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A GARDEN PARTY WILL BE HELD

In aid of The Luncheon Club
on Saturday 9th July
2:30 pm
at no 2 Deer Park Cottages
(Mildred Jarman's Cottage)

TEAS, RAFFLE, STALLS, GAMES.
Information 01242 820462

Did You Know?

There are regular Yoga classes held at the Rhodes Hall.

They are graded with separate classes for beginners and improvers. People who suffer from health problems are also catered for.

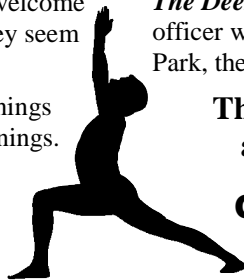
The classes are held by Gill Rowe who is fully qualified professionally registered, and insured.

Gill says

"There seems to be a nervousness to join or even try a class. I do not teach any mysticism, it is all purely exercise and postural work. Men are equally welcome as women, and once men join they seem to enjoy it!"

Classes are held on Tuesday evenings (beginners) and Wednesday mornings.

If you would like more information you can call Gill on 01242 820213



Traffic Regulation Orders Sought for RUPPS

The Parish Council has decided to apply to the County Council for Traffic Regulation Orders to limit the use by vehicles of the two RUPPS (Roads Used as Public Paths) reported on in the last issue. This measure - if agreed to by the County Council - could stop the nuisance caused by "off-roaders" regardless of the final status of the two tracks in question.

Other matters considered at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May:-

Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman

Lesley Ball & Bill Jenkin re-elected.

Speed limits – most of the signs had now been erected. There had been several complaints about size and positioning (particularly at the top of Church Lane and Quarry Hill) which the chairman had already asked Highways to deal with.

Affordable Housing - the clerk was still waiting to hear how many were on the housing register and would approach Fosseyway formally regarding land for new housing at Chapel Cottages and Martin Hutchings about progress.

Derelict cars at Chapel Cottages – DVLC/Police have been informed by Fosseyway and the clerk will be kept fully informed of progress.

Drain clearance at Perch Pool – the clerk had asked locally for a quote but she was also asked to keep pressing GCC Highways as it could become an ongoing council expense.

Post Box – Agreement has been reached to put a letter box in the Post Office door at Rhodes Hall. There would be an informal arrangement for businesses to place mail through the box for later posting. The parish council will provide funds up to £100 towards the cost of the project.

The Deer Park - As a result of a number of verbal complaints the CDC enforcement officer was looking into several matters including the bus and caravan parked in the Deer Park, the loudspeakers and the new sign at the crossroads.



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The Next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 20th July at 7:30 pm in the Reading Room, Rhodes Memorial Hall.

Gardens Open Day Raises £225.50

From Carol Cann:-

A big thank-you to all those kind folks in the Upper Quarry who opened their gardens and provided refreshments on 7th May. Thanks also of course to the garden club members and their friends who supported the event.

We raised a total of £225.50 for the Cobalt Crack Cancer Appeal Fund. £94.00 from teas/cakes, and Pam Brookes raised £115.85 from plant sales and £15.65 from card sales.

Entrance fees from non members of £21.00 went in the Garden Club coffers.

The Sevenhampton Good Neighbourhood Scheme

Is there to help you with your shopping, getting to hospital or doctor, fetching prescriptions etc etc etc. If you need a hand

contact one of the co-ordinators.

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Do You Pay Cheques Into Your Bank Account at the Post Office?

if your bank is either LloydsTSB or Barclays you need to ask your bank to send you some special cheque deposit envelopes as Vanessa will not be able to order them herself via the Post Office.

For LloydsTSB please call
0800 056 2951 (Freephone)

For Barclays call please call
0800 169 3091 (Freephone)

Arrangements for The Alliance & Leicester, The Co-Operative Bank, Smile, The Clydesdale or The Bank of Ireland are unchanged.

A final word from Canon Philip Hobbs:-



You will already be aware of the sad death of Philip Hobbs OBE, as Gill Lanfear wrote in Village Voice

'he is, and will always be, remembered as such a special person by those who knew him in his four parishes, Sevenhampton with Charlton Abbots, Hawling and Whittington'

and of Carol Norden's tribute given at Church Services in Sevenhampton & Charlton Abbots Gill quoted

"....vicar, priest, husband, father, prison chaplain and friend." It was because of his influence that she became a church reader. It was a very moving and also funny recollection of this lovely man, his gentleness, his kindness and his wonderful sense of humour. We were all so lucky to have been part of his flock.'

As part of the publication to celebrate the new Millennium Canon Hobbs wrote the following piece. As it was made clear at the time that it was not to be 'edited' in any way it is reproduced here in full.

ANNO DOMINI

When Alaric the Visigoth marched his armies across Northern Italy and in 410 A.D. put the City of Rome to the sword, many people believed it to be the End of the World. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo in North Africa, thought differently. His reply to the catastrophe was to write his greatest work, "The City of God." It took him eleven years to complete but its essential message is summarised for us in Doctor Johnson's well-known hymn,

"City of God, how broad and far
Outspread thy walls sublime!
The true thy chartered freemen are
Of every age and clime"

The Kingdom of God not only survives but endures, to claim our loyalty, to brighten our hopes and to inspire our service. At the last, in God's time, it will shine forth in all its magnificence.

At the end of the first millennium A.D., some of those who followed "The Rule of St. Augustine" were to be found in small groups throughout Europe. They were not cloistered like other monks and nuns but free to follow their own vocations. Together with a common life of worship and prayer they engaged in farming, road-building, teaching and preaching and in the care of the sick. The great Baron of the Welsh Marches, Hugo de Lacey, settled some of them at Llanthony in the Black Mountains. That was in 1108. Doubtless Hugo de Lacey hoped that the presence of "Augustinian Canons" would help to stabilise the frontier. Alas it was not to be. By 1200 the greater part of the community had moved to Gloucester. Milo, Sheriff of Gloucester facilitated the move and made sure that the new Llanthony, unlike the old, was sufficiently endowed. Part of that endowment was "Ye towne of Presteberie." Prestbury had two churches. One church was in the valley but the other was "super montibus" on the hills. And that church was at Sevenhampton. Subsequently, for some three hundred and fifty years, Augustinian monks breasted their way, two by two, over Cleeve in all winds and weathers to serve our two villages and their church. They owed their inspiration and their loyalty to St. Augustine. We owe

much of our heritage to them. During their time the oldest of our bells rang out night and morning with its plea, "Sancte Gabriel ora pro nobis." And, during their time, good John Camber the travelling wool merchant, built the church tower. His fine brass is on the chancel wall.

The Dissolution of the Monasteries decreed by King Henry VIII came to Llanthony on May 10th, 1539. All the Augustinians were dispersed. Henceforth the priest of Sevenhampton became a Vicar in his own right and vested with the freehold. John Aylworth, Squire of Aylworth, presently demised his own manor to augment the minister's income. In 1825 the Rev. Dr. Edward Ellerton, founder of the Ellerton Scholarships at Oxford, built a new Vicarage almost entirely at his own expense. In 1872 John Melland Hall wrote a considerable account of the history of the parish. It is said that he journeyed to and from Oxford on his tricycle.

But what of Saint Augustine now that we approach the end of our millennium and must hazard the new beginning? His message remains the same. The City of God endures and is indestructible. Looking back to his own spiritual ancestor St. Paul, Augustine valued especially the Apostle's words, "The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." To which we must surely add the Lord's own prayer, "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen."

"How gleam thy watch-fires through the night
With never fainting ray!

How rise thy towers serene and bright
To meet the dawning day.

In vain the surges angry shock
In vain the drifting sands,
Unharm'd upon the Eternal Rock
The Eternal City stands!"

Philip Hobbs
Vicar of the Sevenhampton
Group of Parishes 1974-1995