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# **Parish Council**

# Change of Identity: Proposal to merge Cotswold and West Oxfordshire District Councils into a Cotswold West Oxfordshire Unitary Authority.

Since the start of the year Cotswold District Council have been in discussion with West Oxfordshire Council over whether they should combine to form a new Unitary Authority. Should they merge Cotswold District Council's current functions would be delivered by the new Unitary Authority in which Cotswold would be the minority stakeholder. The same would apply to the functions delivered locally by Gloucestershire County Council.

Cotswold District Council seemingly approve this proposal and has put this out for debate. There are websites promoting such a merger. One is www.oxfordshire.vision concentrating on the advantages for Oxfordshire. Both Oxfordshire County Council - which the proposers seek to abolish - and Gloucestershire County Council have responded with their objections. Their websites are www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/one-oxfordshire

& www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/cotswoldfaqs.

The details of consulting the electorate seem a bit perfunctory but may or may not evolve convincingly. Currently they don't seem to include a public vote. The Parish Council is minded to oppose the change and is in the process of formulating a response.

# Dog Waste Bin

The constant problem of dog mess and filled pooper scooper bags being left on verges and hedges around the villages doesn't get any better. The Parish Council has been offered a Dog Waste bin funded from the Cotswold District Councillor's (Robin Hughes) ward budget of £250 for the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign. The favoured site for this bin is near the Brockhampton 'phone box. This spot is passed on several routes favoured by local dog walkers. If you can think of a better place for it please let the Parish Clerk know. The box will be emptied by CDC.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of Sevenhampton Parish Council will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm

in the Reading Room, Rhodes Memorial Hall, Brockhampton, GL54 5XH.

This will be the **Annual Parish Council meeting** where the lay officials are elected. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND and there will be a Question and Answer session, if required, for Members of the Public wishing to raise questions. Contact/Info. Parish Clerk, Diana Cook 01242 821018, email removed to stop spam



# is on 27th August

That's 21 weeks to produce loads of entries for the many classes on offer.

The schedules will be landing on you doorstep in the next few weeks so make sure you have noted the date 27<sup>th</sup> August in your diaries or their digital equivalent.

Unlike last year let's hope for a good growing season this year so that we can have an excellent show of produce. Even if the season is bad please enter something "however pathetic". Ping pong ball sized potatoes with three eyes, maggot holes and covered in scabs would have won last years largest potato class but only if they had been entered - which they were not.

If you are planning your veg patch for this season spare a thought for the show and try and have as big a spread as you can to maximise the number of entries in as many classes as possible, and whatever the standard they can all be included in the Grand Auction which raises valuable funds.

The monies raised at last years show has enabled these grants so far:

- £500 for a defibrillator in Brockhampton
- £500 towards the ongoing maintenance of Hawling's defibrillator.
- £100 for a book cupboard in St Martins Church Charlton Abbotts .
- £500 for 4 extra tables in the Rhodes Memorial Hall.
- £500 towards the maintenance of St Andrews Church, Sevenhampton.
- £150 for electrical work required in Rhodes Memorial Hall for the defibrillator.

The box needed for the defibrillator in Brockhampton has proved more costly than was budgeted for but Lynne and Robert Jackson have kindly covered the excess for which we must thank them.

### Do you want news about the show by email?

The show organisers would like to build a village email database to put out news about the show. It would not be a replacement for printed matter but it would enable notices and reminders as well as details of last minute changes to go out to people in good time.

If you are happy to be included then please email Dick Tallents (email removed to stop spam) and ask to be added to the list. This list would only be used to promote village activities and would not be made available for commercial purposes. All emails would be sent such that recipients would be unable to see the other addressees.

Perhaps the most important thing currently is that the Cotswold District Council want us to join up with the West Oxfordshire DC. Important to keep across it. I hope it doesn't happen and you may differ but I'd hate to change our lovely dustmen and the A417/Air Balloon safety plan doesn't seem to have made the new scheme's agenda.

The saddest news is the news that John Lanfear has died. He's been a mainstay of this community for more than half a century and, I'm reliably informed, almost single-handedly worked to keep the Craven profitable for much of that time. Our thoughts are with Gill and family. He was well-loved by many.

Schedules for the "The Show" will be with you soon and you are being invited to grow some entries. You can sign up too for timely email information by contacting Dick Tallents (email removed to prevent Check out the grants that the Show made to local projects. Still puzzled to see why the Jackson's had to top up defibrillator funds but will ask around!

Two good films in prospect. "The Lady in the Van" on April 14th and "Bridge of Spies" on May 12th. Both are excellent. A note for Gill Hyatt, the 2nd is quite long but so good you don't notice - risk it!

We're to welcome a Dog Poo bin to be sited near the Millennium Post Box which will be emptied by Cotswold DC. How

Items for the next Issue (June/July) by 20th May Please. Bill & Anne Jenkin: 820338 email: removed to stop spam

# Cotswolds Photographic Competition

# CAPTURE OUR GLORIOUS TOWNS, **EVENTS & LANDSCAPES**

The 5 photography categories are: Best Cotswold village life • Taste of the Cotswolds Showcasing our beautiful Cotswolds towns Best live event scene • Stunning rural landscapes

Category winners images will be featured in tourism promotions and publications

### ONE OVERALL WINNER WILL RECEIVE:

- Canvas of winning photo supplied by Blueprint Imaging
- Treat yourself courtesy of Cotswold House Hotel 30 minute Spa treatment, 2 hours use of the Spa facilities and a £15 voucher for use in the restaura
- Cotswold Farm Park Family Pass

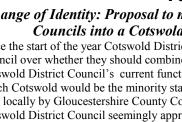
Closing date Friday 10th June 2016











# Village Diary

including **†**Church Services

RMH = Rhodes Memorial Hall

RR = Reading Room, Rhodes Memorial Hall

CA = 'Craven Arms'

♥Ch'A. = St Martin's Church, Charlton Abbotts ♥S'h. = St Andrew's Church, Sevenhampton

♥H = St. Edward's Church, Hawling

<sup>†</sup>Hc = Hawling Methodist Chapel.

### Every Thursday

10.30 - 11.30am in the Reading Rom - Coffee Club, 10.00 - 12.00 am Reading Room - Village Agent.

<u>April</u> Sun 3rd

Tue 12th

Mon 4th 7.30pm RMH - WI Thu 7th 7.30pm CA - Quiz Night 11.00am & Ch'A - Matins Sun 10th

6.00pm 骨H - Holy Communion 3.00pm RMH - Century Club

Thu 14th 7.30pm RMH - Film 'The Lady in the Van' Sun 17th 11.00am ⊕S'h - Family Service

RMH - Garden Club AGM Thu 21st Sun 24th 11.00am ⊕S'h - Holy Communion

May

Sun 1st 10.00 ⊕S'h - All Parish Holy Communion Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Early May Bank Holiday 4.30pm Garden Club Outing Thu 5th 7.30pm CA - Quiz Night

Sun 8th 11.00am & Ch'A - Holy Communion 6.00pm ⊕H - Holy Communion

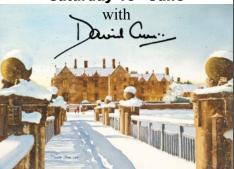
7.30pm RMH - W.I. Open Meeting Mon 9th Tue 10<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm RMH - Century Club Thu 12th 7.30pm RMH - Film Show Sun 15th 11.00am ⊕S'h - Family Service

7:30pm RR - Parish Council Wed 18th 11.00am & S'h - Holy Communion Sun 22th 6.00pm ⊕H - All Age Service

Sun 29th 7:30pm CA - Gin O'clock gin tasting.

Mon 30th Spring Bank Holiday

# Watercolour Workshop Saturday 18th June



This informal workshop is for all levels except absolute beginners. It provides the opportunity to learn about colour theory and its practical application and some new watercolour techniques.

David Cuin splits his time between Evergreen, Colorado, USA and here in Brockhampton. These areas and their buildings are the subject of many David's paintings.

David has 35 years of practical experience in watercolour and for more than 15 years has taught classes and workshops on watercolour and its related topics, both privately and at art

10am to 4pm in the Village Hall The £20 admission which includes a lunch will all go to village hall funds.

Find out more about David at

www.davidcuinart.com.

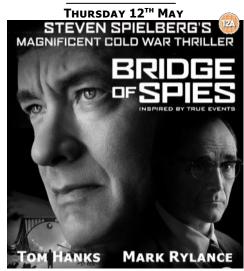
Contact Georgina Oldham for information about the workshop, tel 01242 820423 or email removed to stop spam.

## FILMS IN THE VILLAGE HALL THURSDAY 14TH APRIL



# ADY 飛VA

Maggie Smith in Alan Bennett's memoir of the true story of Miss Shepherd who 'temporarily' parked her van in his driveway for 15 years.



## FOR BOTH SHOWS DOORS OPEN 7.00 FOR 7.30PM ADMISSION £3.00 ON THE DOOR www.sevenhampton.org/films 01242 820338

# The Queen's 90th

The W.I. is planning for a show of bunting around the village to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. This would be for both 21st April and

11th June. If residents would like to add their own contribution by putting bunting out on their own homes it could make an exceptional show.

In addition there may be a 'bring your own' picnic in June open to all. More details including location to follow in the next edition.

The Parish Council is also planning to present all residents over the age of 90 with commemorative medals.



# Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May (bank holiday weekend)

Gin O'clock

**Gin Tasting Evening** 

Come and join us and our drinks expert Rupert Ventiroso for a journey all about Gin. Learning about the different botanicals, cocktails and the ultimate G & T.

£35 including all tasting drinks Ticket only event For more information call 01242 820410

**Quiz nights** Thursdays 7th April & 5th Mav



# SEVENHAMPTON & DISTRICT Women's **INSTITUTE**

## Meetings

# Monday 4th April

Story Telling - Cotswold Tales

Chloe Lees of Midnight Storytellers Midnight Storytellers was formed by Chloe 15 years ago, part of a revival of traditional storytelling for audiences of all ages.

# Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May **OPEN MEETING ALL WELCOME**

### Chocolate with Yvonne Everest

A talk to encourage everyone to a 'have a go with chocolate'. The evening will outline the techniques for working with chocolate, tastings, samples of Belgian chocolate novelties and a short power point presentation.

7.30 p.m. in the Rhodes Memorial Hall If you aren't a member come along anyway and give it a go.

More information -Ring Georgina Oldham on 820423



# Meetings

# Thursday 21st April

AGM and Bob Brown - "A Bucket full of Stuff'.

# Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Visit to Upton Wold, Nr Blockley (meet at gardens 4.30pm) followed by pub supper.

Normal meetings 7.30pm in Rhodes Memorial Hall

Non-members are welcome to attend our meetings for a fee of £5.

Information - Di Cook 821018



# **Draw Results**

January 29<sup>th</sup> - Blue -1-3 - Rollover February 26<sup>th</sup> Blue - 1 - 5 - Win £200 March 25<sup>th</sup> - Red - 2 - 2 - Rollover Prize money available for April - £100 More information

www.sevenhampton.org/lottery or from Mike Moseley tel 820369

# Good Neigbourhood ( Scheme



If you need help with transport etc

ring a coordinator

Sheila Agius 820102

**A** Di Brown 820271

Lynne Jackson 820408

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