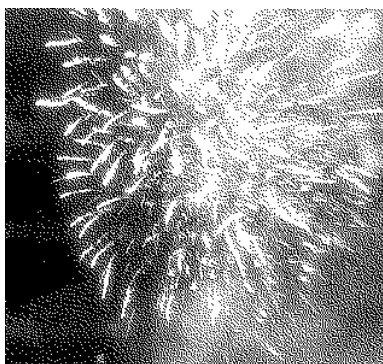


VILLAGE LIVE

Issue 14 February 2000

Two months down, only nine hundred & ninety - nine years ten months to the next one - except of course for the "2001" fancub. The Millennium certainly got off to a great start with the Village fireworks display. Not just the fireworks - which were just right (Thanks, Robert) - but the fabulous way everyone trooped in from all over the parish..



whole thing enhanced by the parallel display at Brockhampton Park which gave us double value. *This shared event seemed a good omen for the times ahead..*

The Village Hall Party before midnight and the Champagne Breakfast afterwards were great fun too. Thanks to all for all the hard work involved. It's a privilege to be domestically challenged and so incapable of such good works!

Watch out for the Parish Jigsaw - it should be worth having. Not one to do once then lose a bit in the Hoover but one to keep. Profits from the sales will go to the Millennium funds and help subsidise the rest of the year's activities.

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**Commemorative Covers
& Note Cards
of
Brockhampton Post Box AD2000**

Rod Francis writes:
**A limited edition
commemorative cover** has
been produced to celebrate the opening of the
new post box in Brockhampton which was designed by Martin
Podd and built by Simon Gegg and his staff using stone
donated by local parishioners.

The cover is limited to only
200 copies and shows the
structure with the box itself
highlighted by a hand wash.
Each cover is franked on the
last day of 1999 and the first
day of 2000 and is
accompanied by a descriptive
card showing the cover

number.
Packs of 5 **note cards**
showing the post box have
been produced
*Both items are on sale at
the Post Office. All profits
go to the Millennium
Events Fund.*
Also - details of the
Parish Jigsaw - Page 4



INCREASED USE OF SCHEME

The second AGM of the Sevenhampton Good Neighbour Scheme held on January 26th heard the secretary report a successful year with a total of 88 journeys undertaken during 1999 - almost double the previous year and apparently appreciated by all users. The charge to cover volunteer expenses will not increase this year.

Need a lift, just ring the coordinators:

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

Next Issue 14th April
Info by 7th please

Thank You from

PIES.PUNCH&CAROLS

Thank you to everyone who supported the evening. A cheque for £60 has been sent to each of the following charities.

- Special Care Baby Unit Neonatal Monitor Appeal (Cheltenham)
- Cheltenham Community Projects Buy-Brick-Appeal
- Leukaemia & Intensive

THE CHURCHWARDEN & PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHARLTON ABBOTTS AND SEVENHAMPTON

who write:

"we are delighted to report that the major building repairs at both St. Martin's and St. Andrew's Churches are now almost complete, the last phase being the main nave roof at Charlton Abbots. This work has been enabled by the dedicated hard work put into many special fund raising events, plus generous donations from local parishioners and more distant friends and, particularly, the substantial and most invaluable grants from various Trusts.



We are very grateful for so much support. The church buildings are sound again and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to share all the future services."

from

THE VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

would like to thank:

- *The Brockhampton Quilters* for the donation of a hot water urn for small gatherings.
- *The Produce Show*, who have donated £300 for tea plates and a hot water urn for large events.
- for the gift of a clock in memory of their parents - *The family of*

from

MIKE NICOLA & CHLOE parkcot@aol.com

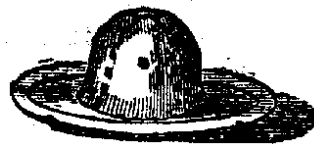
If you feel that it is appropriate we would like you to pass on our thanks, through "Village Life", to all the people who were involved in organising the New Year fireworks. We spent a very quiet family evening playing a murder mystery. At 11.30 we woke the kids up and walked down to the village to see in the new year. It was great to be with so many local people. The amount of hard work that the organisers must have put in to make this event the great show it was very much appreciated by us and I am sure by everyone else there.

A Big Thank You for Second Helpings

Georgina's Valentine's Dinner at the Hall in aid of the Millennium Fund was, like her September dinner, a rip-roaring success with a fully full house. It also raised a staggering £350 for the fund.

Thanks are definitely in order for Georgina Oldham and the willing band of helpers.

Will Georgina Be Resting Now? Don't Be Silly!



CABINET PUDDING.

A Puddings Evening is next on the menu in September so watch out for the date. I know a few Sweet-Toothed Types who'll be queueing!

from

PASSING HIKERS 12TH FEB

"Best thing we've seen of its sort!", they said of the AD2000 PostBox. They thought it was a splendid way to mark the Millennium.

A Note From The Parish Council

The Parish Council has had drawn to its attention the habit of some residents of using the verges as a dumping ground for garden refuse, grass cutting etc. Please refrain from doing this as it is unsightly and causes nuisance.

**Annie Weatherley
Parish Clerk**



RECORD OF THE YEAR *A Note from our Tree Warden,* John Jackson writes:

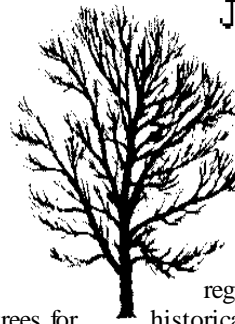
The Millennium Events Committee believe it would be worthwhile to try and compile a record of this Millennium Year to be enjoyed as we go into 2001. A Video is the favoured medium but it will take a lot of work and how it will be undertaken is still under debate - so far it's been "Lights, Camera, Inaction". In the meantime, there are things you can do to help accumulate raw material: -

- M Clubs, groups and individuals with access to a Video Camera might record extracts of meetings & events.
- M Clubs, groups and individuals could take photographs of their activities.
- M Anyone or group could record by sketch, camera or video anything that illustrates an aspect of the year.
- M Anyone participating might record Parish Events - Produce Show, Summer Family Day, Church Flowers, Quilters Exhibitions, Jumble Sales etc.

Most importantly we do need an expert or two with some Post Production kit, lots of patience and a little time to cope with the varied formats so if there are any experts willing to help with advice, technical help or organisation now or later in the year: -



Please e-mail: villive@jenkab.globalnet.co.uk or drop a note to me: Anne Jenkin at Grange Farm Studios.



The purpose of a tree warden is to encourage the conservation of sound healthy trees in the Parish, and to keep a check on trees in his area.

He (or she) may compile a register of mature "veteran" trees for historical purposes and will give advice on planning applications on trees. I have also taken photographs of handsome and interesting trees.

In a Conservation Area (which includes most of our two villages) you must give 6 weeks notice in writing before felling or trimming any tree with the exception of fruit trees which are 75cm (3") or more in diameter at 1.5m (5') above ground level. This is to prevent haphazard felling or cutting of trees that enhance the local environment.

Tree wardens attend regular instructive meetings under the guidance of Cotswold District Council Forestry Officer and his staff.

John P Jackson.



The Western Daily Press is campaigning in a petitioning to alert those of us living in the countryside to the threat posed to the continuation of many rural Post Offices by changing the way pension and other benefits are paid.

The government is proposing that all claimants must have their monies paid into bank accounts rather than over the counter at the PO. Whilst administratively this sounds neat enough, it does pose problems for those reliant on getting cash locally - many of whom have no bank accounts - and it threatens the viability of small POs like ours where much of the income is dependent on responsibility for a benefits service. With the best will in the world, there is very little room for diversification into other profit-making activities in our local office.

Vanessa has copies of the petition at the office and is well informed on how the proposals may affect this area so talk to her. Which actually is the major bonus of our office, it has become the friendly hub of village information services, taking on responsibility for hall bookings, database of services and generally oiling the community wheels.

The threat has been raised in the House of Commons by Local MP, Geoffrey Clifton Brown, in response to letters from our and other Parish Councils but local viability must in part be down to us. Read the information at the PO, use the "over the counter" benefits service if possible and perhaps see what PO business you can do locally rather than in town.

POST OFFICE HOURS

MON	1300-1700
TUES	1400-1700
WED	1100-1500
THUR	1000-1300 & 1400 -1700
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FRI	1400-1700

SOUVENIR JIGSAW

The Sevenhampton Parish Millennium Events Committee are pleased to announce that the Parish Jigsaw will be on sale from this week.



This is a 250 piece wooden jigsaw with a difference. All 250 pieces are different and the corners are mitred so you can't start with the easy bits.



Each puzzle contains up to 20 'whimsies' which are special pieces which, when jigsaws were cut by hand, would be cut by the craftsmen and were relevant to the picture.

(*"Whimsies" because they are cut on a whim.*)

They are very special and will make super gifts - great for friends or family abroad.

Priced at £12.50, they are on sale at Brockhampton Post Office, where you can see a display sample or phone Rod on 820678 to have one delivered to your door as long as it's a local door.

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, April 1st at 2.15pm

Not an April Fool!

Get the Best Bargains at the

GRAND SPRING JUMBLE SALE

BROCKHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

Proceeds for Sevenhampton and Charlton

Abbotts Church Funds - see you there, don't miss it!

Information:

Gill Hyatt 820458 Clem Holland 820318

DIARY REGULARS

There seem to be a bit of a lull in the usual hectic diary of village events at the moment (apart from the jumble sale on April 1st, see below). So we thought we would take the opportunity of reminding you of the current regular activities which go on in the village hall.

The Women's Institute

First Monday in the Month (except August) at 7.30pm.
Contact: Mrs Anne Jackson: 820488

Toddlers Group

Mondays, fortnightly at 9.30 a.m. (with baby clinic every four weeks).
Contact: Mrs Emma Lanfear: 821081

KeepFit

Tuesdays, 7.30p.m. (except August) just turn up.

Luncheon Club

Wednesdays, 11.00a.m.
Contact: Mrs Mildred Jarman 820462

B.A.D.S. (amateur dramatics)

Thursdays 7.30p.m.
Contact: Mrs Doris Austin 820425

Century Club

Second Tuesday in Month, 3.00pm
Contact: Mrs Gill Haynes 820562.

Young Leisure

Every Friday (Winter) 7.00pm
Contact: Mrs Lynne Jackson 820408

Young Quilters

Monthly on Saturday Mornings.
Contact: Mrs Georgina Oldham 820423

Sevenhampton Parish Council

The next meeting of the
Sevenhampton Parish Council
is on
Wednesday 8th March, 2000
7.30pm Reading Room,
Rhodes Memorial hall

The public are welcome to attend.