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**Contemplating the end of the Millennium** reminds me of the man who for years paraded up and down Oxford Street in London's West End warning us all via his sandwich board not to eat fish, fowl or other protein because the end was nigh and doom not far off! In swapping one Millennium for the next, there is a hint of stepping off the edge of a flat earth into.....Who knows what?

Most of us will treat the occasion as a rather special New Year - friends, family and a toast or two to the future. The TVs will be full of retrospectives and commercialised jollity. Why not record a bit of Angus Deayton (he's bound to be on) and make the trip to the Village Hall in the run up to midnight. Enjoy the Midnight Fireworks just a step away on the "walks".

I hope that you will all support the Quiz at the Village Hall on November 27th. It should be fun, there are prizes and funds will be for the fireworks, the Millennium Publication - now due out at Easter - and towards the Fun Day in the summer. Any residue will be ploughed into village funds with a particular emphasis on the needs of the younger residents.

It would be good to have teams from the WI, BADS, Luncheon Club, Aerobics etc., family teams and obviously teams of friends. On your own? We can slot you in, I'm sure!

This will be the last guaranteed newsletter this year. I hope we'll be able to get out a timetable of events and church services about the second week in December.

*So I would like to wish you all a Happy New Whatever - I suspect we're not all doomed after all!*

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31st December 1999 to  1st January 2000

## RHODES HALL AND THE NEW YEAR

The Village Hall  
will be open on

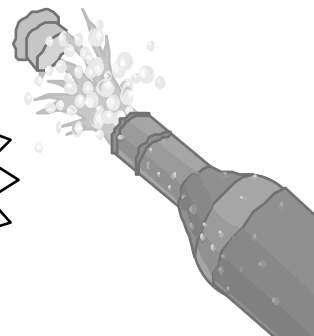
New Millennium's Eve as a place where villagers can take their families, some grub and perhaps a glass of wine - or lemonade for the younger members - to share the occasion on an informal basis with friends and neighbours. It will be open from 9.30pm till midnight when everyone can trek 50 yards to the "walks" for the firework display.

## In the Wee Small Hours AD2000

The popping of corks will replace the whoosh of fireworks and a **Champagne Breakfast** will be available. This is ticket only so if you want a truly decadent beginning to the new era, then let Wendy Lee (820520) or Gill Lanfear (820862) know by November 12th.

### Volunteers

needed to help for this event as Val Smith was to do the honours before her horrid accident. If you can help let Gill or Wendy know!



# Life in the Old Place Yet

Recent weeks have shown why living here can be a privilege with a long run of diverse and super-successful events.

The Produce Show delivered for the first time a four-figure profit - good weather and lots to do. Georgina's Candlelit Supper with music by Bob Holland was a village first. The food was superb. Pets waiting patiently for "doggy bags" were out of luck - all plates were cleared!

Ros Stewart's major exhibition "AD2000" pulled in and held enthralled hundreds of visitors whilst Robert's Centennial Crank-up with its myriad machines (over 90 engines + cars + tractors), family farming history and 15 working horses couldn't fail to fascinate. Congratulations to the Jacksons (& Hyatts) for their achievement. BADs again put on two superb comedies and their Millennium special is eagerly awaited.

*With summer garden parties, a car boot sale and fund-raising walks, several thousand pounds have been raised for Church, Village, Millennium Funds and other causes. Perhaps more importantly, everyone had a good & interesting time.*

Thanks to all the principals who worked so hard but thanks too to the industrious back-up teams who mysteriously appear with cups of tea, magic the washing up away and ~~metaphorically, perhaps literally at Robert's Crank-Up, oil the wheels~~ of village events.

*Ros Stewart would like to thank all those who helped make her AD2000 exhibition such a success. Visitors came from far and near to renew their acquaintance with the villages. £780 was raised for local Church Building Funds. Ros points out that we can now celebrate 2000AD knowing that our villages are as pretty and*



## Computer Tuition

If you would like to find out what a computer can do or what the Internet is capable of but don't know where to start a list has been compiled of local residents who are willing to give some of their time offering to get others up and running on

the village computer. (Thanks to Phil Davis we have been able to install MS Office software which is very familiar to most volunteer tutors and is used virtually universally!) The plan is for 'one to one' sessions giving enough information to get people started and follow up help as needed.

The list of "tutors" who you can contact is kept by Vanessa Holland in the Post Office. Others will be willing to give time to coach (only a basic understanding necessary) please give Vanessa your name (820966 or 820300) and she'll add you

### Produce Show AGM



Monday 8th November  
at 7:30pm  
VILLAGE HALL  
All welcome to attend!

**"The Way Forward"** is how the Parish Council describes its aims for the villages over the next four years.

The ambition is the provision of:

- An informal children's play area.
- Additional off-road residents parking in Brockhampton (Quarry) and to encourage plans that take cars off the road
- Car Parking for functions at the Village Hall.
- "Passing Places" for large vehicles to enable buses to keep to their timetables.
- To discuss with BT the feasibility of putting telephone lines through the villages underground.
- To complete and publish the Village Design Statement - now close to completion.

In addition to usual business at its meeting on 15th September the council also discussed the Millennium Post Box; co-opted Lesley Ball to fill the council vacancy; discussed grass cutting for next year (the contract will go out to tender). The council noted that there were an number of freeranged dogs in the villages causing nuisance and danger to themselves and others.

—Next Parish Council Meeting: November 10th 7:30pm—

## A Yew for the Millennium

The Sevenhampton & District W.I. is to mark the millennium by planting a yew tree in St. Andrews Churchyard. This is part of a national project: 'Yews for the Millennium' created by The Conservation



Yew "berries"

Foundation. The aim is to plant a yew tree in every parish in the land, creating a millennium symbol which is 'permanent and yet celebrating the abundance and vitality of life.' The slow-growing yew can withstand exceptional conditions enabling it to survive for thousands of years. These saplings have all been taken from plants over 2,000 years old. Our tree was collected by Wendy Lee at a special distribution service at Painswick Church on 22nd October. (I hope there are still 99 yews in the churchyard!). It will be kept in Clem Holland's cold frame over the Winter and there will be a planting ceremony in the Spring. Further information from Anne Jackson 820 488. More about the Conservation Foundation for villagers 'on the net' at:

## DRAFT Village Design Statement EXHIBITION & DISCUSSION

## Presentation in Brockhampton Village Hall

of the draft village design statement on **Saturday 13th November** Exhibition from 3 to 6 pm. Discussion starts at 5pm. All parishioners (& Children) are

welcome. The village design statement team is: James Corris 821078; Jon Davis -820196; Cherrie Handy -820355; John Lanfear -820862; Martin Podd -820051; (also Kit

## GOLDEN MEMORIES

**Bonfire night** will be extra special this year for ex-villagers Eric and Josie Barnett as it will mark their Golden Wedding. Both are fit and well and they are now living in Bishop's Cleeve. Together with the bride's brother Les Verrinder, they still take an active interest in village events, regularly attending the Produce Show and thoroughly



enjoying Ros Stewart's "AD2000" exhibition.

There is an illustration of how much change the villages have seen and I'm sure they are remembered by many current residents.

They are seen standing outside the chapel - near the phone box - shortly before its conversion to a house. There they tied the knot fifty years ago.

The bride lived at Grange Farm House - then it was "2 Grange Farm Cottages", the groom at "The Old Post Office" and their journeys to the ceremony must have been about 10 yards for him and perhaps ten times that for her.

As we reach the change of century, it would be good to think that the many other couples who have emigrated from the village over the last decades have had as good a share of happiness as them.

*I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating Eric & Josie and wishing them and all who have left the village well.*

Did you miss out last time?  
Georgina's doing it again!

## Valentine Dinner

**Sunday 13th February 2000**  
In The Rhodes Memorial Hall,  
Brockhampton  
**A Three Course Meal with  
Musical Entertainment**  
(Bring your own Drinks)  
Village Millennium Fund  
Numbers Limited  
(Priority given to those who  
couldn't get a booking last time)

To book: Georgina Oldham on  
820423

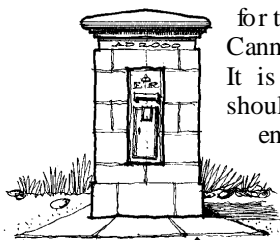
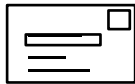


## The Millennium Post Box!

The new pillar for the new box will be erected in mid November with the **Grand Opening** planned for Saturday 11th December - Vanessa will confirm all the details nearer to the time.

The Royal Mail will officiate at the ceremony and it is hoped that Bob our local postman will do the actual opening and that the "Echo" will cover the event.

There will be a **time capsule** going underneath and if you've good ideas for the contents, let Carol Cann know on 820649. It is intended that there should be commemorative envelopes and a special first day stamping - just awaiting Royal



**JUMBLE SALE**

Saturday  
4th. December  
2:15pm  
Rhodes Hall

In aid of  
Sevenhampton &  
Charlton Abbots Church Funds  
Details:  
Gill Hyatt: 820458

Clem and Megan invite you to help

## "Raise the Roof"

of St Michael's, Charlton Abbots.

Rhodes Hall,

2pm to 4.30 pm

Monday 15th November.

Sales, raffle, tea and cakes.

Post Office open so drop in after buying

**Saturday 27th November**

## Millennium QUIZ NIGHT

A night of fun for teams of four,  
individuals also welcome

PRIZES

TEN ROUNDS OF  
TEN QUESTIONS

IN SUPPORT OF  
MILLENNIUM  
FUND

REFRESHMENTS  
(included in ticket)

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**Local History Round**  
set by Ros Stewart

Rhodes Hall, 7:30pm £3.00 each

Get your tickets from the Post Office:

820966 (P.O. hours) 820300 (outside P.O. hours)

## A REMINDER -



for transport,  
shopping,  
prescriptions etc.

☎ Sheila Agius 820102  
☎ Fay Swain 820402  
☎ Di Brown 820271

**Wednesday**  
**15th December**  
**7pm for 7.30**  
**Rhodes Hall**

**Pies, Punch & Carols**

**Adults £2.50**  
**Children £1**

Proceeds to Local Charities