

Issue 27 December 2002

Christmas imminent and everybody has got their last card written and their presents wrapped. Nothing left to do but plan for the New Year!

A hole in your diary? Fill it and you with Pies, Punch & Carols on Dec 20th. This marks the official opening of the week of celebration and gluttony which comes to a shuddering end on December 26th when hardy souls turn out for "Dads & Lads" football in Lanfear's field. Don't let not being a Dad or a Lad rule you out - some of the best local rules football has been played by the fairer (call that fair!) sex in recent years. Hot dogs and tomato soup for the survivors so it's well worth it.

Details of the festive church services in Sevenhampton and Charlton Abbots on Page 2.

Bright red poopers scoop bags add a seasonal something to canine excursions - free from Brockhampton Post Office. For some toy breeds, a couple of extra holes and they could become combined rain-coats and auto-scoopers which would save some of the bending.

Christmas Bin Days on back page - we'll be taking the names of those who put theirs out on the wrong day.

Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

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Gardening Club Proposed

There has been some thought recently about the possibility of forming a local gardening club.

It would be horticultural mutual help group with an exchange of ideas about gardening, particularly between those already familiar with the subject and people who may be new to the village and/or who want to make a start.

Of course there would also be guest speakers, garden visits, exchanges of plants, cuttings, seedlings etc.

If you are interested in this idea please come to an exploratory meeting which **Liz Francis** has arranged.

*in the Village Hall
On Thursday 22nd Jan 2003
7:30 p.m.*

If you can't make the date but would like to take part in the club give Liz a ring on 01242 820678.



"Sweep your door, Marm."



Post Office Poop Scoop Coupon

The Cotswold Dog Warden has kindly presented Vanessa Holland at the post office with 500 free 'pooper scooper' bags along with a reminder about dog fouling.

So when you pick up your Christmas Card stamps don't forget to get something for your dog's calling cards as well.



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Bus Shelter Underway

The Parish Council are finalising plans for a bus shelter to be built by the Arrow Shed in Brockhampton.

The need for a shelter for parents and children waiting for the school bus was identified at the annual Parish Meeting by Emma Lanfear who has since been helping Parish Council Chairman (Kit Gregory) in the planning process.

A plan has been drawn up, the necessary approvals granted and tenders invited for the construction.

An artist's (Jo Potts) impression of the shelter is in the Post Office.

Donations of funds and materials for this project would be appreciated.

Precept Unchanged for Third Year

The parish Precept will remain the same for next year at £4,500. Although budgets are now tight this will be the third year running without an increase.

The **next meeting** of the Parish Council will be on

**Wednesday 15th January 2003 at
7:30 p.m. in the Reading Room.**

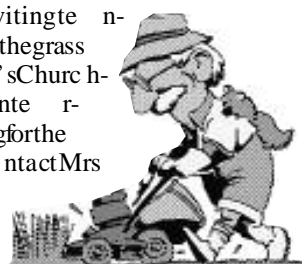
Produce Show AGM

All the officers were re-elected and John Benson kindly agreed to join the committee at the recent Produce Show AGM.

The **annual outing** will be on Thursday **29th June 2003**. We will be visiting 2 gardens and supper at a pub near the river Severn. So when you get those diaries & calendars for Christmas make sure that this is the first date you write in.

Sevenhampton Churchyard Grass Cutting Tenders Invited

The PCC are inviting tenders for cutting the grass in St. Andrew's Churchyard. If you are interested in bidding for the work please contact Mrs Di Brown, on 820271 for full details.



The annual Boxing Day
DADS and LADS



FOOTBALL MATCH

will be held on at 11.00 a.m.
in The Lanfear's Field, Gassons Lane

Refreshment available
**OPEN TO DADS AND LADS OF
BOTH SEXES AND ALL AGES**

Players, Officials
Helpers and Spectators needed

FOR DETAILS: EM MALANFEAR: 820552

The Annual Evening of
**MINCE PIES
PUNCH
& CAROLS**

Will be held on

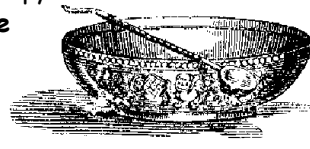
Friday 20th December 2002

At 7:00pm for a 7:30 start.

In Rhodes Memorial Hall, Brockhampton.

Proceeds will go to Andoversford Primary School
& Gloucestershire Multiple Sclerosis
Information & Therapy Centre.

Donations for the Raffle
Needed please
to Georgina Oldham
820423



Cotswold Rural Cinema at Brockhampton

Our Next Presentation

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING

EARNEST



RUPERT COLIN FRANCES REESE JUDI TOM
EVERETT FIRTH O'CONNOR WITHERSPOON DENCH WILKINSON

Friday 17th January 2003

At 7:30 p.m. In Rhodes Hall, Brockhampton

Admission £2.50

Tickets from Brockhampton Post Office

Information: 01242 820338 email films@grangefarmstudios.co.uk

FEBRUARY DATE: Saturday February 22nd. 2003

**Festive
Services**

**At Charlton Abbots and
Sevenhampton Churches**

Sunday 15th December

Sevenhampton 11:00am Family Service

Sunday 22nd December

Sevenhampton 6:30pm

Nine lessons and carols by candlelight

Christmas Eve 24th December

Sevenhampton 11:30pm

Midnight Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Christmas Day 25th December

Charlton Abbots 8:00a.m.

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sevenhampton 11:15 am

Morning Prayer and
Carols

Details of all services in
the Cotswold River Group of
Parishes are included in
the Chi - Rho Magazine
each month.



**Christmas Refuse and
Recycling Collections**

(Cotswold District Council)

Normal Collection Day - Wednesday

There will be collections on

Wednesday 18th December + recycling

Friday 27th December

Friday 3rd January + recycling

Thursday 9th January

Wednesday 15th January + recycling

Normal Collection Day - Monday

(Lower Sevenhampton)

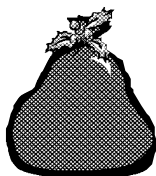
There will be collections on

Monday 23rd December

Tuesday 31st December

Tuesday 7th January

Monday 13th January



Thank you **Great Success
of Local
Shopping Event**

The Shop Local for Christmas sale was a fantastic success. Liz and Rod would like to thank all those who gave up a valuable Saturday morning to help. A big thank you to all those who came to buy - and buy they did. After deducting the cost of the goods plus expenses we were able to share just over £1100 between the two charities LINK and the Save the Children Fund. We may hold another sale in the spring.
Rod & Liz Francis

Thank you **Coffee Morning
Raises £350**

Thank you to all those who contributed and supported our Macmillan Cancer Relief Coffee Morning. We raised £280 for Macmillan (and also sold Christmas Cards for the Cobalt Unit that raised a further £70!).
Carol Cann & Cherrie Handy



**Need a hand with
Prescriptions or
Shopping?**

Try the Good Neighbour Scheme:

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