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Golden Jubilee in a couple of weeks. Hoping for a fine day for the Street Party and Fireworks. Both promised to be great fun and will be well-attended.

Nothing planned between the Street party and Fireworks? In addition to official events, Dale is generously turning over the Craven to a *Locals' evening*. He'll be serving a hot supper which includes a glass of wine. Very good value at £7.50. Should bridge the gap nicely. *Hopetosee you there.*

More summer events coming, the *Produce Show Outing* on June 27th to gardens with an eccentric history sounds asplendid day out.

In July, the Nordens will host a *Jubilee Garden Party* in their fine garden. Funds to the Church and the Luncheon Club. It couldn't be held in a lovelier setting.

Read on Page 4 the issues raised at the Parish Meeting by residents. Let the councillors know your views. You can also use this newsletter to float ideas. Just write to us at Grange Farm Studios or drop us an e-mail and it will go in the next edition - taste and decency constraints permitting.

Want to be fitter for the summer? Have you tried the Yoga classes yet? It's an effective way of improving your fitness. Village Hall Tuesday evenings and/or Thursday mornings. Give it a go.

Bill & Anne Jenkin: 820338
e-mail:



Hail Smiling May.



Golden Jubilee CELEBRATIONS

Monday 3rd June 2002

3:00pm Streetparty
8:00 pm Locals' Buffet at the Local
10:00pm Fireworks and Bonfire

STREETPARTY

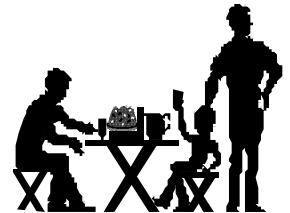
3:00pm Outside Village Hall

You've probably already done so but if not, please let us know if you are coming

by filling in the form below.

The party for local residents is being sponsored by

Sevenhampton Parish Council and is **free to resident of the parish**, for legal reasons a charge of £2.00 adults 50p children is necessary for those from outside the Parish



LOCALS' BUFFET at THE LOCAL

8:00pm at the Craven Arms

Dale Campbell is providing a **'locals' hot buffet evening** with a choice of a meat, fish or vegetable dish for £7.50 and includes a glass of wine.



FIREWORKS & BONFIRE

10:00pm at the Cow Ground, Manor Farm

(accessed by Donnywell footpath - bring a torch)

by kind permission of Robert Jackson & Family sponsored by Sevenhampton Parish Council



If you don't want to cut out the form there are spares at the Post Office.

I/we will be attending the street party on 3rd June at 3:00p.

ADULTS CHILDREN

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Please take/send this form **either** to Brockhampton Post Office; or the Parish Clerk at The Old Shop, Brockhampton, GL545XG.
Or email: streetparty@jenkab.globalnet.co.uk with your requirements.

Enquiries: Ann van Rossem (Parish Clerk) tel. 01242820718, email: ann.vanrossem@lineone.net



Neighbourhood Watch News

'Watch word' Alerts for Farmers and Equestrians

'Watchword' alert messages have now been extended to include farmers and the owners of stables and riding establishments. These messages are about crime which is particularly relevant. You do not need a computer to receive them. If you fall into one of the above categories and would like to be registered, please contact PC Chris Skinner at Stow Police Station (01242276600) for an application form.

Theft of Garden Tools and Equipment

An ongoing problem in North Cotswolds area is the theft of garden tools and equipment from sheds and outbuildings. Recently a number of ride-on mowers have been stolen (one unfortunately from Brockhampton). This is the advice from the police:

"Shed doors are notoriously easy to get into, so strengthen the door and the frame if you can. Use strong padbars and close shackle padlocks. 5-lever mortise locks are the best for normal solid doors.

Are the windows secure? Use perspex or polycarbonate sheet instead of glass.

Fit a window lock on opening windows and a strong grille or heavy wire mesh.

Use net curtains to deter casual viewing. Consider fitting an alarm.

Does your insurance cover the shed or garage and all the tools stored there?

Is everything post-coded, so that you could identify it if it was stolen? Most items can be marked by a variety of methods (etching, UV pen, paint stencil in g etc) and easily identifiable items will be more difficult for the thief to dispose of and, therefore, less likely to be taken in the first place. Keep a note of serial numbers.

Do you secure property within the shed? Then, even if someone did break into it, they would not just be able to walk off with all your valuable items. Consider this for cycles, mowers, power tools and, of course, ladders."

You can obtain a reasonably cheap battery powered alarm for sheds and post coding kits from the mobile police station (see below).

Two men were arrested in connection with the theft of saddle stones through the alertness of Neighbourhood Watch members at Hazleton. Garden ornaments are unfortunately a target for thieves.

Mobile Police Station

You can get advice on crime prevention or air your concerns about crime in our area at the mobile police station. If you missed the visit on 14th May, Church Lane 10:20 to 10:50 am keep an eye on the notice boards for the next one, usually about once a month (the timetable is still settling down). Internet users can get information about this and other crime-reducing initiatives on <http://www.ruralwatch.co.uk>.



Neighbourhood Watch Information

If you would like Neighbourhood Watch alerts and news about other police matters by email please let me know at: nwatch@jenkab.globalnet.co.uk

If you are not emailable you can receive a regular newsletter and other relevant alerts by bill's bikemail and 'phone. Please ring me on 820338.

Bill Jenkin, co-ordinator

Police Telephonenumbers : _____

Emergencies requiring a police officer to attend or a crime is taking place: - '999'

To give nonurgent information or to report suspicious vehicles where a crime is not actually taking place : 08450901234 .

Stow Police (daytime): (01242)276603

Gloucestershire Crimestoppers:

FREEPHONE number to pass information without giving your name - 0800555111

A 'fridge is 'bulky refuse'

Have you bought a new refrigerator recently?

Often the retailer will not take away the old one because of a new regulation on the disposal of Ozone Depleting Substances. Fortunately, Cotswold District Council will remove bulky household items (including 'fridges) for free.

CALL 01285623612

NEW CENTURY CLUB BROCKHAMPTON

from Ros Stewart

For this Jubilee Year members decided to look back and talk about 'Life With in the Village' from their own early years. So for the April meeting on the 9th, we welcomed three local ladies - Mrs G Lanfer, Mrs V Fletcher and Mrs V Smith - who came to talk on 'Memories of Childhood in Brockhampton'.

Very few people were born and lived all their lives in Brockhampton. They had seen numerous changes. In their youth many children were living in the villages and the school was full with some 40 to 50 pupils. They all attended the



The Old School, Sevenhampton

Baptist Chapel Sunday School regularly, and enjoyed the Sunday School teas, Fetes at Brockhampton Park and Charlton Abbots Manor.

There was no water or electricity laid on until the end of the Second World War. They bought sweets at a local shop and stamps at the Old Post Office which was run by two old ladies and was very dark inside. There were five shops in the villages at one time. They watched the local blacksmith that worked in the Old Forge. All these facilities, sadly, are now gone.

This talk was much appreciated by older members who had also lived in Brockhampton for many years. It awakened memories to be chatted over during the good tea which followed.

Third Time Lucky for Produce Show Outing?

After the last two years' cancellations let's all keep our fingers crossed for this year's trip on June 27th to **Hampton Court Gardens** - no, not that Hampton Court, this one's near Leominster.

Robestoriches

Henry IV awarded the estate to his 'Yeoman



Stillwatersreflectthe grandmanorof HamptonCourt

In 1994 American millionaire Robert van Kampen bought the estate. He sold the farms to the farmers and appointed a caretaker, Richard Waghorn, who before long was managing the restoration of the castle at a cost of about £6m. In 1996 Waghorn thought how splendid it would be to make something of the extensive grounds. He had Simon Dorrell, art editor of 'Hortus' draw up plans on a grand scale with avenues, canals, a maze, a tunnel and a sunken garden, together with pavilions and belvederes. Van Kampen fell in love with the plans and quite simply said 'yes' at a cost of about another £6m.

amazing

With a name like Hampton Court there has to be a maze (of over 1,000 yew trees, laid out in 1997) in the centre you enter a tower from which leads a 'secret' tunnel. You emerge through a thatched pavilion to a sunken garden where a waterfall cascades down the stony sides into a pond.

There are walled gardens, water garden, herbaceous borders (with a purple and yellow theme) and a Dutch garden. Although some original features have been retained much has been built from scratch using the permanent staff of craftsmen. Much work is still in progress - the gardens opened to the public in 2000. Outside the eight acre garden there is a ha-ha, parkland and agricultural land making up 100 acres in all.



faith & charity

Unfortunately Robert van Kampen died in 1999 awaiting a heart transplant. The estate is now owned by 'Sola Scriptura', a Christian charitable trust set up by van Kampen - a Christian fundamentalist - to restore the authority of the Bible. The house is run as a temperance conference centre. So you are unlikely to find any alcoholic refreshment on sale in the

Restaurant and Shop, where you can buy plants and produce from the grounds. If you do want an alcoholic beverage you will have to wait for the shop on the return trip at the

Yew Tree Inn Dornington, for the all important evening meal. Here you can enjoy panoramic views of the Wye Valley across to the Black Mountains. There is a range of food from sandwiches to hot carvery.

Coach travel and entrance to gardens: £14.00
(supper extra)

Coach leaves Brockhampton Telephone Kiosk
on 27th June at 12.00 noon.
Returns at 10pm approx.

To Book:

Please telephone Liz or Rod Francis
01242820749 (day time) or 01242820678 (evenings)

YOGA

**FOR MEN AND
WOMEN**

all levels catered for

in addition to other
Thursday morning classes
9:30 - 11:00am



Gill Rowe

is now holding Yoga classes on
Tuesday evenings
7:30 to 9:00pm
Rhodes Memorial Hall

for details:

Gill Rowe, 01242820213

Golden Jubilee Refuse Collections

(Cotswold District Council Collections)

**For the week starting
Monday 3rd June**

two days later than usual, i.e.

Lower Sevenhampton : -
Wednesday

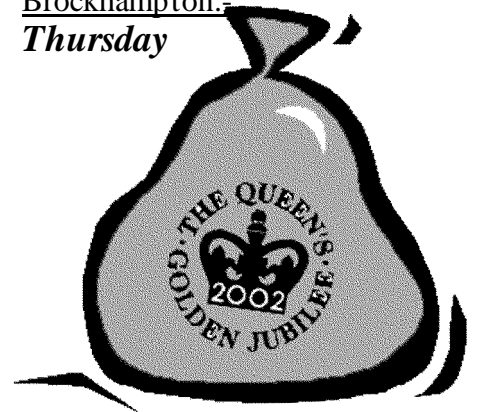
Upper Sevenhampton &
Brockhampton : -
Friday

**For the week starting
Monday 10th June**

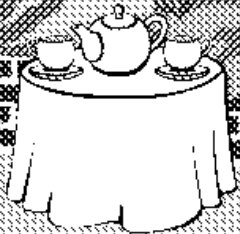
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Brockhampton : -
Thursday



Jubilee Garden Party



Carol and Clive Norden

invite you to

'The Lake House' on Saturday 13th July at

2:30 pm

for a Golden Jubilee Garden Party

Plants -Bric -a-Brac -Raffle -MarketStalls

CroquetLessons

TeasandCakes

itemsfortheraffleandstallswillbemostwelcome.

Do join us for this annual event.

Funds raised will go to Church and Luncheon Club.

*enquiries: RitaRhone(sec):01242231024



**Sevenhamptonand
DistrictWomen's
Institute
diary**

RegularmeetingsstakeplaceattheRhodes
Memorial Hall on the first Monday of
eachmonth. Why not give it a try?

Monday 13th May -speaker:

MrRichardWestcott,aprofessionalactor,
who will transform himself -before your
veryeyes -fromasobersuit edgentintoa
PantomimeDame.

Monday 10thJune -outing:

AtriptoGantsMillandHadspenGardens
in Somerset. This is likely to be fully
booked when we publish but you never
knowyourluck.

Monday 12thJuly -speaker:

Mrs Sue Smith. on Butterflies in the
Cotswolds.

enquiriesMrsDiBrown -820271

Twoforthediary

More details next edition

**Produce Show (with a Jubilee
theme):-** is on Saturday 26th
August.

Keep practising those Battenburg
recipes -traditionally full of food
colouring but the best cake in the
world. (*First peel off a bit of
marzipan and nibble, then a jam
edged pink square, now a white one,
thensuddenly its completely
vanished.*)

Robert's open Day & Crankup

Sunday October 20th - unmissable.
If you enjoyed Robert's engineering
efforts at the Art & Craft Show
you'll love this -brings out the small
boy in all of us.

*Next edition mid July
Info by July 7th if pass*

Affordable Housing, Speed Limits, A Bus Shelter, Handrails and a Loyal Message to the Queen.

All raised by members of the parish at the
Annual Parish Meeting on 3rd April.

Affordable Housing 40% of replies to the
village appraisal mentioned the need for
affordable housing. *Martin Podd* is
investigating the first stage of a scheme
which is to prove the need of any local
housing association rent/buy scheme and
will report back at the May parish council
meeting.

a **Bus Shelter** by the 'Arrow Shed in
Brockhampton was needed by parents and
children awaiting the school and service
buses. The feasibility of this will be
looked into by the parish council and
Emma Lanfear.

the **Speed of Traffic** through the villages
was a matter of concern. The PC had
been promised speed limits by GCC as a
matter of priority and this will be pursued.
It was thought that 'sleeping policemen'
would prove noisy for residents with farm
trailers and other hefty vehicles
negotiating them.

Donnywell was becoming overgrown and
the **handrails** needed restoration. The
area will be cleared and the costs of new
handrails investigated.

A request that a **loyal message to The
Queen** should be sent on a hand crafted
scroll as part of the Jubilee year will be
investigated by the Parish Council.

These and the other items of concern to
the villages will be considered at the next
Parish Council Meeting which is on
Wednesday 15th May at 7:30pm in the
Rhodes Hall Reading Room.

A FULL REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE



**Need help with transport,
shopping, prescriptions for
the Jubilee?**

Try the Good Neighbour Scheme:

☎ **Sheila Agius 820102**

☎ **Fay Swain 820402**

☎ **Di Brown 820271**