

Just as we'd got a tree warden full of

ideas for regenerating our stock, the CDC has emasculated the Tree Warden

Scheme so watch this space for its re-

Time to get set for standing for the

Parish Council, you know you want to.

Just take the plunge. No aerobics re-

Uncertain times too for The Craven

Arms. Bob and Barbara are putting it on

the market. We'll wish them well for the

future whilst keeping our toes crossed

evenings. No-one should eat at home on

Valentine's Day with a choice of David's

last fundraiser in the Hall and the Bob & Barbara's last Feb 14th in the Pub.

Items for the next Issue (April/May)

The Craven Arms Inn

from Barbara Price

Contrary to local belief Mr Harry Campbell

has no connections and the freehold is held

ho pital 17 times being one) a decision has

A village pub should be the hub of the local

community and unfortunately this pub is

by Bob & Barbara Price. After 2 difficult

years for various reasons (Bob being in

been made to place it on the market.

It is a case of use it or lose it.

The Craven Arms is back on the market.

by 20th. March Please.

Bill & Anne Jenkin: 820338

email: villive@sevenhampton.info

that the pub will live to prosper again.

Don't miss the next two Rural Cinema

quired just a form to fill in.

placement.

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The Annual Parish Meeting

will be held on Wednesday 21st March 2007 at 7.00pm in Rhodes Memorial Hall, Brockhampton to be followed by a meeting of Sevenhampton Parish Council

This meeting is when the parish council reports back on what it has achieved (or not) over the previous twelve months. It also gives you the chance to quiz the council over any issue and suggest policies for the future.

This will be the last scheduled meeting of the current council before the elections (see below) in May when many of the current parish councillors are standing down. As reported in the last edition, fresh blood is needed to keep the council viable. So if you intend to stand for election (see below) please come along and be given a steer by the meeting. If you don't intend to stand come along to air your views to the prospective candidates.

Parish Council Elections

Elections to form the next Sevenhampton parish council (this includes Brockhampton) will take place on 3rd May 2007.

The closing date for nominations is 4th April 2007 and if you want to become a parish councillor you must submit a nomination paper to the Returning Officer at Cotswold Dis trict Council by noon on this date. You will need to find two people from the village(s) who are on the electoral register who are willing to sign the nomination paper. You must also sign and submit a 'consent to nomination' form by the same date. These forms are included in a 'nomination pack'. The parish clerk, Ann vanRossem (01242 820718), will have a limited supply of these packs from early March but you may also obtain them from Electoral Services, Cotswold District Council, Trinity Road, Cirencester GL7 1PX.

tel. 01285 623 009; email elections@cotswold.gov.uk

Don't leave it to the last minute as you will need to do a little research to complete the forms (i.e. you and your nominees' numbers on the electoral register).

The smallprint:

If you want to stand as a parish councillor you must satisfy these requirements:

- •From 3rd of May 2007 you need to be over 18 years of age
- •A citizen of the European Union
- •A local government elector of the parish; or a person who during the whole of the twelve months before nomination as a candidate occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish. Or has, during the same period, resided in that area or within three miles thereof, or has during the same period, had a principal or only place of work in that area

You cannot stand for election if you:

- Are bankrupt and an Order or Interim Restriction Order has been imposed.
- Have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine
- Work for the council where you are intending to standing for election (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).

Tree Warden Scheme Dissolved

The parish tree wardens scheme run by Cotswold District Council has been dissolved. It will be replaced by a new body to be developed by a steering committee but how this will operate is still to be decided. Although CDC wants the tree wardens to do the job they have been doing for them this is still under discussion.

The parish council will need to make a decision when the situation is clarified but for the time being there will be no parish tree warden.





St. Valentine's Day.

Book Club

Is any one interested in taking part in a village book club?

Members read the same book and meet to discuss. More about book clubs can be found on this web address:-

www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/arts/bookclub/running1.shtml





competition to find the most unique

and originally themed wedding.



both dates - 7.30 pm. Rhodes Memorial Hall.

Tickets £2.70 from Brockhampton Post Office (820966) or on the door. (check first to avoid disappointment 820966 or www.sevenhampton.org/ruralcinema)



Valentines Dinner

Wednesday February 14th 2007' 7.30pm for 8.00pm At the Rhodes Memorial Hall Brockhampton Three Course Meal £15 - Live Music - Raffle



Starters

Potato, Apple & Rocket Soup Hidden Peaches (peach half, filled with blue cheese, covered with a creamy cheese sauce) Mushrooms in garlic butter Smoked Fish Terrine Smoked Salmon Rolls filled with prawns

Main Course

Pork Tenderloin with creamy mustard sauce
Chicken with apricots & brandy

MENU

Caramelised Onion Tart

Cheese Roulade with asparagus and cheese filling

Salmon with capers & olives

Desserts

Pecan Streusel Cheesecake with Maple sauce Espresso Chocolate Tarts Fresh Fruit Salad Chocolate Brandy Mousse Apricot & Almond Roulade Mocha Roulade

For details, menu or to book call David on 01242 820423

This will be the final event to raise funds for David Oldham's World Challenge

Expedition to India in July



Arthur Brown

would like to say thank you to all friends and neighbours for their good wishes, and help during Di's stay in hospital. It was very much appreciated. She is now on the way to a full recovery.

Many thanks - Arthur Brown

St Valentine's Dinner at the Craven Arms

Special Dinner Menu

with
a set price meal
including a bottle of wine
for further details
tel 820410

Your Skills Needed for May Event

The Coln River Group of Parishes is planning ten days of special activities in the middle of May. We hope that our local feature on Saturday/Sunday, May 12th/13th will be exhibitions in both St. Andrew's and St. Martin's Churches.

We would like to involve as many parishioners as possible with their wide range of artistic talents. PLEASE DO VOLUNTEER your skills and support - flowers, photography, artwork, advertising, catering etc. etc...

The Churchwardens, Clem Holland (820318) and Gill Hyatt (820458) will be delighted to hear from you.

Church News

Details of all services are in the monthly Parish Magazine and we look forward to welcoming you at our churches.

There will be a **Lent Series on Prayer** at Andoversford Church Centre for five Mondays, starting at 7.30pm. on February 26th.

This year's

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

will be held at Charlton Abbotts at 11.0am. on March 18th.



Simnel Sunday

In the past people working away from home were given Mothering Sunday off to visit their mothers. Many may not have seen their parents for months at a time.

Traditionally they took a Simnel Cake (now more often made for Easter). In some places Mothering Sunday is known as Simnel Sunday. 'Simnel' - from the Latin simila, referring to the type of flour used in their preparation.

'I'll to thee a Simnell bring
'Gainst thou go'st a mothering,
So that, when she blesseth thee,
Half that blessing thou'lt give to me.'
Robert Herrick 1648

JUMBLE SALE

in aid of Church Funds
will be held
at the Rhodes Memorial Hall,
Brockhampton
at 2.15pm.
on SATURDAY, MARCH 31st.

Whilst we do need your surplus goods to sell, we are no longer able to accept large quantities of anonymous jumble for weeks beforehand.

Please deliver your contributions to the Hall before 10.0am. on the 31st or during the afternoon of Friday, March 30th when the Post Office will be open.

If collection is required, please ring Gill Hyatt on 820458.

p.s. Don't forget to come and buy!

Good Neighbourhood Scheme



The scheme was used 149 times last year - an increase of 70 journeys. The charges for the scheme will not be increasing this year.

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

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