveyor is talking to the Police about signs and possible speed limits through the Parish); Suggestions were made for improving communication between the Parish Council and the public.

**Colin Rosser will perform his last duty as Chairman by overseeing the election of his successor at the first meeting of the incoming Parish Council on Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup>.**

## Village Design Statement

After the taster at the Annual Parish Meeting almost 30 villagers turned out on 14<sup>th</sup> May to hear about the Village Design Statement. The Countryside Commission (subsumed by the Glos Rural Community Council) had suggested the drawing up of this document to the Parish Council.



It should

- Provide a record of the essential character of the village as it exists now.
- Define the distinguishing style of the various areas.
- Identify particular structures or sites identified as quintessential to the villages (e.g. the Brewery Chimney).
- Provide a guide for future planning.

There was a lot of debate about what was considered acceptable and the powers of individuals or authorities to dictate "good taste". It was stressed that the statement would give the residents of the villages a say into what would otherwise be left to "the powers that be".

The meeting agreed that the committee appointed by The Parish Council should proceed with the document.

It is important to involve the residents of Sevenhampton and Brockhampton on as wide a basis as possible and it is hoped that all residents will complete a questionnaire which will be sent to all households in the autumn. Later in the year an exhibition will be held in the village hall with photographs of all our buildings in the village followed by an open discussion.

Ring Martin Podd on 820051 for further information.

## Christian Aid



Thank you to Di & Arthur Brown, Muriel Candler and all other parishioners in Sevenhampton, Brockhampton & Charlton Abbots for their efforts in raising £200 in Christian Aid Week.

# MILLENNIUM EVENTS UPDATE

Fun (and fundraising) for your diary:-

WATCH NOTICEBOARDS FOR MORE DETAILS

## This Year

- Midsummer Fun Walk** (or Run) around the Parish.  
Late Afternoon/Early Evening with Ploughman's at the Hall  
Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> - 5pm start.
- Candlelit Dinner** - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September in the Rhodes  
Memorial Hall (limited numbers).
- Autumn/Winter - an Auction** (possibly "blind" auction!)

## New Years Eve 1999

- Village Hall will be open to Midnight** for people to come  
along and meet up on a purely informal "bring your own  
food/drink" basis.
- At midnight there will be organised fireworks and a  
bonfire** in the Rickyard (by kind permission of Charlton  
Abbotts Estate).
- Champagne Breakfast back at the Hall.** Ticket only  
(limited numbers) to celebrate further in style.
- More to come!**

## Year 2000

- Village Celebrations: Fun Day and Barn Dance** on  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2000 followed on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> by  
special Church service.
- Festival of Flowers and Quilting in St. Andrew** between  
August 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

## New Years Eve 2000?

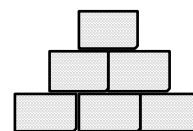
Shall we celebrate again - to round off the year (and  
satisfy those who say that's when it should be)? -  
watch this space.

## Further News

ILLUSTRATED PARISH MAP will be on sale during the  
year. JIGSAW & TEATOWEL also on their way.

## Millennium Post Box

All is now set for the stone postbox  
to be erected in the autumn. The  
Parish Council and the Planning Dept.  
have given their blessing. The grant  
is organised and the post office are  
refurbishing an old cast iron box.



*Squared Stone Needed:*

The Carved stone is on order but good  
squared stones to build the base are  
needed.

If you have only a few suitable  
stones you could donate or for  
further information:-  
Please ring Martin Podd -820051.

## Commemorative Publication Stocktake

"DROPIN"  
Reading Room  
Village Hall  
June 25<sup>th</sup>  
7pm to 9pm

Please submit requested articles  
or part articles on or before this  
date and drop in for informal  
discussion on progress.

Has anyone got some interesting  
photos or sketches for the  
publication?  
Rod & Liz - will be on hand to  
advise on technical constraints for  
the publication!

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## *The Luncheon*

### *Club*



continues to meet at Rhodes Hall  
every Wednesday.

We have coffee or tea so, if you're out for a

walk or at the Post Office, why not come in  
and join us for a cup?

Our recent jumble was a great success, thank

We also look forward to seeing  
you at our



you who helped or came along for their  
Summer outfits.

at Carol and Clive Norden's,  
The Lake House, Brockhampton.  
2:00pm, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June.  
(for Luncheon Club and Church Funds)



## **CAR BOOT SALE**

**THE DEER PARK,  
BROCKHAMPTON**  
(courtesy of Mr. Babbage)

**SATURDAY, JULY 3rd, 1999**  
**10.00am. - 12.30pm.**

**£5 per car**

**Refreshments Available,  
Toilet Facilities**

**IN AID OF CHARLTON ABBOTTS and  
SEVENHAMPTON  
CHURCHES REPAIR FUND**

**For further information and to**

**Book your car space, telephone  
Clem Holland, 820318**



## **For the Diary**

**BADS** are planning another mammoth  
venture for the Millennium Year.  
A series of sketches on History of Drama  
& Theatre is planned and they will need  
young & old to swell up their numbers.



# **BADS**



If you would be interested in knowing  
more "without obligation" about helping  
either on or off stage, please contact  
**Doris Austin on 820425 or attend  
BADS regular Thursday Meeting in the  
Village Hall (Next Meeting Thursday 27th  
at 7.30).**



Di & Arthur Brown  
invite you to  
**A GARDEN PARTY**  
at "Wychwood" in aid of  
Church of England  
**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

**Tea & Produce Cakes & Drinks Treasure Hunt**



**Saturday 7th August**  
**2 pm till 4.30 pm**