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Parish Council

Elections, Parish Meeting & First Meeting of New Council.

Sevenhampton Parish Council is up for election this year (it happens every four years). If you think you could serve the community by becoming a parish councillor please contact the Parish Clerk (820718) but be quick, nomination papers have to be at the District Council Offices by 1st April.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held at 7:00pm in the Reading Room on **2nd April** 2003. Come along and have your say on local issues.
The first meeting of the **new Parish Council** is on Wednesday **7th May** 2003 at 7:30pm in The Reading Room.

Village Hall

'D.I.Y.' library experiment.

No, not a library about DIY but simply a shelf of books in the Reading Room*. The book could be fiction or non-fiction, paperback, hardback in fact any general reading material. There would be no charge, date stamping or fines for overdue books but merely a row of books (about 30) which you could add to or/and take from on a good will basis when you popped into the Post Office, i.e. a library which you do yourself.

If you have some **good quality** books you think might be suitable for kicking the system off - perhaps something you have really enjoyed yourself? - give Carol Cannaring on 820355.



*Plus ça change... In 1885 Mr Charles Goodwin Colquhoun Craven, stocked the room with books, changed every six months by a London Book Club, also newspapers and magazines such as Tatler, Illustrated London News and Punch. The room then became known as 'The Reading Room' and was open in the evening to men and boys only! (Information from Mrs Ros Stewart).

A hundred years ago the population of Sevenhampton was exactly 400*. It is now about 370, the numbers have not changed that much but you are now more likely to bump into a solicitor, company director, or accountant than a farmer, labourer, stonemason or quarryman. Jobs like these then made up the vast majority of the occupations in the villages.

Those villagers were able to enjoy the opportunity of attending the Reading Room (or 'Institute') to peruse a book from the library which by 1912 contained 1,000 volumes. In a smaller way the hall committee want to re-establish a lending library on a 'DIY' basis.

The *Parish Council* was established in 1894 so then as now villagers could elect their councillors and attend the Annual Parish Meeting, details on this page.

Also in this edition: Rod Francis devises a method to test Georgina Oldham's mathematical prowess in percentages & overleaf - a *Plant Sale* on 12th April to feed your newly found interest in horticulture cultivated by the new 'Village Garden Club of Sevenhampton & District'; *Easter Church Services* and an advance notice of some Summer and Autumn events, including another *Barn Dance* at Manor Farm which if it's half as good as the Millennium one will be absolutely brilliant..

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* 1901 census. Published recently by The Public Records Office.



Hares are now mad.

Letter to the Editor:

Newspaper Delivery Charge 'Outrageous'

Can there be anything more satisfying than to lie in bed at 7 am on a Saturday morning with the rain lashing against the windows and enjoy not only a cup of tea but the morning papers.

I'm sure I'm not alone in the villages when I say this could not happen without the devotion of Georgina & Ray.

OK you're saying what is the point? Well it's a bit of a selfish one really as I do enjoy having my newspapers delivered early in the morning. Just recently those of us who have papers will have received an apology from Georgina that she had to increase the weekly delivery charge to 30p.

Without sounding too sanctimonious and I will get to the point in a moment, this 30p, as I said to Georgina, is outrageous. Why? Because it amounts to 5p per day. If you had to drive down to Andoversford for your papers it would cost you at least 1p per day in fuel and wear and tear not to mention the effect on the environment with up to 30 additional car journeys per day.

Here is the sales bit. Just like the local Post Office we use to see it. These men can be said to provide a newspaper delivery service. If you happen to buy a newspaper or magazine regularly from a garage or W H Smith or wherever then why not have it delivered. Furthermore for those of us who have newspapers and magazines delivered would you be prepared to pay 5% of your bill as a delivery charge with a minimum of 30p per week. Think about it. Other people pay differing amounts. At Notgrove you have to collect your papers from a barn and pay 1p per week for the service. In Benhall the delivery charge is 80p per week and in Eastbourne it's 75p per week.

So if like me you want to protect your daily delivery would you be prepared to pay more and if you are not like me and buy your papers and magazines elsewhere then do give the delivery a second thought.

Yours Faithfully,

Rod Francis, Sevenhampton.

Church Services

for Mothering Sunday, Easter & Ascension Day

MOTHERING SUNDAY (March 30th)

No service at Charlton Abbots or Sevenhampton but a combined Mothering Sunday Family Service at WITTINGTON at 10.30 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY (April 18th)

11.0 a.m. Morning Service at Sevenhampton

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 20th)

8.0 a.m. Holy Communion at Hawling (B.C.P.)

11.0 a.m. Holy Communion at Sevenhampton (C.W.)

SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (APRIL 27th)

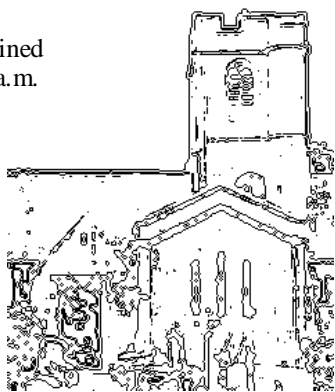
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Charlton Abbots

Also **ASCENSION DAY (THURSDAY MAY 29th)**

10.00 a.m. Ascension Day Holy Communion (BCP) at Sevenhampton Church

Followed by coffee at Rhodes Memorial Hall with the cakes Plants & Produce Stalls (any contributions for these would be gratefully received).

More Information from Gill Hyatt 820458 or Clem Holland 8203318.



Services for all churches in the Coln Group are listed in Chi

-Rhoma magazine

Another Local Service



A new service 'on your doorstep' recently added to the list (available in the Post Office) is

Typing Services Brockhampton

Telephone 01242 820325

Word processing; E-mail, fax and photocopying available. Collection and delivery possible, same day, dependant on the job.



The fifth AGM of the scheme has been held.

75 journeys were undertaken during 2002.

The Charges will remain the same for the third year in succession.

Costs (return journey)

Winchcombe £3.00

Bourton £5.00

Stow £5.50

Charlton Kings £3.50

Cheltenham £4.50

Station/Tesco £5.00

Safeway/Sainsbury £5.50

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a coordinator.

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

'Village Garden Club'

Thirty-six people attended the inaugural meeting on 24th January.



There was a lot of enthusiastic discussion about what form of club it should be:

Informal, practical and non-competitive; with talks, discussion and garden visits. A free exchange of cuttings, seeds and plants at meetings was approved also a book loan system. Discount/bulk buys are also a possibility.

The name is to be 'The Village Garden Club of Sevenhampton & District'

Meetings are to be more or less monthly and no ton set day of the week so that all members get a chance to attend.

A committee has been formed comprising Helen Ash, Arthur Burgess (v. chr), John Benson (chr), Megan Bent, Carol Cann, Thora Corris, Liz Francis (sec), Roger Gibson, Victoria Logue, Annie Weatherly (tres), Henry Coelho.

**The first meeting is on
Wednesday 16th April
at 7:30 in the Village Hall.**

If you want to join, come along and give the club a really good start, if you can't make it contact a committee member or ring John Benson 820960, Liz Francis 820678 or Annie Weatherly 820718

Sale of Plants

In aid of the
Cheltenham Cobalt Unit
On Saturday 12th April

10:00am - 12:00noon
Rhodes Memorial Hall, Brockhampton
Coffee and Cakes
Cards for all occasions
Info: Cherrie Handy 820355



Some advance dates for your diary:

Produce Show Outing - Thursday 19th June

The 2003 outing is now confirmed. We will be visiting
Stancombe Park near Dursley

Two quotes for a Daily Telegraph article (to be placed in the Post Office for reference together with a colour photograph of the house).

"Lovingly restored by the current owner, these delightful gardens contain all manner of surprises, including the original owner's Doric dovenest"

"Local legend has it that the Reverend David Edwards was in love with a gypsy girl whom he used to meet in the Secret Garden's temple."

This garden is only open to prebooked groups. The cost, excluding the coach, will be £3. for afternoon tea and cake. The coach cost per person will be notified nearer the time but should be around £8.00.

To book your place please contact Rod on 820678 or deliver a deposit of £5 per person to Church House, Sevenhampton. We only have 48 seats available.

Barn Dance - Saturday 19th July

If you missed the extremely enjoyable 1999 Barn Dance you must book this date and join in the fun at Manor Farm Sevenhampton as 'The Downfielders' lead us once again in an evening of traditional dances and activities.

Brockhampton Quilters Exhibition

Sat 13th & Sun 14th September 10am to 5pm
There will be a Raffle for a quilt at the show.

