



"Snow must now be expected" is the illustration for 14th November in Bill's grandmother's 1885 birthday book.

I wonder when we last had snow on that date - or even in November? It does remind us though that the end of the year beckons and that Christmas threatens. Time then to make plans.

Take the opportunity to de-clutter by taking your "no longer used" items to the November Jumble Sale. Sending giffs abroad? Make sure you weigh them *before* packing as well as after. You'll need these details to post them.

Entertainment too. The Gardening Club talk on organic gardening will be of interest to many and December brings another Film Show - this time a well-reviewed comedy open to the over-12s.

There is also a good sing-song to look forward to with Pies, Punch & Carols.

Don't forget the popular Church Services leading to the Christmas Communions.

Feeling creative? Time to begin your painting or sculpture for the April exhibition in the Hall. You can display your talents and sell your works partly in aid of "Save the Children". Good excuse to be inside when the weather won't be tempting you out!

With all this, you'll be so busy that spring will soon arrive and take you by surprise. See you in the New year!

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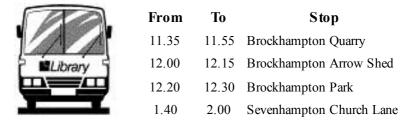
Mobile Library Service

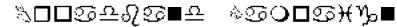
This valuable service is currently 'under review' so if we want to keep it - why not give it a visit?

Did you know:

- That your library card (which is available on board) is valid at all Gloucestershire libraries?
- Any book you borrow from the mobile library can be returned to any other Gloucestershire library and vice-versa?
- You can reserve any book, the service will trawl for it in Gloucestershire and beyond if necessary.
- There are books, videos & audios for all ages.

It calls on alternate Mondays (next visit 17th November) as follows:





Since our last edition the numbers of people 'registered' has risen to 103*, 47 more and then high-speed affordable internet access can become a reality here.

Wondering what all the fuss is about, particularly if you don't have a computer or are not on the internet?

Fast 'always on' internet access is already accessible by about 80% of homes in the UK, rural pockets where it is not available will be disadvantaged because

- Prospective employers / customers will assume you have it.
- It will become essential for children's education.
- The internet itself will change to take advantage of the faster speed, isolating those still with 'dial-up' access.
- It will make working at home viable for many increasingly important.

If we want our villages to stay alive, to be in touch with the 21st Century we need it.

For more information and how to 'register your interest' (no financial commitment):

www.sevenhampton.info/cab

*As of 12th November 2003

Paintings and Sculpture Exhibition

Is there anyone interested in contributing to an exhibition of paintings and sculpture to be held on Saturday and Sunday, 17 & 18 April 2004 in the village hall?

The idea is that most works would be for sale and a proportion, probably 1/3 would go to `Save the Children'.

If you feel you would like to take part please contact Martin Podd:

Tel 01242 820051 Fax 01242 821213

Sevenhampton Parish Council

Meets on Wednesday 19th Nov. 2003 at 7:30pm

in the Reading Room, Brockhampton/ Current Business:

Speed Limits - when will it happen?

Bus shelter - is about to appear. **Planning** - can we improve procedures?

Way Forward - what should we be doing for the villages?

Broadband campaign - see above.

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The Produce Show AGM

Will take place on Monday 17th November 2003 At 7:30pm

In the Brockhampton Reading Room

All welcome to attend.

Always wanted: new committee members or anyone else just willing to lend a hand.

Village Garden Club **Organic Gardening**

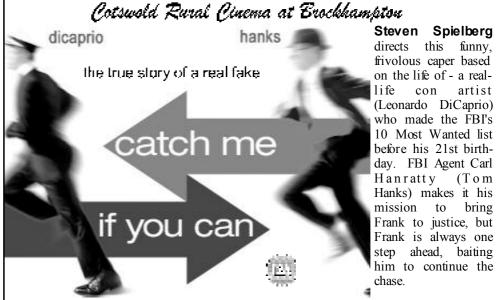


with Reg Moule,

BBC Radio Gloucestershire's gardening guru. Friday 21st November 7:30p.m. Rhodes Memorial Hall

Non-members welcome (£3.00)





Fríday 5th December 2003

7:30pm Rhodes Memorial Hall

> **Brockhampton** All tickets £2.50

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A note from two of our many fans:-

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"October 23rd - we spent a delightful evening watching a super film, right on our doorstep, in the company of a group of friends and neighbours.

Very many thanks to Bill and Anne Jenkins & Vanessa for all their time and hard work spent organising and setting it up. Here's to many more happy evenings! Sheila & Les Agius."

Dates for 2004: Fri. 9th January, Wed. 18th February, Wed. 24th March.

In aid of local charities: Mines Pies, Punch & Carols

Tuesday 16th December

In Rhodes Hall at 7:00 for 7:30 Raffle prizes, Mince Pies &

> particularly ideas for readings to Georgina Oldham 820423

FESTIVE CHURCH SERVICES

for Christmas

Sunday 7th December

Charlton Abbotts - 11:00am Advent Carols

Sevenhampton - 6:30pm Evensong

Sunday 21st December

Charlton Abbotts - 11:00am Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

Sevenhampton - 6:30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

Sevenhampton - 11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day

Charlton Abbotts - 11:00am Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

Details of all services for the Coln River group of parishes are in 'Chi-Rho'

label (now about 3" square). If you don't comply, your gifts may be delayed or even returned, so be prepared! Last Posting Dates:

Are you posting gifts abroad this Christmas?

office), which you must stick to all items going outside the E.U.

A note from our sub-postmistress, Vanessa Holland

Then be prepared for the new customs label (available from the post

Airmail: Outside Europe ex*- 8th Dec; Eastern Europe, Canada*, USA*, Japan* - 12th Dec.

Surface Mail: E. Europe, Cyprus, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey - 26th Nov; Rest of Europe - 3rd Dec.

SOME 21st CENTURY POST OFFICE SERVICES YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT

Inland: Parcels - 12th. Dec; 2nd. class letters - 18th Dec.; 1st. class letters - 20th Dec.

A detailed description, the weight and the value of each individual arti-

cle contained in the package is required. The sender's name and address must be entered in the front top left hand corner of the package and

there must be space in the front bottom left hand corner for the customs

- You can get cash and pay-in if you bank with Alliance & Leicester*, Barclays*, Lloyds TSB* Cahoot, Co-Operative Bank, or Smile (customers of *these banks can also use their cash withdrawal cards).
- Debit Cards: (i.e. Switch, Solo, Visa Electron or Delta) can now be used to pay telephone bills, TV licences etc or even just buy stamps.
- E Top-ups: You can top-up your airtime or pick up a new card for all the main mobile phone networks. Your account is instantly credited. Pay with cash, cheque or debit card

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday 1:00pm-5:00pm; Tuesday 2:00pm-5:00pm; Wednesday 11:00am-3:00pm Thursday 10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm-5:00pm; Friday 2:00pm-5:00pm

CHRISTMAS REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Cotswold District Council: Normal collections. Tewkesbury Borough Council: Will call on Tuesday 23rd otherwise normal collections.



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Try the Good Neighbour Scheme

- Sheila Agius 820102
- Fav Swain 820402 **A**
- Di Brown 820271