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High Pressure Gas Pipeline to Cross Parish

only the intermittent cold reminds us of the local heroics during the snow. The obvious star was Georgina + husband & miscellaneous helpers in deliv-

ering newspapers without fail despite a myriad of other commitments.

Others too did their bit. Rich Jones brought a snow plough through regularly and Milkman Mark made his deliveries though relying on a borrowed wagon. Well done!

Now look out for, the WI open meeting on Monday April 6th with Angela Panrucker telling "The Story of Sudeley Castle" and then, the Century Club, on Tuesday 12th May, has Jack Stringer telling "The History of Whittington Court". Both good local interest! See Page2 for details.

Items for the next Issue (June/July) by 20th. May Please. Bill & Anne Jenkin: 820338

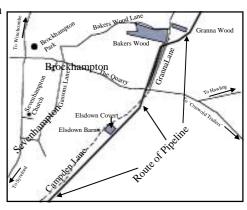




Fox-hounds are now idle.

The National Grid is proposing to build a high pressure natural gas pipeline from Wormington to Sapperton which will cross the Eastern part of the parish. Planned for construction in 2010, the pipeline will be a diameter of 900mm (2ft 11in) with a minimum covering of 1200mm (3ft 11in).

During construction a strip of land approximately 36m wide (118ft) will be fenced off along the length of the route where all the work will take place. Sections of pipe up to 18m (59ft) will be taken from short-term storage areas and laid end to end along the length of the route. Then the trench will be dug. The



sections of the pipe are welded together and wrapping applied to prevent corrosion and the pipe will be lowered into the the ditch. Following pressure tests the excavation is backfilled in layers and compacted, top soil replaced and land re-seeded. Field boundaries such as hedges are replanted and drystone walls re-built to match the existing.

No Road Closures

In this parish there will be no road closures while the work is going on because the pipe can be 'fed' under existing roads without the need for excavation. more information:- www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Pipelines/Wormington/

Parish Council Could Go, warns Parish Chairman

At the annual parish meeting on 18th March the chairman of Sevenhampton Parish Council, Bill Jenkin, warned .. "without a strong community involvement in all likelihood we will be morphed together with other villages in the area, thus losing our identity entirely."

He complained about increasing government imposed bureaucracy which used up valuable resources and made the demise of small councils like Sevenhampton more and more likely due to the disillusionment of councillors. Mr Jenkin stated that the problem stemmed from the same rules applying to the largest metropolitan borough councils as to the smallest parishes. A petition to Downing Street last year appealed to the government to exempt the smallest councils from the bulk of these paper exercises but the only help they offered was that neighbouring parishes could pool resources in order to raise their effec-

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The chairman urged volunteers to come forward to fill the vacancy which has arisen on the parish council caused by the resignation of Alison Giles, who has left the area. He thanked Alison and her fellow councillors for their participation and support and hoped that, with enough local involvement, the council would still be able to continue to represent the parish as an entity and believed that it should remain at the centre of a sustainable and vibrant community.

If you would like to become a parish councillor please get in touch with the parish clerk, Ann van Rossem, 01242 820718 email: removed to prevent spam

Next parish council meeting:-Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

From the Parish Records - 50 years Ago

1959 The position of the winding up of the Cricket and Football Clubs was discussed. The funds of the Cricket Club had already been drawn by the trustees in favour of the Reading Room Funds. With regard to the Football Club the following resolution was passed. "That this parish meeting which includes six members of the football club decides to transfer the funds of the club to

At the Annual Parish Meeting on April 13th the Village Hall committee strictly on the understanding that if an Association Football club be restarted then fifty pounds be placed at the disposal of that club and that 50% of the remainder be paid to the local old peoples fund and the balance to the Reading Room fund and that Mr R. G. B. Combe be authorised to arrange this transfer." This was carried unanimously.

note: £50 in 1959 would be about £1,000 today



Thursday 14th May 2009 7.30 pm Rhodes Hall, Brockhampton All tickets £3.00 available from Julia Chandler 01242 820629

Coffee Mornings

Don't forget, if you want to pick up on all the goss.. come along to the

Thurday morning coffee sessions 10.30 - 11.30 in the Reading Room.

Village Agent Nick Bailey is usually present to answer any queries you may have.



Village Diary

including Easter Church Services

<u>April</u>

Thu 2nd. 10.30 Reading Room. - Coffee 7.30 Craven Arms. - Quiz Night Sun 5th. 10am† Sevenh. - Holy Communion Mon 6th. 8pm Rhodes Hall - WI Open Mtng Wed 8th. 7.30 Craven Arms - Food & Beer Thu 9th. 10.30am Reading Room. - Coffee Fri 10th - Good Friday

2.00pm †Whittington -Final Hour at the Cross 6.30pm †Charlton Abbotts -Prayer at the Cross

Sun 12th Easter Day 11am. †Sevenh. - HC Tue 14th. 3.00 Rhodes Hall. - Century Club Thu 16th. 10.30am Reading Room. - Coffee Sun 19th11.00am †Sevenh. - Holy Commn. Thu 23rd. 10.30am Reading Room. - Coffee Fri 24th. 7.30pm Rhodes Hall - Garden Club Sun 26th. 11.00 †Sevenh. - Family Service

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Sun 3rd 10am †Shipton - Holy Communion 6pm †Hawling. - Evensong

Thu 7th. 10.30am Reading Room. - Coffee 7.30pm Craven Arms - Quiz Night

Sun 10th. 11am. †Charlton Abbotts - *Matins* Mon 11th. Rhodes Hall - *WI Meeting*

Tue 12th. 3.00 Rh Hall. - *Century Club* Thu 14th. 10.30am Reading Room. - *Coffee*

7.30 pm Rhodes Hall - *Film* **Sun 17th**11.00am Shipton - *Big Top in the Barn.* (see ColnRiver for details)

6.30pm †And'sford - *Holy Cmn*.
Mon 18th 7.30pm Rhodes Hall - *Quiz Night*

Wed 20th 7.30pm R. Room - *Parish Council* Thu 21st. 10.30am Reading Room. - *Coffee*

Sun 24th 11am †S'hampton - Fam. Service Thu 28th. 10.30am Reading Room. - Coffee

Sun 31st 11am †Sevenhampton - Holy Cmn.

Sevenhampton and District WI Open Meeting

Everyone is invited to the 2009 WI **Open Meeting**, to be followed by refreshments, on **Monday 6th April at 8 pm** in Rhodes Memorial Hall, Brockhampton.

This year's speaker will be Angela Panrucker whose repertoire includes a wide range of topics of local interest. On this occasion she will be giving us an insight into 'The Story of Sudeley Castle'. Despite its close proximity, many of us admit to knowing very little about one of Gloucestershire's most popular tourist attractions.

Those who have been lucky enough to hear Angela previously will know that we can expect a very entertaining evening.

Please come along and join us.

For further information, call Thora Corris on 01242 820242.

Also, May 11th - Resolutions & Spring Fayre.

Rhodes Memorial Hall Renovation

Quiz Night

in the Village Hall

Monday 18th May

Proceeds to the Village Hall Funds info:- Georgina Oldham 820423
Also: Thanks for your support at the Jumble Sale on March 28th. which raised £554 for Church & Hall funds

Craven Arms

6 course Food and NATIONA Cask

Wed 8th April, Sit down 7:30pm Set price £37.50



We have carefully picked out a selection of beers to go with each course so they compliment each other.

Menu

Gazpacho Soup (chilled)

Pheasant & foie gras terrine, pheasant beiginet, celeriac puree

Marinated red mullet & mackerel rillette

Slow cooked lamb, dauphinoise potatoes, baby carrots & rosemary jus

Lemon posset with fresh raspberries

Cheese plate

bookings 01242 820410

And don't forget the regular

Quiz nights

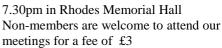
Thursdays 2nd April & 7th May

GARDEN CLUB

Meetings

Friday 24th April AGM &

Reg Moule - Gardening with Ornamental Grasses



Further information from the Secretary, Cindy Haines 820914

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, a talk or activity is followed by a substantial tea. Sometimes there are a lunchtime or afternoon outings.

Tuesday 9th April

Anne Fauske - 'A Norwegian Storey'

Tuesday 12th May

Jack Stringer - History of Whittington Court

For further information contact Iris Young 01242 583098

Good Neigbourhood Scheme



If you need help with transport etc ring a coordinator

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

63rd PRODUCE SHOW & FETE

29th August 2009

Easter is the time the Produce Show Schedule arrives at your door.

This year we are trying to increase the number of entries in all classes, so please read the schedule, decide the classes you are going to enter and start making your preparations!

- 1. Rake over the veggie bed and buy your potatoes and the seeds you intend to plant.
- 2. Get your knitting needles out—a knitting pattern is enclosed with the schedule.
- 3. Get your camera ready (or look through your winter photos). The subjects this year are; "White", "Our Village" and "ordinary objects from unusual angles"

YOUR Show needs YOU!

Any questions --- John Benson 820960 or Ray Oldham 820423