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The two pubs, two chapels, the Church, 'institute' and post office have in the past formed the nucleus of village life around this valley of the fledgling river Coln. Both Chapels have long closed as has one pub. We still have a Post Office. The 'institute' has diversified into various clubs & societies which use the Village Hall but one of those - **The Toddlers Group** which met twice a month has had to suspend meeting because of falling numbers* Is this a symptom of the lack of any suitable housing in the village for young local families? The report of the recent **affordable housing** survey is briefly summarised overleaf.

The Church remains and the churchyard is expanding. The **Hyatt centenary extension** is being consecrated by the Bishop of Tewkesbury on 29th June (see over).

Change will be coming as the one remaining pub - **the Craven Arms** - must be sold. Among the potential buyers, a 'Village Pub' company is being formed to preserve the pub and to avoid the prospect of property speculation on the site.

One thing to bring the whole village together is the **Barn Dance** at Manor Farm on 19th July. Missed the millennium one? Don't miss this. It should be great fun for all ages and abilities. *Details overleaf.*

Next edition - info by 17th August please.

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*If you would like to help revive the Toddlers Group (maybe you have a bit more time if you're derelict - is it going to nursery?) ring Cardine Selway on 820420



Haymaking commences about now.

New Faces on Parish Council

The Parish Council has lost two of its longest serving members following the recent (uncontested) elections. Mrs. Kit Gregory, chairman for the last 4 years, and Mrs. Ann Jackson vice-chairman have stood down after 16 and 25 years service respectively. During her chairmanship Kit presided over the Village Hall car park project, the Millennium events and last year's Golden Jubilee celebrations, including the popular street party. Ann Jackson, drawing from her family's century of local knowledge, was always able to offer sensible advice to keep the council on track. Many thanks go to both.

The new Parish Council consists of:

Lesley Ball (Chairman) 820613; Bill Jenkin (Vice-Chairman) 820338; Jon Davis (Planning) 820196; Thomas Jackson 820809; Charles Arkell 820581; Ashley Tobin 821212; Alex Ash 820692.
Parish Clerk: Ann van Rossem 820718

*new member.

Some Current Parish Council Business:

Speed Limits - lobbying of Glos County Council - approved but waiting for funding.

Bus Shelter - arranging contracts, grant of £1,000 has been awarded by District Council.

Improvements at Donny well (new handrail etc) completed.

Planning - A number of planning proposals are being considered - plans in post office.

Review of 'Way Forward' policy (long term improvements for the villages).

The Council is also considering a proposal to produce a **'Parish Plan'**.

If something about the village is 'bugging' you talk to a Parish Councillor about it (see above) or write to the Parish Clerk, The Old Shop, Brockhampton GL54 5XG.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 16th July 2003 at 7:30 in the Reading Room.

Invest in Your Local

"I've done enough of that already!" some may say, but now there is an opportunity for you to have a stake in the pub. The formation of a 'Village Pub' company will try to ensure that the Craven Arms does not fall into the hands of parties not interested in retaining it as a pub. There is now an opportunity of purchasing it at a competitive price in order to preserve it. Locals, regulars and friends etc will be able to invest in shares and/or a 5 year loan (minimum £3,000). A tenant would be installed and it would be his/her business. The 'pub company' would have no say in the running other than the criteria in the lease. No "Me first, don't you know I own the place!" allowed.

Interested? Contact:

Charles Arkell (820581), Chris Ball (01242 820055), Harry Boyd (01242 820327), Stephen Haynes (01242 820914) or Anthony Van Laast (01242 821470 or 0207 266 7657) for details. Also online www.brockhampton-local.org.uk and click on 'LATEST NEWS'.

Dale Campbell

The reason for the disruption is sadly the ill-health of the landlord Dale Campbell. He has run the pub for almost 15 years, striking that balance between local pub and country restaurant business which is essential in keeping a country pub going. Without his hard work and acumen the pub might have foundered some years ago. Everyone will join in thanking him and his fine family for their work. It has been tough on all of them coping with illness in such a public setting. We all hope that whenever and however, even to whoever, the pub is sold, the Campbells get the space and quiet needed for Dale's full recovery.

Affordable Housing

Some Need, But Where Do We Go From Here?



The report of the recent survey on local housing needs has been published.

It suggests that there is a definite if small demand for some affordable housing in the parish, in fact 4% of all forms sent out indicated a need for alternative housing. Some of these would be ruled out because either they could afford to buy on the open market, others gave insufficient financial information to judge.

Of the remaining five, three needed to move because their current accommodation was insufficient for their needs.

Two replies indicated that their children wanted to set up home in the parish.

Two returns revealed that previous household members would return to the village if affordable housing was available.

What now?

The report is not very clear on where we take it from here, it asks us (the parish) to contact all those who identified themselves and indicated a need asking them to go on the local authority housing list (if appropriate). Unfortunately we do not know who those households are because the forms were quite rightly confidential! However, if you think you were one of those households please contact the rural housing enabler, Lesley Archer at Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, 01452528491 to provide further information.

Thank to all who helped with the survey particularly Martin Podd, also to the 80 households who returned the forms.

A copy of the full report is available in the post office for inspection or online at www.sevenhampton.info.

Barn Dance At Manor Farm

Saturday 19th July, 7:30 - 11:30pm

An event for the whole village as 'The Downfielders' lead us once again in an evening to suit all ages and abilities.

Tickets from the Post Office or Manor Farm

Adults £6.00, Children £3.00 (under 5 free)

Price includes a Ploughman's

Bring your own drink (plastic glasses supplied)

Information/tickets: Lynne Jackson

Manor Farm, Sevenhampton

01242820408



The Luncheon Club

Invite you to a

MINI GARDEN PARTY

On Saturday 12th July

**At 2, Deerpark Cottages
Brockhampton**

**Plants, Bric-a-Brac,
Cakes, Books, Teas
Raffle**

**Please do join us
from 2:00 pm**

The Produce Show

**Is on Saturday 23rd August 2.00pm
At Brockhampton**

This year: Countryside

Schedule, 'Coffee & Walnut Sponge' recipe, Entry Form etc, from Maurice Cann (Show Secretary) The Old Chapel, The Quarry, Brockhampton.

Brockhampton Quilters Exhibition

**Sat 13th & Sun 14th September
10am to 5pm**

A quilt will be raffled at this show.

Churchyard Extension Consecration

SUNDAY 29th JUNE 2003

The Bishop of Tewkesbury
the Rt. Rev. John Went
will consecrate the

**"Hyatt Centenary" Extension of the
Churchyard**

and the Board of Incumbents' Names
to mark the Millennium 2000 A.D.

at
St. Andrew's Church, Sevenhampton.

The Consecration will be included in a
**"Songs of Praise" Service at
6.30pm.**
with refreshments afterwards.

These village projects were largely
financed by local residents and
we hope that as many parishioners as
possible will be able to come to this
special occasion.

Produce Show Outing

Thursday 19th June

There are still a few seats left for
Stancombe Park near Dursley

Please contact Rodon 820678

Coffee Morning

Thurs. 17th July



In the Village Hall

In aid of
the Sue Ryder Home

Info: Georgina Oldham 820423



Need help with
travel, shopping, prescriptions :-
Call a Coordinator

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