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The most important issue this edition is certainly the intention to deny local pupils secondary education at Balcarras.

In a village with more grandparents than parents and with parents often opting for private education, it remains vital that those within the state system should have fair access to a good local education.

Balcarras's leaked though unannounced plans to exclude pupils not living within a mile of the school impact on rural schools and families who have sent children there for generations. This seems plain wrong. If this is simply an unintended consequence of their Cheltenham catchment policy, then it needs rectifying.

Andoversford and Withington have supported the school through difficult years and contributed to its current success. They are now to be left with no choice of secondary school in the future. Even now they add to its coffers by paying for access to some of its facilities.

The improvement of Balcarras should be a matter for celebration not the reverse.

Whether you currently have kids in education, we would ask you to contact your MP and County Councillor, Lady Dunrossil (see below right) and let them know of your support for a fair choice for local families.

Please help to overturn this arbitrary limitation of opportunity for local children currently and into the future.

Items for the next Issue (Aug/Sep) by 20th July Please.

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Haymaking slowly carried on.

New Parish Council

As there were only four nominations the council was selected without a poll (there being seven seats). The members are Bill Jenkin, Bill Lanfear, Harry Boyd & Lynne Jackson. The council has now also co-opted Alison Giles.

At the first meeting Bill Jenkin was elected chairman and Bill Lanfear vice - chairman. Bill Jenkin gave a vote of thanks to Lesley Ball (chairman 2003 to 2007) and presented her with a small token of appreciation for her work during the last sometimes difficult four years.

On planning matters the council has decided that, because of its reduced size, it is no longer possible to consult individually with all occupiers of properties adjoining its subject to a planning application. The plans will however be placed in the post office for anyone to inspect. The usual planning notices will continue to be posted and neighbours informed by Cotswold District Council as at present.

The council has also decided to hold an short open 'question and answer' session before each meeting so that it can note of views expressed by members of the public present.

The next meeting of the parish council is on

Wednesday 18th July.

in the Reading Room, Rhodes Hall Brockhampton

Before the council meeting there will be a question and answer session starting at 7.30pm

Recent Planning Applications:-

Awaiting a decision from Cotswold District Council -

Sunny View, the Quarry GL545XJ Alteration and re-roofing of outbuilding to form bunkhouse/temp granny flat - pending.

Plovers Wood, The Quarry GL545XJ Proposed bedroom and kitchen extensions - pending.

Recent decisions or withdrawals

The Old Vicarage Church Lane Sevenhampton Replacement of outbuilding - Permit.

Treyarnon Brockhampton GL545XQ 4 dormer windows for loft conversion - Permit.

Colnside Sevenhampton GL545SL - Withdrawn.

Gassons Farm Brockhampton GL545XJ Cattle building and fodder store. - Permit

The Old Forge Brockhampton GL545XQ Extension forming single garage - Permit.

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

Balcarras School - (Non) Admissions Policy

Joseph Kinane, head teacher of Andoversford Primary has notified parents of the intention of Balcarras School to exclude children from traditional rural feeder schools from continuing their education at Balcarras.

Balcarras has enjoyed increasing popularity and is trying to limit its intake. Excluded Cheltenham parents & pupils still have several choices in Cheltenham. The same is not true for rural communities. The choice of Balcarras or Cotswold is reduced to take Cotswold or leave it. A good school but further away and so often not the preferred choice. Andoversford Primary is to formally object to the Schools Adjudicator but needs all the support it can get from parents and other local residents and organisations. Parents are advised to write to Geoffrey Clifton - Brown, our MP, and to encourage the rest of us to do the same in support.

Mr Kinane makes the point that lack of this facility could adversely affect the long term viability of the villages for young families.

The Name & address of four MPs is:

**Geoffrey Clifton - Brown F.R.I.C.S, MP
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA**

Also write to our County Councillor:

**Mavis, Lady Dunrossil B.A.,
Sycamore House,
Withington,
Cheltenham, GL54 4DA**

Ros Stewart receives award at Shire Hall

From Gill Lanfear's 'The Voice' in the Gloucestershire Echo



Ros Stewart

Saturday 19th May saw the awards ceremony run by Gloucestershire County Council for adult education. I (Gill Lanfear) was lucky enough to be invited along by Ros Stewart, whose name had been put forward by the Gloucestershire Federation of WIs for her book *The History of Sevenhampton*. Ros, aged 87, had been working on this book (on and off) for 25 years and is so delighted she at last succeeded in getting it into print.

Not only has Ros been occupied by this, but she has also been active in village life. She has been a parish council member and also a parish clerk as well as secretary and president of Sevenhampton WI. She was chief instigator in organising a churchyard survey and has been involved in several village exhibitions. All in all a very worthy recipient of this award.

The ceremony was held in the county council chamber at Shire Hall and it was followed by an excellent buffet lunch for all. It was very uplifting to hear of the wonderful work that so many people throughout the county do to better themselves by taking up the education opportunities that are available, and just how much so many of them do to help others less fortunate.

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Village Agent, Nick Bailey to Hold Local Surgeries



The Village Agents project is a pilot scheme to provide older people in Gloucestershire's rural communities with easier access to information and services. It is being run by Gloucestershire County Council and Gloucestershire Rural Communities Council. The Agents

- Bridge the gap between the local community and statutory and voluntary organisations able to offer help or support.
- Provide high quality information, promote access to a wider range of services, carry out a series of practical checks and identify unmet needs within their community.
- Have access to extensive relevant training, resources and support from GRCC and the County Council's helpdesk.
- Be paid a small 'retainer' to work ten hours per week in the community. They hold surgeries in the village hall or other suitable places and carry out home visits where appropriate.
- Form part of a network of local contact points within Gloucestershire.
- Are recruited locally, trained and supported to provide face-to-face information and support, which enables individuals to make informed choices about their future needs.

In Gloucestershire last year thousands of people over 50

Had a free home safety check

Received money that they did not realise they were entitled to

Were helped to stay in their own home and not go into care

Used a recommended organisation to carry out small home repairs

Made new friends and began new leisure activities.

They did it. Why don't you?

Come along to talk to your local Village Agent

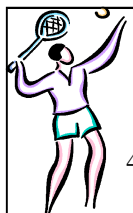
Nick Bailey

on Thursday mornings

from 10 to Noon

in the Reading Room, Rhodes Memorial Hall, Brockhampton.

He can also be contacted on 07776245740



Tennis Ages 6 to 16 years

Come along to Coombe, Brockhampton

WEDNESDAYS (from 13th June)

4 to 5 p.m. for 6 to 10 year olds & 5 to 6 p.m. for 10 to 16 year olds

information from Brian Turner (820331)



Ros' Book -
"The Story of
Sevenhampton"
is available in the
Post Office. Price
£12.50



Sevenhampton & District Women's Institute Meeting

Monday 2nd July

Mr Nicholas Clark

"Rajasthan - formerly Ra-

jputana, India's Warrior

State" - Travel talk with Slides

7.30 p.m. in the Rhodes Memorial Hall

If you are a member come along any way and give it a go.

Further information from

Thora Corris 820242



Garden Club

The Garden Club is organising an evening visit to Birtsmorton Court on Thursday 21st June.



Birtsmorton Court

Transport is by car sharing and the cost is £5 each. Meeting there at 5.30. A pub meal after the visit is an optional extra. If those who would like to come please contact Cindy Haynes on 820914 NOW.

There is also to be an **Open Gardens Day** on Saturday 21st July - the cost will be £3 for non-members. This is not today for the general public, but friends and neighbours of members will be welcome.

There will also be a tea at the Village Hall. Proceeds will go to the County Air Ambulance.

For more information on the Open Gardens Day please contact Arthur Burgess on 820212 or Cindy Haynes on 820914.

Good Neighbourhood Scheme

If you need help with transport etc
ring a coordinator

☎ Sheila Agius 820102

☎ Di Brown 820271

☎ Thora Corris 820242

