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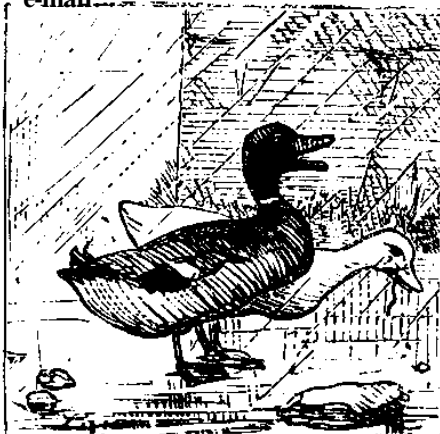
I've been looking back at February's newsletter. It seems so long ago. So many plans knocked sideways by Foot and Mouth. A collective holding of the breath hoping the disease will pass us by.

I'm sure that everyone's thoughts are with our local farmers and by extension with those in other countryside communities. All we non-farmers can do is support them by following the rules, keeping off the farms, making sure no-one else endangers the parish farms and wait it out. I think we all feel pretty impotent in the face of this catastrophic outbreak and afterwards insist on buying local produce of all sorts.

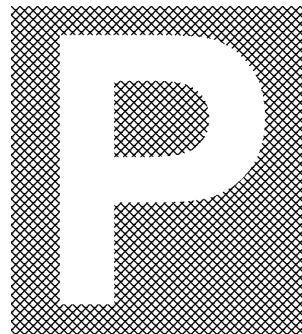
The Produce Show outing is one victim of the outbreak, the Arts & Crafts exhibition has also been deferred until later this year or possibly 2002.

More positively, the New Century Club has made a donation to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. Profits too from the Craven Quiz on May 20th will be split between this fund and the Rural Stress Information Network.

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April showers.



Hall car park fund-raising goes into top gear

The hall car park project is moving on apace.

The contract for the work has been awarded to local farmer Brian Smith with the assistance of Paul Selway (now also local resident). The trustees considered several tenders and Brian's was the most competitive.

The cost of this venture will be in the order of £14,500.

An application for a grant of half this sum has been made to Cotswold District Council and will be considered in June. Fund raising Bingo, Quiz Night, and a Stone Mines Talk, a lavish donation from the Produce Show and a very generous grant from Sevenhampton Parish Council has reduced the amount that Hall Trustees will need to find to £4½K.

Various fund-raising events will be held in the next few months. Unfortunately the Arts and Crafts Exhibition has had to be postponed but part of the *Biennial Quilters Exhibition (15th & 16th September)* proceeds will go towards the fund.

the first event will be a
**Plants, Home-made Produce and Quality Books
Bring and Buy Tea Party**
to be held on Saturday 12th May
from 2:30 to 4:30 in the Hall.

So start baking, growing and sorting out those books now.

Personal donations are also very welcome (and will be treated in strictest confidence) so if you are feeling generous, contact Treasurer, Carol Cann, on 820649.

A Mine of Information?

As was forecast Arthur Price's talk on the Whittington Stone Mines exceeded expectations. It's always a good sign when those who've heard him before come along for an update. The man is plainly mad - always a plus - but fascinating. Crawling between cave roof and rock fall, shredding his legs as he went - horrible. He lived to tell the tale - and told it so well. His slides were comprehensive and his research fascinating. More please!

Only two complaints. The talk should be longer and secondly, our diligent Hall Committee should put its collective mind to arrange for a screen

to be higher on the wall so that a better angle of projection could be achieved.

The talk raised £127 for the car park



For assistance call a co-ordinator:-

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Church Notes

from Gill Hyatt

Many thanks to all who supported the **March Jumble Sale** and helped raise about £400 for the Church Funds of Charlton Abbots and Sevenhampton.

Please note the following services:

Sunday after Easter (April 22)
10.30am Holy Communion at Sevenhampton

April 29 (5th Sunday)

10.30am Deanery Service of Confirmation at NORTHLEACH.

NB. No service at Sevenhampton or Charlton Abbots.

Ascension Day (Thursday, May 24th.)

10.00am. Service of Holy Communion at Sevenhampton

followed by the

Ascension Day Coffee Party

with various stalls at

Rhodes Memorial Hall, Brockhampton.



The New Century Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 3p. m., at the Rhodes Memorial Hall, Brockhampton, with interesting talks etc. followed by afternoon tea.

At our Annual Meeting on March 13th, we elected to make a £25 donation to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society "remembering farmers in this time of the Foot and Mouth outbreak".

The following meeting on April 10th was held at the home of Mrs Fay Swain, The Old Barn where we watched a video of a Buckingham Palace Awards Ceremony - at which Mrs Swain's daughter received an OBE.

The video gave a real insight to how investitures are conducted. Normally the recipients are only seen outside the palace before and after the ceremony.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

Ros Stewart



Enquiries for Tables or for joining -
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From the Parish Council

The annual parish meeting was held on 14th March. In the Chairman's Report Mrs Kit Gregory thanked the work done by voluntary groups and individuals some of which the Parish Council helped to fund.

The Millennium Committee has now been wound up and the surplus funds transferred to the Way Forward Fund (which this year will be making a contribution to the Hall Car Park). The village design statement will shortly be printed and 'Village Live' keeps everyone up to date with the events.

Points raised from the meeting concerned: the project to put telephone wires underground, Posters advising about Foot & Mouth at all entrances to the villages and there was also a question about foot and mouth restrictions with relation to 'set aside' land.

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting (the one when Chairman and other officers are elected). It will be held on 9th May at 7:30 in the Reading

ADVANCE



WARNING Brockhampton

Quilters

biennial exhibition

will be held on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September.

10am to 5pm

Raffle for a double quilt, the proceeds will be shared between *the County Air Ambulance* and the *hall car park* so

Foot and Mouth

First a thank you from our local farmers to all those who have kept away from farms and farmland during this crisis. Because of the cases in Gloucestershire the nearest one being at Wooltsone (just north of Gotherington), our villages are technically in an 'infected area'. The border of this area runs from Ford to the 'Foxhill' and then along the A436. Being in an infected area has particular significance for farmers because of restrictions it places on them in the movement of livestock etc. Dog owners should note that it is an offence to let dogs to run free in an infected area.

Gloucestershire County Council have considered advice on the reopening of footpaths but at this time ALL RURAL FOOTPATHS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARE STILL CLOSED.

Vanessa Holland is keeping printed versions of the latest updates on the outbreak from the MAFF website (<http://www.maff.gov.uk>) for perusal in the post office.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP OFF FARMLAND AND AWAY FROM

*In support of farmers in distress
there will be a*

Pub Quiz Night

*on
Sunday 20th May*

*at
The Craven Arms
7pm for a 7.30 start.*

for Teams of five (ish).
Entrance fee of £4 ahead
includes food.

Proceeds from this event will be distributed between the Rural Stress Information Network and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

**INFO FOR NEXT EDITION
JUNE 10th**