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Not quite 10 years since the first Village Live but this is the 50th edition and left me thinking about the first.

Some of you will recall the Village Appraisal from which this sprang and I think to some extent we've met the remit of trying to publicise local activities though not perhaps my loftier ideals of articles on aspects of local life.

It started with folded A3 and descended to A4 but then Bill has created the village website - not on the cards in 1997.

Throughout the life of Village Live we've had great support from a bevy of residents who've delivered copies in their bit of the Parish whether rain or shine - unsung heroes but brilliant.

This and other activities began at the behest of the Parish Council after the Appraisal said one was wanted.

Now though is the time to renew the Council with many old members stepping down. I would like enough of you standing to trigger an election - it was very exciting at Moreton when Bill and others were voted on. Surprisingly moving to see them elected. With the runner - up only one vote behind.

If enough stood maybe Phil New could take to the count in his new multi-seater! Other activities overleaf - don't forget church roof!

Items for the next Issue (June/July) by 20th May Please.

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Parish Chairman Regrets Lack of Progress on Affordable Housing

In her address to the annual parish meeting on March 21st Lesley Ball, Chairman of the Parish Council expressed disappointment that the council had not been in a position to progress the affordable housing project. She reported that:

"We were fortunate enough to be offered an excellent site thank to the generosity of a landowner and bearing in mind the extent at which small properties within the parish are being extended and therefore increasing in price, I personally feel that two or three small houses would be a great asset to the parish."

The meeting was the last with the existing parish council and she thanked her current fellow parish councillors for their support and hoped that the new council to be elected in May will have the same dedication and commitment. Thanks also went to the Parish Clerk, Ann van Rossem; Vanessa Holland for her assistance in organising the village hall and finally to the parishioners who have shown support during the last four years by regularly attending meetings and providing positive feedback on parish issues.

Parish Council Elections

April 4th Last Day for Nominations

If you know of someone who wants to become a parish councillor or the last day for nomination to reach the election office in Cirencester is 4th April so get your skates on. The council consists of seven members so a poll will be held if there are more than seven nominations.

Candidates will need two nominees who are on the electoral roll for Sevenhampton parish (which includes Brockhampton). The nomination papers can be downloaded from the Cotswold District Council website www.cotswold.gov.uk or get them directly from Cotswold District Council, Electoral Services, tel. 01285623009.

The timetable is as follows:

4th April - close of nominations

10th April - Statement of persons nominated.

25th April - Notice of Poll (if there are more than 7 nominations).

3rd May - Polling Day (also for district council elections).

The first meeting of the new parish council will be on

Friday 18th May 2007 at 7.30pm

in the Reading Room, Rhodes Memorial Hall, Brockhampton.

The new chairman will be elected at this meeting.

The village website, www.sevenhampton.org, will have the latest information about the elections and notices will be placed on village notice boards.

*the full url of the download page is www.cotswold.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=2063&tt=cotswold

Some Recent Local Planning Proposals

Recent District Council Decisions

Elsdown Barn

Conversion of the barn and outbuildings into a home and office space - *approved*.

Gassons Farm, Brockhampton

Outline consent for an agricultural worker's dwelling on Gassons Lane - *approved*.

Colnside, Lower Sevenhampton

Second floor extension for bathroom and cupboard space. - *approved*

Current Planning Applications

Colnside, Lower Sevenhampton

Single storey extension and change of use of part of paddock to domestic curtilage to allow construction of extension.

Gassons Farm, Brockhampton

Cattle building and fodder store

The Old Forge, Brockhampton

Erection of extension to store to forms in-garage



Cuckoo is heard.

more information about local planning applications - www.sevenhampton.org/planning

Easter Church Services



Sunday April 1st - Palm Sunday
 10.00am Shipton Oliffe
 All Parishes Holy Communion

6.30pm Whittington
 All Parishes Evensong

Friday April 6th - Good Friday
 10.30am Withington
 All Age Service

2.0-3.0pm Whittington
 Last Hour of the Cross

Sunday April 8th - Easter Sunday
 11.00am Sevenhampton
 Holy Communion

Details of services in the Coln River Group of Parishes may be found in the group magazine delivered to all households.

A JUMBLE SALE

in aid of Church Funds will be held at the
Rhodes Memorial Hall,
 Brockhampton at 2.15pm.

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

Further Information - Gill Hyatt 820458

Sevenhampton & District



Women's Institute WI Open Meeting

Everyone

is invited to the Sevenhampton and
 District WI Open Meeting,
 followed by refreshments,
on Monday 2nd April at 8p.m.
 Rhodes Memorial Hall,
 Brockhampton.

Accomplished speaker **David Fletcher** will be giving an illustrated talk about the Arctic. Those who attended last year will remember David's hugely enjoyable and informative presentation about the Antarctic and we're very much looking forward to his return visit.

Any further information: -
Gill Hyatt 820458

Please join us - you'll be very welcome

Regular Meeting - Monday 14th May
 NFWI Resolutions
 information: - *Thora Corris 820242*

'Stepping Out'

10th -20th May '07
A chance to explore....
 What's safe?

Friday 11th May

Church Centre, Andoversford
 7.30pm - *"Beauty and You"* -
 Royal Oak, Andoversford
 7.30pm - *Curry Night for men* -

Saturday 12th May

10am -4pm *The day to explore* .Art, craft
 and flower displays in each local church,
including Sevenhampton & Charlton Ab-
botts

Guided walks led by Bishop John.
 Car Treasure Hunt.
 Stop for lunch at the Craven Arms.

7.30pm *A Musical Evening*
 in Sevenhampton Church
Melanie Smallwood - singer

Sunday 13th May

11.00 *Celebration Service*
 in Sevenhampton Church

Saturday 19th May

Children's Workshop
 Shipton Reading Room
 7pm - *BBQ 'Grill the Bishop'* -
 Upcote Farm Withington

Sunday 20th May

A choice of services around the benefice
- STEPOUT -

try something different

Full details in the Coln River Group Magazine

Death Watch Beetle

The death -watch beetle has been
 living in our buildings for centu-
 ries and was first noted for the
 tapping sound the adult makes.



In ancient Europe, when people
 usually died at home, the death
 vigil, or death watch, would have allowed
 this tapping noise to be clearly audible
 when the house was quiet, the noise ema-
 nating from the structure of the house. The
 tapping noise subsequently became associ-
 ated with bad omens, implying that when
 the tapping noise was heard a loved one
 would soon die.

We now know the tapping is a form of
 communication employed for finding
 mates.

Good Neighbourhood Scheme



If you need help with transport etc
ring a coordinator

☎ **Sheila Agius 820102**

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Sevenhampton Church Roof

Extremely observant people
 may have noticed that the substantial
 steel bracket in the picture has recently
 appeared in the roof of the North Transept of
 the Church near the organ .

Sometime in the last 500 years death -watch beetle have en-
 joyed eating substantial amounts of the massive oak trusses up
 there such that one beam that started out 200x300mm has now
 been reduced to a thickness of 20mm in one place. The ridge beam
 itself has actually fractured as can be seen in the picture and it is this that
 the bracket has been used to support, as recommended by a structural engi-
 neer commissioned by the Church PCC.

Of course, as a Grade I listed building it will have to be fully repaired. This is
 likely to require major works including opening the roof to replace some of the beams
 and further advice is being sought to identify exactly what needs to be done.

We haven't got to the stage of seeking funds yet so this is not an appeal (although it may
 become one later in the year when we find out the costs involved!)

Further Information: - Francis Barnard 820447

Work also needed at Charlton Abbots Church

Considerable Repairs are also needed to St Martins Church, Charlton Abbots. So watch
 this space.