

VILLAGE LIVE

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Christmas here again and with absolutely no time to arrange it properly - just like last year and the ones before.

Long range weather forecast will be for slate - grey skies. Wet and very windy or very wet and only slightly windy. "You can't call muck like this weather!" was my father's verdict. Let's hope we get a bit of snow for pretty or at least a crispening of the mud sometime in the next few weeks.

It gives us all an excuse to cosy up in front of the fire though to enjoy indoor Christmases except of course for the farmers.

We should all brave the elements for "Pies and Punch" on Thursday 14th at the Hall. You'll only have a day or two to offer Mince Pie to Georgina (820423) by the time you receive this. Can't make pies, you can at least eat them - so go along and support this event. *Parish Church services are on page 3 with the Carol Service on Dec 17th.*

Becoming a habit is "Dads & Lads football". Held on Boxing Day, this revived version is less formal than the original but fun whether playing or just laughing and pointing like me.

Last minute presents? A number of items benefitting local causes is available at the PO.

Have a very good time over Christmas & New Year



End of Millennium Year Round-Up

Anne Jenkin

There are two or three Millennium Projects that have yet to be completed. The first is the field map which is still under construction as is the Millennium Hanging for the Village Hall. Both should be worth the wait. You should receive your copy of "Chronicle 2000" - a souvenir booklet - very soon.

After a gestation period only rivalled by larger mammals, the publication should be hitting your door in the next few days. We were hoping to get it to everyone at the Produce Show but didn't make it. It should arrive though in time for turkey and/or nut roast.

This timing will at least find favour with the "Well the New Millennium really starts on....." crowd.

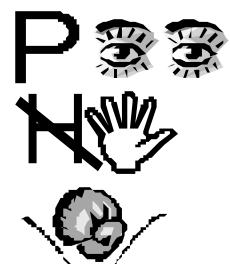
Should you want copies for friends, they will be on sale at the Post Office at £3.00 or consider other local gifts as below.

Special Christmas Gifts at Post Office

Sevenhampton wooden jigsaw: £12.99
2000 AD limited edition, hand-coloured commemorative covers stamped before and after the Millennium.

Set of notelets featuring new Post Box.

Can't get to PO? Phone Rod 820678



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Rural Policing Plan Launched

Gloucestershire Police hope to increase presence and improve their contact with people in country areas.

The plan aims to provide 'Rural Beat Officers' as the local face of the force; 'Rural Watch' to improve two-way between officers and the public in rural areas; a more visible police presence in villages and hamlets; to target rural crime using new specialist Rural Policing Teams; to give rural residents the chance to voice their views on policing via panels run by the Constabulary in their areas; to improve the quality of contact between the police and public.

To kick-off in our area P.C. Mark Turner has been appointed as the Rural Beat Officer based in Cirencester. (more on www.gloucestershire.police.uk/rural/).

Telephone Scam

If you are phoned by anyone claiming to be an engineer asking you to dial 90# to verify that the line is in order **under no circumstances do so.** The caller is nothing to do with BT and if you do as asked the caller will be able to use your line to make as many calls as they like at your expense!

To become a participant in Neighbourhood Watch -tel 820338
To receive Neighbourhood Watch alerts by e-mail -
contactnwatch@jenkab.globalnet.co.uk.

A reminder of **Police Telephone Numbers** -

In an Emergency Dial 999 if there is a crime in progress, life is threatened, a crime is likely to occur or someone is injured.

Non Emergency: Dial 01242 521321 Cheltenham Police Switchboard staffed 24 hours a day.

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 to leave information anonymously about crimes and suspicious activity.

Bogus Caller Helpline 08081 000777 If in doubt about a stranger calling at your door, lock the door and ring the helpline, where trained staff are on hand.

Crime Prevention Officer *01242 276506 Stephen Taylor

Rural Beat Officer *01242 276547 Mark Turner

Andoversford Police Station *01242 820222 Ian Greaves

*don't use the service for urgent matters as they are not fully staffed and voice mail is not always attended to daily.

Village Hall Launches Car Park Appeal and thank you for the carpet

from

Carol Cann, Hall Treasure(r)

Our super new carpet was fitted in September. The £2814 was raised by personal fundraising efforts of Enid Turner and Georgina Oldham; donations from regular users of the Hall - the Quilters,

W.I., Produce Show, Luncheon and Century Clubs, and Vanessa Holland. A grant of £1200 from the Cotswold District Council, and a contribution of £488 from the Village Hall funds. Thanks to all of you.



Rhodes Memorial Hall

Now the **Village Hall Car Park** - a huge financial project for us needing grants, donations and fundraising events. Progress is slow as we are still waiting for the final tender from a third contractor. When this is received, we will be able to proceed, knowing the actual cost involved. Georgina Oldham has already kindly donated £134 from the recently held Bingo evening. Future fundraisers will be held at the Hall including a January Quiz Night (seep 4), and a talk on the Whittington Stone Mines on April 6th. Please support and enjoy these and the future events we are planning.

PARISH COUNCIL

Planning - comments form.

In future planning proposals placed in the Post Office for your inspection will be accompanied by a form on which you may make brief comments. You may also, of course, also write directly to the Parish or Cotswold District.

Garden Refuse

The parish council has had comments about the dumping of garden rubbish. For 41p from the Post Office you can get special garden refuse sacks



approved by the District Council which the dustmen will take away.

Precept to be Frozen?

The Parish precept for 2000/2001 should remain unchanged however a final decision will be made at the **Next Meeting** on 10th January 2001 at 7:30pm.



Last dates for Xmas post:

Europe

Thursday, 14th December

Inland second class

Monday, 18th December

Inland first class

Thursday, 21st December.

Brockhampton Post Office will be closed on

Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Vanessa would like to thank customers for their support during the year and to wish you all a Merry Christmas and good health and happiness in the New Year.



Christmas visitors.

Christmas Church Services



Sunday, 17th December

11:15am Charlton Abbotts

Festal Matins

6:30pm Sevenhampton

Carol Service

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

11:30 pm Sevenhampton

Holy Communion with hymns
and sermon

Christmas Day, Monday 25th December

8:30am Charlton Abbotts

Holy Communion

11:15am Sevenhampton

Festal Matins

New Years Eve, Sunday Dec 31st

10:30 am Sevenhampton

Morning Service

SOME BOTANICAL POSERS

**PROFESSOR DAVID INGRAM
REGIUS KEEPER OF THE ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDEN, EDINBURGH**

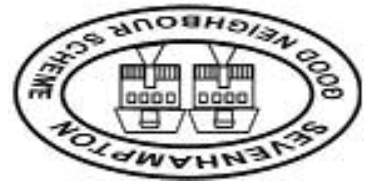
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1	Christmas means candles but what light would be shed by St Olaf's Candlestick?
2	'Red roses for a Blue Lady' goes the song but can we get blue roses for a red - nosed reindeer?
3	With their white flowers, Christmas roses and snowdrops look pretty but are white flowers really
4	We know where Brazil nuts come from, but what about Panama hats? Where are they from?
5	What is the link between the death of Socrates and the angelica with which trifles are decorated?
6	Toad stools are obviously the realm of fairies, but are they more closely related to toads or to
7	Some of us eat Brussels Sprouts with turkey, but what plant eat meat?
8	What is the connection between goldensuckles and Christmas kisses?
9	The wisemen brought gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold is metal, but what are frankincense
10	Shetland Black could be a 50 year - old whisky or a rich, dark Christmas pudding but it isn't. What is it?

1	<i>Not much. It is a one-flowered winter green, is one of the rare and most beautiful flowers of pine woods.</i>	
2	<i>Not yet, but perhaps soon. There is now a mauve carnation, and blue roses can't be far behind.</i>	
3	<i>Not to an insect. Insects are able to detect UV which reflects white in a variety of ways, giving "colours".</i>	
4	<i>Mainly Ecuador. The Panama hat palm is found from Central America but hats are mainly made in Ecuador. Six leaves make one hat, of which 1 million are exported annually.</i>	
5	<i>Angelica is made from the crystallised stems of a plant in the family Umbelliferae. This family also includes hemlock which is poisonous. Carrot and parsnip are more palatable members of the same family.</i>	ned
6	<i>Toads. Research shows toad stools contain collagen, which occurs in animals, like toads, but not in plants, like toadflax.</i>	
7	<i>There are at least three. Sundew, Butterwort and Bladderwort all capture insects. This is because they live in habitats such as moorland, where nitrogen is in short supply, and must be supplemented from an animal source.</i>	
8	<i>Mistletoe. Pliny, the Roman historian tells us that the Druids gathered mistletoe with golden sickles, to use in fertility rites. Hence the custom of stolen kisses, maybe.</i>	
9	<i>Aromatic resin used in incense and perfumes. Frankincense is from evergreen tree Boswellia and myrrh is from the spiny deciduous shrub Commiphora. Both are native to North Africa or Arabia.</i>	s
10	<i>It is an old variety of potato bred in 1900 which has black skin with purple-ringed, yellow flesh. Why not serve them at Christmas?</i>	mas?

BOTANIC ANSWERS

For assistance call coordinator:-
 02012 820102 Sheila Agius
 020402 820402 Fays Wain
 020271 820271 Di Brown



£3 Entrance includes refreshments.
 with Raffle
 Proceeds to the Children's Society and the
 Village Hall Car Park Fund.

20th CENTURY QUIZ

Friday, 26th January at 7.30 p.m.
 Rhodes Memorial Hall
 Family Fun Evening

Chase Away the Winter Blues

Did you recognise "PIES AND PUNCH" on Page 1?

Donations of mince pies and raffie prizes very welcome
 please, contact Cherrie Handy 820355 or Georgina Oldham
 on 820423 if you can supply any.

Thursday 14th December
 7pm for 7.30 start
Adults £2.50 Children £1
Inc. Pies & Punch



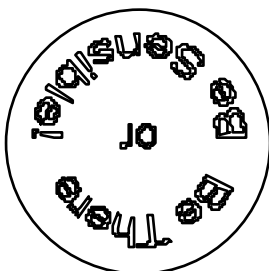
**PIES, PUNCH
 AND CAROLS**

**DADS & LADS
 FOOTBALL**



**December 26th
 11 am**

Men, women,
 boys, girls,
 skate-boarding clubs.
 All are invited to
 enter a game of
 football.
 Referees & Linesmen Needed.
 Refreshments served.



Further Information:
 Emma Lanfear: 820552.

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Info for next issue
 Feb 5th