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## Did You Know?

That the inscription around the splendid lion's head water spout set in the wall by East Lodge, Brockhampton, reads in capitals:-

"THOSE OCCUPYING HOUSES BUILT PRIOR TO 1835 ARE WELCOME TO USE THE WATER SUPPLY FOR DOMESTIC, COOKING AND DRINKING PURPOSES ONLY DURING THE PLEASURE OF THE OWNER OF BROCKHAMPTON PARK OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES."



"THIS SUPPLY HAS BEEN PLACED HERE ONLY TO AUGMENT PRESENT SUPPLIES AND MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES DEMAND IT."



**Dog-days continue.**

"Dog Days"- July 3rd to 11th August. Sirius, the Dog Star, rises in the morning sky at about the same time as the Sun. The Romans believed this added to the heat of the Sun giving the hottest days of summer.

## Affordable Housing

### New Housing Needs Survey to be Held

The future of the local affordable housing scheme was the subject of a recent meeting of Sevenhampton Parish Council with representatives from Cotswold District Council and the Gloucestershire Housing Association.

Funding for the scheme as originally proposed has been turned down. Because of the high standard of the build necessary due to the location the cost would be in the region of £100K per unit. It was suggested that there should be a mix of rent and low cost home ownership to help fund the project - this was considered to be more in line with the original concept of the scheme. The eligibility of applicants would be restricted to current residents, past residents, those employed locally or people with close family ties (including those sharing existing households and classed as single people for housing needs).

Although there are 99 names on the latest list of applicants, CDC/GHA were only

really interested in those within the Gold and Silver bands of housing need. There are 1 Gold (single) and 1 adult + 1 relative, 3 couples without children, two single people and 10 families with children in the Silver band.

The Parish Council's main concern is whether low cost ownership would be affordable as GHA would be looking at anything between 25 and 75% share. Government policy stated that in settlements under 3000 there should be an 80% equity share per house. The rental aspect would therefore be very high. Also the CDC Local Plan, currently in the amendment stage, includes a policy that no new building would be allowed in rural locations for the foreseeable future.

The Parish Council later decided that, because of the changed nature of the scheme, it would be necessary to undertake an updated Housing Needs Survey. The previous one was completed in 2002.

## Annual Parish Council Meeting

This was held in the Village Hall On Wednesday 24th May with all the Parish Council there except for Bill Jenkin.

The meeting re-elected Lesley Ball & Bill to the roles of Chair & Vice Chair respectively. Bill would also continue to represent the PC on the Hall Committee.

Affordable Housing was discussed as there had been a sub-committee meeting with Martin Hutchings of Cotswold District Council and Mike Edwards of Gloucestershire Housing Association (see above). It was agreed that a further Housing Needs survey be undertaken.

The plethora of rumours surrounding Wind Turbines were discussed and it was decided that no further action would be

worthwhile until a planning application had been made. On behalf of the PC, Annie Weatherley, the Parish Clerk, has requested that CDC inform her immediately if any such application is made.

Parking at Chapel Cottages was discussed but after an approach from Fosseyway Housing it seems that none of the current owners or tenants was keen on an alteration to the current arrangements.

Other items raised were planning applications, the award of the grass-cutting contract and the reasonably healthy state of the PC finances.

RUPPS & BOATS were aired but if you've forgotten what they are, more on the back page!

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on**

**Wednesday July 19th 2006**

**at 7.30pm**

**in the Reading Room, Rhodes Hall, Brockhampton.**

*Minutes of meetings are available on the village website:- [www.sevenhampton.org](http://www.sevenhampton.org)*

## OPEN FARM SUNDAY

11th JUNE. 2.00pm Start.

### FARM WALK

(Trailer ride.)

Manor Farm, Sevenhampton.

To book your place please ring  
Robert 01242 820408.

## THE LUNCHEON CLUB

*Once again it is time for our Garden Party. We look forward every year to this fund-raising afternoon and, of course, to meeting friends. Contributions for the raffle, bric-a-brac and stalls will be very welcome.*

### GARDEN PARTY

**Saturday July 29th. at 2.30 p.m.**

Stalls - Games - Raffle - Teas  
at Mildred's - opposite The Park

Contact Mrs Jarman  
01242 820 462

Mrs Rhone  
01684 293 493

### Comment on that photo story

"The Parish Chairman presents a false antithesis. The true challenge that was abjectly avoided was by our forbears was to value the environment more highly and cheap energy less highly. Had energy providers been forced to transmit electricity (and telephone services) through underground cables it would have been more costly, but beautiful hills and valleys would have remained undespoiled (and the view from the editor's window would have been uninterrupted). The supply would also have been less vulnerable to interruption through stormy weather. It is noticeable that you do not see many power stations or pylons in Westminster or Hampstead, where politicians and media folk nevertheless enjoy the benefits of electricity. Nor, I feel sure, will you see many wind farms the size of Nelson's column."

A W Burgess

**The photo and Chairman's statement from the last edition.**



*"Apparently, some people were against having the electricity as they thought the poles and wires would spoil the countryside. Now of course, where would we all be without the luxury of instant light and warmth at the flick of a switch?" - Parish Chairman*

## WI Outing to Trentham Gardens

The W.I. outing this year is to **Trentham Gardens** in Staffordshire.

It is on **Saturday 8th July** and is open to non-members. For further information please contact Georgina Oldham - 820423, Lynne Jackson - 820408 or Gill Lanfear - 820862.

### Trentham Gardens

**Italian Garden** - New planting scheme designed by Tom Stuart-Smith

The statue of Perseus stands at the foot of the Lower Flower Garden framed by the mile long lake.

Panoramic views.

Restored fountains. The Italian Garden is an innovative way to experience

21st Century garden design. Also a new 'Barefoot Walking' experience.

**Woodland and Lake** - 400 acres of woodland walks. Mile long Lake designed by Capability Brown. Take a trip on the 42 seat electrically driven catamaran or hire a rowing boat.

**Garden Tea Room & Lakeside Café.**

More information - [www.trenthamleisure.co.uk](http://www.trenthamleisure.co.uk)



## NEW LEGISLATION ON MOTORISED VEHICLES' ACCESS TO GREEN LANES

### RUPPS, BOATS & RBs again

The Natural Environment & Rural Communities (NERC) Bill has completed its passage through Parliament and received Royal Assent on 30 March. Part 6 of the Bill was intended by the Government to close the loophole whereby unsurfaced tracks could become Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs) for the use of motorised vehicles on the basis of historic use by horse and cart. However, as first drafted, this legislation would have been totally ineffective as all existing claims for new BOATs would have been exempt and a year's grace would have been allowed after the Bill became law, so allowing even more claims. The prospect of impending legislation had caused a huge upsurge in BOAT claims all over the country including the two RUPPS in our own parish.

In the Spring of 2005 an informal coalition of organisations (including CPRE) was formed, called the Green Lanes Protection Group (GLPG), with the general aim of protecting the countryside from unsustainable recreational use by motor vehicles and the specific objective of trying to achieve the effective enactment of the NERC Bill. Thanks to the sustained and meticulous hard work of a few dedicated people negotiating on its behalf, the GLPG has achieved astounding successes which would have seemed impossible at the outset.

Only those claims for new BOATs lodged before 20 January 2005 will now be exempt from the new legislation, apart from very limited exceptions (the two claims in our parish were made after that date).

There are technical provisions protecting vehicular rights over what may be regarded as 'ordinary' (minor) roads. Otherwise all RUPPs (Roads Used as Public Paths) will become Restricted Byways on which it will be an offence to drive a motorised vehicle. There are special provisions covering cases where properties are accessed by RUPPs.

### Rose Ballinger

would like to thank friends and neighbours for their help and support during and after her recent hip operation.

### The Good Neighbourhood Scheme

*If you need transport assistance, give a co-ordinator a ring:*



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

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