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Bins and Salt Supplies

You will have noticed the arrival of blue grit bins round the village. These were put in by Glos Highways to stop salt leaching away in wet weather. The Parish Council were unaware that these were being distributed and have had complaints about colour, positioning and lack of lids, etc. The PC is buying 12 green bins with lids to replace the blue ones plus some extras but they may not be here for a few weeks. Glos. Highways have also told the PC of its problems maintaining the dumps of grit because of supplies reaching them late.



Please don't pinch the grit because it won't be replaced until the weather improves. Highways will replenish grit supplies but not while severe weather prevails because all effort will be on keeping open the main routes. More grit will be delivered only as the weather improves. It is therefore doubly important that these supplies are used exclusively for keeping the roadways clear and not for personal use in the garden or driveways. You could get prepared by treating yourself to £7 bags of rock salt from Countrywide, Wickes and similar stores. *The Perfect Xmas Gift?*

Icy Weather Warning. Although it's plainly fun tanking through the Sevenhampton watersplash, in icy weather water can hit the bridge & roadside which then freezes over & creates an instant skidpan for walkers. *So take it gently!*

Shoebbox Gifts

Some WI members knitted hats, scarves, gloves and cuddly toys; others provided note pads, pens, pencils, soap, flannels, hair slides, boys toys etc.; and with Syd Holland's assistance 26 shoe boxes were covered, filled and sent off to the Romanian Children's Appeal for Christmas. The Thursday Coffee Club provided £78 (£3 per box) to cover the travelling and distribution expenses. A marvellous effort for such a worthwhile cause.

Pipeline Helps Village Hall

National Grid have donated £1,900 to the Rhodes Memorial Hall which will be used for improving communications facilities at the hall e.g. a projector, DVD player etc. With grants already received by the Parish Council and Produce Show, the company has proved to be a good friend to the village which is greatly appreciated.

TV Switches in 2011

In 2011 the analogue TV signal will be switched off in our area. Depending on which transmitter you use this will be in April or September. If you have not converted to digital by then you will receive no TV signal.

What are the options?

If your TV has a scart or aerial socket you won't need a new one as it can be converted, and you may not need a new aerial. If you are over 75 or disabled the **Switch-over Help Scheme** will provide everything you need to convert one TV. To register for help call free on 0800 40 85 900. The one off fee for the conversion and 12 month aftercare service is waived for some people on income-related benefits. *For more information contact our village agent Nick Bailey 07776 254740*

Christmas Waste Collections

Waste and recycling collections for the Christmas period will be on the normal days for both Cotswold District and Tewkesbury Borough Council areas.



Local Causes Gain From Show

The surplus for this year's Produce Show was approximately £1,900 and this will be used to make substantial donations to Charlton Abbots and Sevenhampton Church renewal projects with smaller donations to fund equipment for the Village Hall and a project in Hawling. Malcolm Bell, the new Chairman of the Produce Show Committee commented that he was delighted with this outcome and the Committee were pleased to be able to provide help to projects right across the show's catchment area.

Village Diary

including Church Services
Every Thursday (except 16th, 23rd & 30th December)
10.30 - 11.30am in the Reading Room -
Coffee Club with our Village Agent Nick Bailey.

December

Thu 2 nd	7.30pm	CA - Quiz Night
Sun 5 th	6.30pm	☩S'h - All Parish Evensong
	2.00 &	RMH -
	7.00pm	"The Canterville Ghost"
Mon 6 th	7.30pm	RMH - WI
Fri 10 th	7.30pm	CA - Locals' Night
Sun 12 th	11.00am	☩Ch'A. - Holy Communion
	6.00pm	☩H - Evening Service
Tue 14 th	3.00pm	Whit. C. - Century Club
Thu 16 th	7.00pm	RMH - Pies Punch & Carols
Sun 19 th	6.00pm	☩Hm - Carol Service
	6.30pm	☩S'h - Carol Service
Wed 22 nd	4.00pm	☩Ch'A. - Crib Service
Fri 24 th	11.30pm	☩S'h - Holy Communion
Sat 25 th	8.30am	☩Ch'A - Holy Communion
	10.30am	New House Brock. - Coffee
	11.00am	☩H - Holy Communion
Sun 26 th	10.30am	Lanfeard's Field - Dad's n' Lads
	6.30pm	☩Anoversford - Eve. Prayer

January

Sun 2 nd	6.30pm	☩S'h - All Parish Evensong
Thu 6 th	7.30pm	CA - Quiz Night
Sun 9 th	11.00am	☩Ch'A - Matins
	6.00pm	☩Hm - United Holy Cmn.
Mon 10 th	7.30pm	RMH - WI
Tue 11 th	7.30pm	RR - Gd Nbr. Scheme AGM
Thu 13 th	7.30pm	RMH - Film Show
Fri 14 th	7.30pm	RMH - Garden Club Social
Sun 16 th	11.00am	☩S'h. - Holy Communion
Wed 19 th	7.30pm	RR - Parish Council
Sun 23 rd	11.00am	☩S'h. - Family Service
	6.00pm	☩H - All Age Service
Sun 30 th	11.00am	☩Ch'A - Holy Communion

KEY

RMH	= Rhodes Memorial Hall
RR	= Reading Room, Rhodes Memorial Hall
CA	= 'Craven Arms'
☩Ch'A.	= St Martin's Church, Charlton Abbots
☩S'h.	= St Andrew's Church, Sevenhampton
☩H	= St. Edward's Church, Hawling
☩Hm	= Hawling Methodist Chapel.
Whit. Ct.	= Whittington Court

At a loose end on Christmas morning?

(not everyone has family)

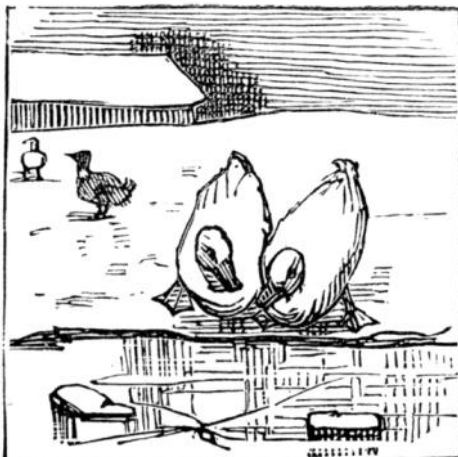
Come for coffee and a mince pie
10.30-midday
The New House, Brockhampton

Parish Council

The next meeting of
Sevenhampton Parish Council
will be on Wednesday 19th January 2011
at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Brockhampton.
There will be a short Q & A session. at 7.30

Help Needed for Ascot Event

Advice and help is needed for a possible Village Hall fundraiser when you could dress up for a visit to Royal Ascot on 18th June - in the village hall! There would be live TV coverage and you could place a bet. If you can offer any portable satellite TV kit, Technical, Licensing or Bookmaking expertise please contact Georgina Oldham on 820423



Frozen out.

Tai Chi, Chi Gong

Thai Chi - Chi Gong is a gentler form of Thai Chi, very suitable for the older person and helps with mobility and balance. A short series of classes on Wednesday afternoons is almost finished and the participants seem very happy with the exercises they are being taught. A new series is being planned for the New Year. If you would like more information about the course please contact Doris Austin on 820425.

The Annual Evening of Mince Pies, Punch & Carols



Is on Thursday 16th December
7pm for 7.30 start

An enjoyable evening singing carols,
drinking punch and eating mince pies to
raise funds for local causes

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



Offers of help please...

playing an instrument, singing or reading,
donating raffle prizes and mince pies; and on
the night - selling raffle tickets, taking money
and serving the punch.

Offers to Georgina Oldham 01242 820423
email removed to prevent spam

Boxing Day

Dads and Lads Football

Sunday 26th December

NB 10.30am for 11.00

in The Lanfear's Field, Gassons Lane
Refreshments available

OPEN TO DADS AND LADS OF
BOTH SEXES AND ALL AGES

Players, Officials, Helpers and
Spectators needed

DETAILS: EMMA LANFEAR: 820 552

Christmas Greetings

This Christmas, as last, instead of sending cards locally to friends and neighbours who we see on a regular basis, the following people have chosen to make an equivalent donation to a charity of their own choice.

Claire & Dave Allen
John and Wendy Benson
Bob and Julia Chandler
Emma and Bill Lanfear
Clive and Annie Weatherley

Francis and Angela Barnard
Harry and Liz Boyd
Gordon and Maggie Day
John and Gill Lanfear
Nigel & Frances Wenban-Smith

Malcolm and Mo Bell
Gillian & Geoff Casey
Nick and Penny Fresson
Bob & Barbara Price

*We wish you all a very happy Christmas
and a healthy and prosperous New Year.*

Listed below are some of the charities which will benefit from this initiative:
Winstons Wish, Cheltenham Open Door, Cancer Research, Macmillan,
Tools for Self-Reliance, Red Cross, Help for Heroes



Good Neighbourhood Scheme AGM

is on Tuesday January 11th at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Need help with transport? ring a coordinator

Sheila Agius 820102 Di Brown 820271 Thora Corris 820242

Rain or Shine Theatre Company presents

The Canterville GHOST

Oscar Wilde's

www.rainorshine.co.uk

Some tickets left

Sunday 5th December

Rhodes Memorial Hall

Matinée; doors open 2.00 for 2.30

Evening; doors open 7.00 for 7.30

Check for ticket availability -

with Julia Chandler on 820629

or www.sevenhampton.org/canterville

Craven Arms

On our **sausage and mash night** we
raised £274.26 for Diabetes Research
UK so I would like to thank everyone
that supported us, well done.

Christmas Locals' Night

is on Friday 10th December

Christmas opening hours-

Christmas eve open all day until
11.30 (I like to go to midnight mass)

Christmas day closed

Boxing day open until 6pm.

27th - 31st (mon-fri)

open all day until 11.00p.m.

New years day close at 6p.m.

Sunday 2nd Jan close at 6p.m.

Mon 3rd and rest of week

open all day until 11p.m.

NEW YEARS EVE IS PARTY TIME

and this years theme is film
stars (Optional fancy dress)
£15 per person, includes light
supper and a glass of
champagne at midnight.



And don't forget the regular

Quiz nights

Thursdays 2nd Dec. & 6th Jan.

**further information from
Barbara or Sam on 01242 820410**



SEVENHAMPTON
& DISTRICT
WOMEN'S
INSTITUTE

Meetings

Monday 6th December

Annual Meeting - A Victorian Blessing
Bunch and Language of Flowers

Monday 10th January

Sharon Fitzsimmons

Antique Chinese Furniture

7.30 p.m. in the Rhodes Memorial Hall

Further information G Oldham 820423



Meetings

Friday 14th January

Social Evening

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

CENTURY CLUB

Sue Ryder

At the October meeting Mr. Duncan Wil-
loughby spoke about the late Sue Ryder
and the Sue Ryder Hospices. Although
coming from a fairly well-to-do back-
ground she acquired an acute social con-
science from an early age by mixing with
financially deprived children when her
parents hosted groups of them at their
farm.

The Hospices are not confined to Britain
as several are in various countries in
Europe, especially in Poland as her first
husband was Polish.

In November we had an enjoyable lunch
at the Royal in Charlton Kings.

Christmas Meeting

Jenny and Jack Stringer will again host
our Christmas meeting at Whittington
Court on December 14th. Ms Claire
Huckett is coming along to conduct a ses-
sion about the digital switchover, so if you
have any queries bring them along. This
will be followed by our usual quiz (yes,
I've got another one!) and the tea, of
course.

As usual there is no meeting in January.

For further information contact
Iris Young 01242 583098

Royal Wedding Ideas?

Have you an original idea how the vil-
lages should celebrate the Royal Wedding
on 29th April? If so, ring or email the
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