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A little less competition now Gill Lanfear & Sheila Bartlett have given up "Village Voice". VL now has a mafia-type grip on all village news & gossip. You won't know a thing till you've read it here.

With their finger on the pulse of local events, anniversaries and strange happenings, they'll be much missed. Short of a story? Get your old man to demolish the garage. Sorted!

Gill is saddened that Sheila's hip replacement saga and current hospitalisation meant the Echo couldn't get a joint photo. She wants you to know the whole enterprise has been a real joint venture from the first and really cemented their friendship. (Not like Sheila's hip, sadly - ed).

New Year's Resolutions include getting fit? Try Exercise Class on Wednesdays & Pilates on Fridays at the Hall. For the rest of us there's the sofa or the pub - open for their "Sausage" eve Wednesday 28th Jan. After a successful Pies & Punch, Georgina (820423) needs a generous Samaritan to reprint the well-worn carol sheets for next time round. Any offers?

Items for the next Issue (April/May) by 20th. March Please.

Bill & Anne Jenkin: 820338
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Annual Parish Meeting, to be held on Wed 18th March 2009 At 7.00 in Rhodes Memorial Hall

The meeting will be followed by a meeting of the Parish Council

The parish councillors are:-

Bill Jenkin - Bill Lanfear

Lynne Jackson - Alison Giles

Di Brown - Harry Boyd

Parish Clerk. Ann vanRossem, the Old Shop, Brockhampton, GL54 5XG; email removed to prevent spam



Hares are still mad.



Echo's Village Correspondents Retire After 20 Years

On 17th January The Gloucestershire Echo featured our two reporters for 'Village Voice' now called 'Where I Live'. Gill Lanfear and Sheila Bartlett have been keeping us informed about the goings-on in the village for almost two decades but have decided that now is the right time to give up the column. In the article Gill describes how she will miss it "...especially when there is a funny story going round the village".

In 2006 one of those stories achieved national status when Sheila's husband Jack drove his brand-new Lexus through the back wall of the garage and utility room.

Gill Describes how the writing of the column was always a team effort, how they would both gather in bits of information from around the villages, hand-write the report and drop it off at the Echo office. "I've never really got on with computers and technology and all that". Sheila has kept every column that the two of them have written in "scores of scrapbooks".

At the time of writing Sheila is unfortunately still in hospital having had over 18 months of bad luck with an unsatisfactory hip replacement which has still not yet been resolved. We wish her better fortune in 2009.

Anyone who is interested in taking on the Where I Live column for Brockhampton and Sevenhampton should contact the Echo on 01242 271821.

A SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE

In 2008 the Parish Council co-ordinated the meeting of a group of villagers to discuss how we might achieve a reduction in this community's carbon footprint and possibly save some individual household costs.

Bio Digester - not just yet

We started ambitiously with some investigation into bio-digesters and other technologies. The advice from a visiting consultant since the meeting was that such things will become more feasible and cost-effective in years to come and that it would be wise to see how it develops before tackling the planning and other logistical problems in a village whose layout would present some difficulties. The Parish Council agreed that this is good advice and seems in step with much of the informal feedback we have had from the community.

Forum - March Meeting

We still feel that there ought to be some forum for discussing ways in which we might make our use of fuel, resources and disposal of waste less environmentally damaging in the short to middle term.

We will therefore hold another meeting during the last week of March. There are three Parish Council members who would like to attend this and we hope that some of those who worked on the 2008 discussions will also join us. **This is really a call to anyone across the community to join us and look at what we might practically do.**

What are other Villages Doing?

Immediate suggestions are that we look at some examples of what other villages are doing and seek a guest speaker on measures and products which might suit our situation.

Get in Touch

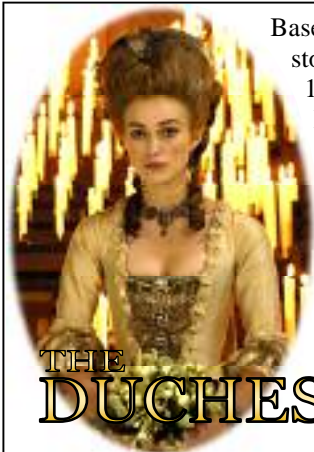
Please get in touch with me if you would like to be involved in the meeting, and please give me your availability for an evening at the end of March by February 20th. I will then confirm a date and venue.

Alison Giles 01242 820132 email removed to prevent spam

Grass Cutting Tenders Invited

Tenders are invited for a grass cutting contract at locations in Sevenhampton. Details etc from the Parish Clerk, Ann vanRossem 01242 820718





Based on the true story of The 18th Century Duchess of Devonshire, her boorish husband, his live-in lover and an ambitious young politician.

THE DUCHESS

Keira Knightley - Ralph Fiennes
Charlotte Rampling - Dominic Cooper
www.theduchessmovie.co.uk


Wednesday 4th February

7.30pm Rhodes Memorial Hall, Brockhampton

Tickets £3.00 available in advance from Julia Chandler 01242 820629

other info 01242 820338 www.sevenhampton.org/ruralcinema

Exercise Class

 There is now a regular class in the Village Hall on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 to 10.30. (term time only). If anyone is interested in joining please contact Tania Chisholm on 821501

Pilates

Also the Pilates class is still running on Fridays 11.30 to 12.30
Contact Tori Stokes on 07766 075200
www.sevenhampton.org/pilates

Village Diary

January

Wed 28th. Craven Arms - *Sausage & Mash*
Fri 30th. Rh. Hall, 7.30pm - *Bingo*

February

Sun 1st † Sevenh. 6.30pm - *Evensong*
Mon 2nd. Rhodes Hall - *WI*
Wed 4th. Rh. Hall. 7.30 - *"The Duchess"*
Thu 5th. Reading Room. 10.30 - *Coffee*
Thu 5th. Craven Arms. 7.30 - *Quiz Night*
Sun 8th † Ch. Abbots 11.00 - *Holy Commn.*
Tue 10th. Rhodes Hall. 3.00 - *Century Club*
Thu 12th. Reading Room. 10.30 - *Coffee*
Sun 15th † Sevenh. 11.00am - *Holy Commn.*
Wed 18th. Rhodes Hall. 7.30 - *Garden Club*
Thu 19th. Reading Room. 10.30 - *Coffee*
Fri 20th. Craven Arms. - *Curry Night*
Sun 22nd. † Sevenh. 11.00 - *Family Service*
Thu 26th Reading Room. 10.30 - *Coffee*

March

Sun 1st † Sevenhampton. 6.30 - *Evensong*
Mon 2nd. Rhodes Hall. - *WI*
Wed 2nd. Rhodes Hall. 7.30 *Film (see above)*
Thu 5th. Reading Room. 10.30 - *Coffee*
Thu 5th. Craven Arms. 7.30 - *Quiz Night*
Tue 10th. Rh Hall. 3.00 - *Century Club*
Thu 12th. Reading Room. 10.30 - *Coffee*
Wed 18th. R Room. 7.00pm. *Parish Meeting*
Thu 19th. Reading Room. 10.30 - *Coffee*
Fri 20th. Rh. Hall. 7.30 - *Garden Club*
Thu 26th. Reading Room. 10.30 - *Coffee*
Sat 28th. Rhodes Hall. 2.15 - *Jumble Sale*
Thu 31st. Reading Room. 10.30 - *Coffee*
March Church Services will be published in the ColnRiver Magazine



Bruno is the eight-year-old son of a concentration camp commandant. His forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy on the other side of the fence has unexpected consequences.

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Century Club

The Century Club meets on the Second Tuesday of the month in the village hall at 3.0 pm. Anyone of retirement age is welcome to join, there is a talk or activity followed by a substantial tea. Sometimes there are a lunchtime or afternoon outings.

Tuesday 10th February

Mr Ken Grubb - *The Suez Canal*

Tuesday 10th March

AGM (no speaker).

For further information contact
Iris Young 01242 583098

Craven Arms

Sausage & Mash Night

Wed 28th January
Butcombe Beer £2.00 pt.
Choice of mash with
Butcombe sausages
£6.00 a person - Booking essential.



Quiz Nights on Thurs 5th February
& Thurs. 5th March

Curry Night

Friday 20th February
details and bookings 01242 820410

Thursday Coffee

It's Thursday morning for coffee sessions in the Reading Room if you fancy a natter over a cup of coffee and a biscuit. Our Village Agent Nick Bailey is usually present so you can pump him for any useful information at the same time.

The session runs from 10.30 to 11.30am
Lifts can be arranged.

Information - Georgina Oldham 820423

BINGO EVENING THIS FRIDAY (30TH JAN) IN AID OF HALL FUNDS

Eyes Down 7.30PM
In Rhodes Memorial Hall
information - Georgina Oldham 820423

Sevenhampton & District Women's Institute

Meetings

Monday 2nd February

Mrs Lynne Bitterlin
Hats and Fascinators

Monday 2nd March

Mrs Liz Godsell

Cheese Making and Tasting

7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, If you aren't a member come along anyway

Further information from

Thora Corris 820242



Meetings

Wednesday 18th February

George Alway
Vegetables Without Tears

Friday 20th March

Donald Everitt

Rock Gardens: Nature's Jewels

7.30pm in Rhodes Memorial Hall

Non-members are welcome to attend our meetings for a fee of £3

Info - Cindy Haines 820914



JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 28th March

Doors Open 2.15pm

info Clem Holland 820318

Pies Punch and Carols Evening 2008

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who came along and for the wonderful selection of raffle prizes donated. As a result of an enjoyable evening I was able to send £100 each to Andoversford Primary School and Cheltenham Open Door. I have received most appreciative letters of thanks from both.

More Carol Booklets Needed

In readiness for this years event I would like some more carol booklets. Would anyone be able to photocopy some for me please? The booklet comprises of nine double sided sheets and I would like another 20 or 25. If anyone can help please contact me - *Georgina on 820423.*

Good Neighbourhood Scheme AGM



At the January 13th Annual General Meeting of the scheme it was decided that there was no need to raise the charges for journeys this year. The number of journeys undertaken in 2008 was 130 compared to 159 in 2007.

If you need help with transport etc
ring a coordinator

 **Sheila Agius 820102**

 **Di Brown 820271**

 **Thora Corris 820242**