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*The calm before the storm - Christmas drawing threateningly close.*

Felt a bit better when a colleague who completed her wrapping months ago, is now ripping at ties & sticky tape as she can't remember what's for who.

Others organised for Xmas are Cotswold Council who have yet to make up their minds about when refuse will be collected. What efficiency!

Xmas & New Year is all about a rugged old gentleman tackling herculean journeys and tasks around the world. But before Indiana Jones on Jan 7th, Santa is expected to make his usual deliveries!

Old favourites too. Pies, Punch & Carols Dec 17th & Dads & Lads football on Boxing Day - rumours Fabio Capello will be talent spotting yet to be confirmed..

Coffee mornings continue each Thursday at the Hall except Christmas Day & New Year's Day. It's a chance to catch up with news & info from the Village Agent & we may soon get a visit from our new policeman.

*May I thank everyone who watched my brief encounter with Countdown. It was great fun to do and at least I wasn't beaten by an 11 year old. Will find out in December whether Charlie who beat me goes on to win the series. He'd better!*

**Copy Date:** Next issue of this journal will be for February & March 2009.

**Contributions please by 26th Jan 2009**

**Happy Christmas to All**

**Bill & Anne Jenkin: 820338**

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**Shortest day, sun sets 3.51.**

This year, in Sevenhampton, the sun sets at 3.58 on December 21st, but earlier, at 3.56, on 13th. The sun rises at 8.13 on 21st but not until 8.15 on 30th. This may be of interest (though probably not) but it doesn't make it any less dank, dark and miserable.

## Christmas Refuse & Recycling Collections

**Cotswold District Council Areas**

As this journal went to press no decision had been made on Christmas & New Year waste collections. However click on [www.sevenhampton.org/cotswoldwaste](http://www.sevenhampton.org/cotswoldwaste) or see notice boards for details when they are known (sometime after 2nd. December). Also, for the first collection after Christmas only, the district council will accept extra non-recyclable landfill waste in black bin bags alongside the grey wheeled bin/beige bin bags on collection day.

**Tewkesbury Borough Council Areas**  
Collections will be as follows:

**NB Tuesday 23rd**, one day early, household waste.

**Wednesday 31st**. - recycling etc.

**Sevenhampton Parish Council**

## Sevenhampton Telephone Kiosk

The Sevenhampton telephone box, earmarked for removal by



BT, is to be 'adopted' by Sevenhampton parish council who will purchase the box from BT for £1.

The connection and payphone equipment will be removed and the council will then be responsible for the maintenance etc of the box.

The council took this decision after a trawl of local opinion showed that there was a considerable wish to retain the kiosk because it was a distinctive feature of that part of the village.

## Precept to stay at £5,000

The parish precept for Sevenhampton Parish is to remain at £5,000 for the year 2009/10 (about £30 per year for a band E property). Last year it was reduced by £250 to this figure.

**Next Parish Council Meeting**  
is on **Wednesday 21st January 2009**  
at 7.30pm

in Rhodes Hall Reading Room  
There will be a short Q&A session before the meeting starts

## ERRATUM - potholes

The number for reporting potholes etc to Gloucestershire County Council is 08000514514 (zero eight thousand etc.) and not as stated in our last edition. Sorry for any wasted phone calls.



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## Gassons Lane

will be closed from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December for surfacing work.

## Thursday Coffee Club

continues with people dropping into the Reading Room for a coffee and a chat between 10.30 and 11.30.

It's a chance to find out what's going on in the village, buy your rural cinema tickets, browse through all the scrapbooks in the archives. Transport to and from the hall can be arranged so please come along.

Phone Georgina on 820423

## Village Diary

A brief list of local events.

### December

M 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 pm Rhodes Hall - W.I.
Th 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 - Reading Rm - Coffee
	7.30 - Craven A. - Quiz Night
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm - †Sevenh. - Evensong
M 8 <sup>th</sup> to F 12 <sup>th</sup>	Gassons Lane Closed
Th 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 - Reading Rm - Coffee
F 12 <sup>th</sup>	Craven Arms - Locals Night
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	11am - †Sevenh.. - Family Svc
W 17 <sup>th</sup>	7pm - Rhodes H. - Pies & Punch
Th 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 - Reading Rm - Coffee
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.30pm - †Sevenh. - Carols S.
Tu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4pm - †C. Abbotts.- Crib Svc
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm - †Sevenh. - Mdnt HC
Th 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am - †C. Abbotts. - HC
	12 - 2 Craven A, Bar open
	12 - 3 Craven A, Xmas Lunch
F 26 <sup>th</sup>	11am - L'fears Fld - Dads' nlds
	12 - 5pm Craven A. - Open hrs.
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am - †And'sfd Ch C. - HC
	4 pm - †Whittington. - Evensong
W 31 <sup>st</sup>	Craven A. - N. Y'rs Eve Dinner

### January

Th 1 <sup>st</sup>	Craven A. - Open all Day & eve
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm - †Sevenh. - Evensong
M 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rhodes Hall - W.I.
W 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm - Rhodes Hall - Cinema
Th 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 - Reading Rm - Coffee
	7.30pm - Craven A. - Quiz Night
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	11am - †Sevenh. - Family Svc
M 12 <sup>th</sup>	Craven Arms - WI Party
Tu 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm - R. Room - GNS AGM
Th 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 - Reading Rm - Coffee
F 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm - V. Hall - Garden Club
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	11am - †Sevenh. - H.C.
M 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 - Vill. Hall - Prod Sh Social
W 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm - R.Rm - Parish Council
Th 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 - Reading Rm - Coffee
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	11am - †C. Abbotts - Matins
M 26 <sup>th</sup>	Copy Date for next edition.
Th 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 - Reading Rm - Coffee
F 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm - Rhodes Hall - Bingo



Details of all services in the area may be found in the Coln River Group Church Magazine

## Pies, Punch & Carols

Wednesday 17th December  
7pm for 7.30 start

Come along for an enjoyable evening - singing carols, drinking punch and eating mince pies.

The children from Andoversford Primary School will be singing as usual.

If anyone would like to take part by playing an instrument, singing or reading please get in touch - after many years organising this evening I have exhausted all my sources.

I also need help on the night to sell raffle tickets, take money on the door and serving the punch.

Donations of raffle tickets, prizes and mince pies would be greatly appreciated.

Georgina Oldham 820423



Tickets £3.00

Available in advance from  
Julia Chandler 01242 820629

Other info. 01242 820338  
www.sevenhampton.org/ruralcinema  
other dates: Wed 4th Feb, Wed 4th Mar.

## BINGO EVENING

Friday 30th January  
7.30PM

a chance to dispose of unwanted  
Christmas presents and raise money for  
the village hall.

info - Georgina Oldham 820423

Sun. 21st Dec., 6.30pm, St. Andrew, Sevenhampton - *Carols by Candlelight*  
Tue. 23rd Dec., 4.00pm, St. Martin, Charlton Abbotts - *Crib Service*  
Wed. 24th Dec., 11.30pm, St Andrew Sevenhampton - *Midnight Holy Communion*  
Thu 25th Dec., 9.30am, St Martin, Charlton Abbotts - *Holy Communion (by ext.)*  
Sun 28th Dec., 8.30am, Church Centre, Andoversford - *Holy Communion*  
4.00pm, St Bart' Whittington - *Evensong*

## Craven Arms

Quiz Nights on Thurs 4th December  
& Thurs. 8th January

Locals Night is on Fri. 12th December  
**Christmas & New Year Opening**

Normal hours up to Christmas Day.

**Christmas Day**

Open 12 - 2 for drinks.

We are also doing Christmas Dinner from  
Midday - 3.00pm.

**Boxing Day**

Open 12 - 5pm. closed in the evening.

**New Year's Eve**

Open lunch and evening,  
- menus available for New Year's Eve.

**New Years Day**

Open all day and evening.

details and bookings 01242 820410

## PRODUCE SHOW & FETE

We are holding a Social meeting  
on Monday, 19th January, 2009  
at 7.30pm In the Village Hall.

Drinks will be poured and nibbles  
offered.

Everyone is welcome.

We will review the last Show and  
Discuss the next one  
**YOUR SHOW NEEDS YOU!**

## Fancy Bell Ringing?

Bell Ringing practice is on Thursday  
nights, 7.30 at Sevenhampton Church.  
Beginners are welcome.

More information from Robert Jackson  
01242 820408

## Good Neighbourhood Scheme

## Annual General Meeting



will be held on Tues 13th January  
at 7.30pm

in the Reading Room.

coordinators:-

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

## A Note for your diary:

Biennial Quilters Exhibition 19/20th Sept.

## Sevenhampton & District Women's Institute

### Meetings

**Monday 1st December**

Annual Meeting & Christmas  
Stall

**Monday 5th January**

Life as a Butlins Redcoat - Paul McGuire  
7.30 p.m. in the Rhodes Memorial Hall

If you aren't a member come along anyway and give it a go.

**Monday 12th January**

Party at the Craven Arms.

Further information from  
Thora Corris 820242



The Village  
**GARDEN CLUB**  
of Sevenhampton & District

### Meetings

**Friday 16th January**

James Bolton - Garden History: The  
Hanging Gardens of Babylon to John  
Brookes.

7.30pm in Rhodes Memorial Hall  
Non-members are welcome to attend our  
meetings for a fee of £3

Further information from the Secretary,  
Cindy Haines 820914



## Dads and Lads Football

Kick off that Christmas lethargy at the  
Annual Boxing Day

## Dads & Lads Football Match

11am 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

## Good Weather Gives Farm

### Open Day a Boost

Uncharacteristically fine weather encouraged a good attendance at the Manor Farm open day & crank-up on October 19th.

The Cotswold Tractor and Vintage motorcycle clubs also incorporated the event on their road runs. A total of £525 was raised and split between Alzheimer's, Bible and Salvation Army charities.

Many thanks for the support and also to  
Robert & Lynne Jackson for running the show.

## Over £500 raised for Cobalt Unit



A huge thank you from Cherrie and Carol to all who came to the fundraiser on November 8.

It was a great afternoon and with your help and support we raised £525.00!