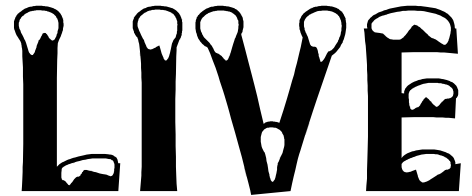


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*Christmas & New Year close and we wish you a good one. I'm sure there's lots going on for everyone, so enjoy!*

**Those who get a chance to relax might consider becoming a Parish Councillor. New blood is definitely needed!**

If you've seen the Council of late you'll have noticed the increasing decrepitude, the creaking of joints, the need to nudge Councillors snoring in debates. So sad - no dribbling yet but... Would be good to have enough standing so we need an election - that's 8 or more. A few under forty that would be brilliant.

We greet Mervin Poole as Tree Warden and congratulate the WI on a sprightly 70. Still some spaces at the New Year's Eve do at the Hall - good band playing!

*Choice of films for Jan 5th overleaf so if you have strong view e-mail us.*

Note about the Oil Club on Page 2 - bit too close to an ad methinks but the offer of 2000 litres for the same price as 500 sounds like a good deal - or poor drafting! Other suppliers are available!

**Items for the next Issue (February/March) by 20th. January Please.**

**Bill & Anne Jenkin: 820338**

*email address removed to prevent spam*

### W.I. is 70



*Sevenhampton and District W.I. celebrate their 70th birthday with a tea party on Sunday 14th January at the Rhodes Memorial hall.*

Any former members would be very welcome - please ring Lynne Jackson (820408) for details.



More Christmas trees.

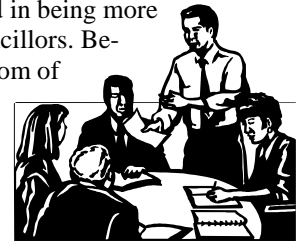
## SEVENHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

### a New Direction?

*from the Parish Chairman, Lesley Ball:*

Next May elections will be held and you will be asked to vote for who you want to see on the Parish Council. There will be changes as several current councillors having served for a long time will not be standing for re-election.

This therefore provides a good opportunity for those interested in being more involved in the Parish to offer themselves as prospective Councillors. Being elected as a councillor will not provide you with the 'Wisdom of Solomon' (although some of your parishioners may expect it!) but the role is both interesting and challenging if occasionally maddening. Parish Councils play an important role in promoting the interests of parishes and form the base of the pyramid of elected bodies who govern our country.



### Could you be a Parish Councillor?

The role of Parish Councillor is to raise local issues with the Council and to make decisions on behalf of the Parish. It is important that new Parish Councillors accept the appropriate training and accept that the job is to represent the interests of the whole Parish. To listen to differing views on issues (even ones you don't agree with) and then to decide in Council what would best benefit the Parish. The Council works to a Code of Conduct to guide it in maintaining proper standards but the main duties are to attend meetings, abide by majority decisions, maintain a proper standard of behaviour and so not bring the Council into disrepute.

### Interested?

If you think you would like to become a Parish Councillor, the first step is to come to our meetings to see how business is conducted. There are two more meetings\* before the elections so take the opportunity to come along and find out what goes on in your community and decide what you could contribute.

*\*17<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 7.30 pm & 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007 at 7.00 pm (with parish meeting).*

### Disappointing Response to Flawed Housing Survey

**Out of 157 affordable housing questionnaires sent out there were only 24 responses.** 14 were against any proposal and 10 in favour. Three households were interested (only 2 were considered to be in need of affordable housing.) However 109 people on the housing register wish to move to the Parish although how many have a local connection is not known.

The parish clerk will now be in touch with Cotswold District Council about the viability of the project in view of the response and also the position regarding funding.

One view expressed at the parish council was that, because of poor design, it was not obvious that the question "do you think there is a need for affordable housing within the parish" was intended for all recipients. The impression given was that only if personally in need of affordable housing should one return the form

### New Tree Warden

There is a new tree warden for the parish, so if you need advice or information about local trees - or would like to be involved in village arboreal projects please give **Mervin Poole** a call on 01242 820966 or email (removed to prevent spam)



### Good Neighbourhood Scheme AGM

#### The 9th Annual General Meeting

of the Sevenhampton Good Neighbourhood Scheme will be held on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan '07 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Brockhampton.

For more information

Call a coordinator

☎ **Sheila Agius 820102**  
☎ **Thora Corris 820242**  
☎ **Di Brown 820271**




## LOCAL CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Details of all Church Services are included in the monthly Parish Magazine for the Coln River Group but, please specially note the following here over Christmas and New Year -

Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>,

6.30pm **Sevenhampton**  
*Lessons and Carols*

Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>,

4.00pm **Charlton Abbots,**  
**Children's Carol Service by**  
 **Candlelight.** A new celebration for this year, so please spread the word among our local young families

Christmas Eve, Sunday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>,

11.30pm **Sevenhampton**  
*Midnight Holy Communion*



*For Christmas Day Services at other churches in the Group, see Parish Magazine*

Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>,

11.00am **Charlton Abbots,**  
Morning Service

Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>,

10.00am **Sevenhampton**  
*Combined All Parishes Holy Communion, with hymns*

## BADS Needs You Badly

Brockhampton Amateur Dramatics Society needs new members. No previous acting experience required. Female and male roles available. Rehearsals for comedy 'What Are Little Girls Made Of' are underway. Come along to watch and see what we do. It's great fun and all are welcome.

Ring Vicky Lewis on  
01242 820325.



## The Annual Boxing Day DADS and LADS FOOTBALL MATCH

11.00 a.m., 26th December  
in The Lanfears' Field,  
Gassons Lane

Refreshments available

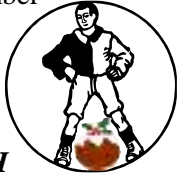
**OPEN TO DADS  
AND LADS OF BOTH**

**SEXES AND ALL AGES**

Players, Officials

Helpers and Spectators needed

FOR DETAILS: EMMA LANFEAR: 820 552



## THE ANNUAL EVENING OF

### MINCE-PIES, PUNCH AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS

is on Monday 18th December

at 7.00 for 7.30 in Rhodes Memorial Hall Brockhampton.

Offers of help with mince pies, Raffle prizes and suggestions for readings please to Georgina Oldham- 820423

## RURAL CINEMA

**Next Show: Friday 5th January**

the choice is EITHER

'Pirates of the Caribbean - Dead Man's Chest' (12a)

OR 'Tea With Mussolini' (PG)

## New Year's Eve Party

8pm - 1am

 **All Night 3 Course Buffet**  
Bar - Raffle - Music from  
**ONEWAY STREET**

**Free after party 'taxi - service'**  
for details & bookings call David  
on 01242 820423

Proceeds toward David Oldham's trip to India



## THE LUNCHEON CLUB

The coffee morning in September proved a successful alternative to our usual garden party.

After a slow start it developed into a busy, friendly occasion with a variety of stalls, with tea and coffee to follow. The home-made cakes and Anne's lovely chelsea buns soon disappeared.

Thank you for your support and donations and thanks especially to our loyal helpers.

Apart from the Luncheon Club, we gave some money to the Air Ambulance and to the Church.

We continue to meet every Wednesday for lunch and new members or volunteers will be very welcome.

**Contacts:** Rita Rhone 01684 293493; Mildred Jarman 01242 820642

## BROCKHAMPTON OIL CLUB

*Would you like to buy your domestic heating oil cheaper and benefit the village environmentally?*

Benefits of the scheme are:-

- 1p discount to club members
- an annual commission paid to the club on orders received . Bids can then be made for the funding from societies and clubs in the community
- Price will be the same irrespective of quantity ordered - same price for 500 litres and 2,000 litres
- One set delivery day not to coincide with rubbish day.
- A small tanker thereby less damage to verges, kerbs and hedgerows
- 500 litre voucher offered as a raffle prize at the Produce Show annually
- A budget scheme and a top up scheme are available

To find out more and register for the discount telephone  
Vicky Lewis on 01242 820325.



## Christmas Refuse & Recycling Collections

### Cotswold District Council

Monday 25th December (1wr Sevenh.):  
for this week there will be *no collection*  
of refuse.

Wednesday 27th December

Collection of refuse and recycling will go ahead as *normal, i.e not one day late.*

Monday 1st January

collection of refuse and recycling will be on Tuesday 2nd January (*one day late*).

Wednesday 3rd January

collection of refuse will be on Thursday 4th January (*one day late*).



### Tewkesbury Borough Council

For both Christmas week and New Year the collections will be **one day late**, i.e. on Thurs 28th Dec. and Thurs 4th Jan.