

2012 PRODUCE SHOW SPECIAL

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Produce Show, 25th Aug, here we come!

The centre spread of this newsletter gives full details of the coming event. There's quite a bit to read but it will all help you to participate.

In the past, there has been mixed weather for the Show but as we've now run out of bad, let's prepare for the sunshine.

The sad thing about the Show is that it signals the end of summer - if any - and the drawing in of the nights. There are things to look forward to - the Churches Ride and Stride Day on Sept 8th (Contact: Gill Hyatt 820458) and remember Rural Cinema returns on Tues Sept 13th with "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" and then it's only four weeks to "Robert's Crank Up" (Oct 14th) so you can't stay sad.

Items for the next Issue (October/ November) by 20th. September
Bill & Anne Jenkin: 820338
email: deleted to prevent spam

Millennium Booklets



A large number of the booklets that were produced for the Millennium have been found. If anyone would like one they will be available free of charge at the village show, from the pub, village hall or Georgina (820423).

Parish Council

The next meeting of Sevenhampton Parish Council will be held

**on Wednesday 19th September 2012
at 7.30pm**

in the Rhodes Hall Reading Room.

There will be a short Q&A session before the meeting starts.



Have you any photos of the Big Late Lunch?

It has been suggested that a booklet is compiled with photos of the village Jubilee celebrations. If you took any photos could you let Georgina Oldham have a copy? - tel.820423.

Broadband for Brockhampton and Sevenhampton

A progress Report from Tex Cook

In June I attended a meeting in Norton village hall organised by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC). An element of the meeting was an update on broadband provision in the county. Claire Edwards who is Head of Planning and Performance at GFirst, the organisation that is overseeing the Borders Broadband project gave a presentation which emphasised how difficult and lengthy the negotiations with providers had been. The aim was not just to improve speed but also coverage, consistency, choice and affordability.

The aim is to provide a Universal coverage of 2Mb/s as a minimum. At present 25% of Gloucestershire is below this level but by 2016 we will all reach this milestone. The next standard to be reached by 2020 is 30Mb/s, although it is intended that around 90% of Gloucestershire will receive it well before then, consistent with the UK government's objectives.

Getting hard facts about when we will see any action was very difficult but I was able to gather the following.

It is hoped to have a contract signed with a provider by the end of July 2012.

The provider will then spend 3 months determining their strategy before the details are made public. By the end of November we should know where the first deployment is to be and where we stand in the pecking order.

The technology will be primarily fibre optic but with a range of other technologies, depending upon geographical, engineering and other considerations.

Ms Edwards brought some amusement to the meeting when her attempt to show us an animation about broadband provision in Cornwall was prevented by the download speed in Norton. I am sorry that I am unable to tell you any more details but at present there are none. When I know more I will cascade the information to you.

Tex Cook

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE BIG LATE LUNCH



It's a multitude of monsoons ago but despite it all, our Jubilee Big Late Lunch was a great success which I hope everyone enjoyed. The decision to be "under canvas" did save the

day as did the brainwave to rearrange the tables so that precious few drips from the joins in "tent city" ended up dousing diners. The miscellany of golf umbrellas gave essential cover for the dash to the luxury loos. Maybe the sense of siege added to the occasion.



The homemade bunting was fabulous. Congrats Georgina and all the seamstresses - I take it there were no seamsters! James Diamond-Dobson and Noel

Tobin manned a superb bar with help from a Lanfear or three leaving the Craven Cabal free to enjoy the event as a family.



Mostly male muscle-power erected the marquees, brought the tables, sorted out the chairs et al. They then had to reverse process on Monday after the celebration. I know he used to be an officer but Nick Fresson played the role of Sergeant-Major to perfection.

So many contributions to the event but Pippa's table flowers plus Annie, Di, Carol, Rose, Gill and Georgina's food provision and service all played their part. Brian Smith's sausages went down a treat though we were all very sad that his mother, Val, was not well enough to attend.



It was magnificent of Malcolm & Mo Bell to let us take over their orchard and kind of Julia Baldanza to open the lodge gates to allow parking and access for suppliers.



Mustn't forget the wonderful band, Backbeat 56. Their Rock and roll helped dry us all out! They were funded by the Produce Show who also paid for the loos.

Well done to chief organisers Annie Weatherley and Carol Cann plus a bit of troubleshooting from Bill J.

Diamond Jubilee celebrations done and Olympics in full swing...

The Produce Show and Fete at Brockhampton must be next on Saturday 25th August starting at 2pm

First a very warm welcome to all of you for whom this will be your first show as a resident of the Villages and we hope you will take part in this year's event.

We hope everyone found the new look show schedule delivered to you in April a help to understanding what you might enter and how to do it successfully. If you can't find it or any of the inserts don't worry you will find all you need on **www.sevenhampton.org/show2012** or contact show chairman Malcolm Bell on 0142 821397.

Please note that there is an error in the provided recipe for entry into Class 51. Your cake tin should be 20cm wide at the base not 20cm deep. A tin about 8cm deep will do fine.

We know it's been a rotten summer for all the vegetable, fruit and flower growers but don't despair. It's the same for everyone and to enter what you have is in the true spirit of the show. As we write this they tell us the jet stream is on the move! **All may not be lost, so keep nursing along what you have and let's see the best of those veg and flowers that you have so lovingly nurtured through the wettest drought on record!**

We are sure the judges will take account of the weather and will be looking for the best of what we have even though it may not reach RHS Gold Medal Standard. **Someone still has to win the cups for the fruit, veg and flower classes, so go on redouble the commitment to having a go and enter.**

Anyway the Show is not all about fruit, veg and flowers. **Jams and cookery** can fill those dog days when the rain still pours down. Why not a last minute bit of **hat knitting**? Also look through those **photographs from a day out or a family portrait**. Last year a first time entrant won the McKenzie Cup for his photography. That could be you this year!

Don't forget the children and grandchildren. There are plenty of things for them to get stuck into on those long days of school holidays. The children's exhibits have produced some great entries in the last few years so let's do even better this year.

Having entered then come along on at 2pm on the day and see how you have done as well as having a really good fun afternoon's entertainment. The entire surplus from the show goes back into supporting the community fabric of the Villages. This year the jubilee celebrations would not have been as good as they were without the surplus you helped to make whilst having fun last year.

We plan to move the main show marquee to make the exhibits in it a more inclusive part of the show this year. We can't move the Brockhampton Village Hall even though the scaffolding round it in recent weeks would make you think we had been trying to! So do take time to look at the **exhibits in the hall**. There are always some great examples of the exceptional talent we have in the villages on show in the hall.

We are also expanding the **Children's Corner** to include a **Bouncy Castle and a Slide** as well as **Face Painting and Drinks, Ice cream and Ice lollies**. For the first time we are bringing **Sand Art** to the show for the children to try out.

During the afternoon there will be plenty of time to pit your skills on the **Attractions** and have a **Cup of Tea whilst doing the Tea Time Quiz**. Take in the **Beer and BBQ Tent** which will also serve you a glass of **Cider or Pimms** if you would prefer. Have a go at the **Raffle and Tombola** and browse the **Books and CD's and Nearly New** stalls

Don't forget the canine members of the family. **The Fun Dog Show at 2.35pm** is especially for them. It really is meant to be fun but start training that other love of your life to be

The most handsome dog

The prettiest bitch

The best at sit and stay

The judge's favourite

Children's Racing for all age groups will be at 3.30pm followed by the Grand Tug of War

You find out if you are a major prize winner at the **Prize Giving at 4.20** and the show comes to its grand finale with the **Auction of Produce at 4.35pm**.

NOW THE PLEAS FOR HELP...

The organising committee as always need your help to provide those things, over and above entries, that make the show a success. Please look down the list that follows and see what you can offer and then please contact the person named to offer what you can.

We will be very grateful for anything that you can help with.

Volunteers

Believe it or not it takes around 60 people on the day to help take money on the gate, supervise car parking, run the attractions, serve you tea, beer or a burger and do the face painting, supervise the bouncy castle and provide the children with much needed refreshment in the children's corner and run the children's games.

Some of our regulars have moved away from the village or are going to be away this year so we are on the hunt for new volunteers. Please think about giving up three quarters of an hour at most to help on the day and contact Malcolm Bell on 821397 to offer your services.

Particularly if you have any experience as a makeup artist or face painter please contact Maureen Bell on 821397 and offer your help with the children's face painting. The children and even some dad's love it and we can't ever have enough painters!

If you can't be at the show but can spare an hour or so during the two days or evenings before the show with putting up the show marquees and gazebos that would be really appreciated. Contact Nick Fresson on 820678 to offer what you can.

Cakes

When making your yoghurt lemon and honey cake for entry to Class 51 why not run up another of your favourites for us to sell at the cake stall or to use to serve at the tea tent. Please contact Liz Ball on 820055 to offer what you can.

Nearly new and unwanted gifts and books and CD's but not jumble.

Do you have something you bought but find you have no use for? Perhaps there are books you no longer have room for and CD's that no longer reflect your taste in music.

Last year we raised over £300 from these items finding new homes so don't hold back. Your unwanted item will find a new and valued home.

Please contact Julia Chandler on 820629 if you have something to offer.

Raffle prizes

If you can give a prize please either contact Gill Lanfear on 820862 or Annie van Rossem on 820718 or bring it along on the day and give it to the ladies running the raffle stall.

Tombola

The good residents of Hawling will once again run the Tombola stall. So if you can offer a prize for the stall please contact Sue Chick on 01451 850609

Outdoor furniture

We need garden tables and chairs and parasols to help provide the relaxed atmosphere that is the success of the tea service. If you can lend us any of these we will be really grateful. We will arrange to come and collect them from you and return them to you. If you can help here please contact Nick Fresson on 820678.



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THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL

Rhodes Memorial Hall, Brockhampton
Thursday 13th September
Doors open 7.00 for 7.30
All tickets £3.00 on the door
Information - 01242 820338
www.sevenhampton.org/films

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Village Diary

including Church Services

Every Thursday

10.30 - 11.30am in the Reading Room - Coffee Club,
 10.00 - 12.00 am Reading Room - Village Agent.

August

Thu 2nd 7.30pm CA - Quiz Night
 Sun 5th 10.00am S'h - Holy Communion
 Sun 12th 11.00am Ch'A - Matins
 6.00pm H - Family Service
 Tue 14th 3.00pm RMH - Century Club
 Sun 19th 10.00am S'h - Family Service
 Sat 25th 2.00pm 2012 Produce Show
 Sun 26th 11.00am S'h - Holy Communion
 6.00pm H - All Age Service

September

Sat 1st 2 - 4pm Brockhampton Quarry -
Open Gardens

Sun 2nd 6.30pm S'h - Evensong
 Mon 3rd 7.30pm RMH - WI
 Thu 6th 7.30pm CA - Quiz Night
 Sat 8th Historic Churches Ride & Stride
 Sun 9th 11.00am Ch'A - Matins
 6.00pm H - Evening Service
 Mon 10th 2 - 5pm RMH - Flower Arranging
 Tue 11th 3.00pm RMH - Century Club
 Thu 13th 7.30pm RMH - Film Show
 Sun 16th 10.00am S'h - Family Service
 Sun 23rd 11.00am S'h - Holy Communion
 6.00pm H - All Age Service
 Sun 30th 10.00am S'h - Harvest Festival

RMH = Rhodes Memorial Hall
 RR = Reading Room, Rhodes Memorial Hall
 CA = 'Craven Arms'
 Ch'A = St Martin's Church, Charlton Abbotts
 S'h = St Andrew's Church, Sevenhampton
 H = St. Edward's Church, Hawling

Flower Arranging Workshop

with Jenny Bennett

Monday 10th September 2pm to 5pm
 in The Rhodes Memorial Hall. Cost £10
 Details - call Georgina on 820423.

Lost Property

There are some items left in the hall from the Jubilee: 3 large white oval plates, a champagne glass, umbrellas, bags and a black plastic crate. If nobody claims them it will all go in the next jumble sale on 20th October! Georgina 820423

Historic Churches

Ride and Stride Day

Saturday 8th September

A DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
 FOR OUR CHURCHES

An annual sponsored walk, bike or horse ride in support of our Historic Churches.

Follow your chosen route between any churches which are open for the day and join thousands of people countrywide raising money for an important cause. Almost £1 million was raised nationally in 2011 with around 8000 churches taking part.

What's in it for you, the county's and our local churches?

It's a perfect motivation to explore part of the county and enjoy yourself with the satisfaction of raising money. Half the money you raise goes to the church of your choice who in turn are able to apply for a grant. It also gives you a chance to see inside some historic gems which are not always open for visits.

Further information plus sponsorship form etc is available from Gill Hyatt 820458.

Gill Says

"In the past our churches have received grants and local residents have taken part on foot and bicycle. However we have had no participants for a few years and it would be lovely to have some local representatives again this time."

For more information on the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust go to www.ghct.org.uk.

Roberts Engine open day

Sunday 14th October 2012.

11.00am to 4.00pm.

Stationary Engines, Tractors,
 Museum and Displays.
 Cart Horse Working.
 Motor cycles.

Please bring an exhibit if possible.
 Manor Farm, Sevenhampton, Cheltenham,
 GL54 5SW Phone 01242 820408.



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 INSPIRING WOMEN

**SEVENHAMPTON
 & DISTRICT
 WOMEN'S
 INSTITUTE**

Meetings

Monday 3rd September

Mr Richard Cann

- Stained Glass (see Century Club)

Monday 1st October

Ms Lisa Robinson

- Maggie's Cheltenham Cancer Caring
 Centre (appeal).

7.30 p.m. in the Rhodes Memorial Hall
 If you aren't a member come along any-
 way and give it a go.

Further information from
 Georgina Oldham 820423

The Village
GARDEN CLUB
 of Sevenhampton & District

Brockhampton Quarry Open Gardens Day

****Teas****

Saturday 1st September

2 - 4pm

Free entry for members

non-members £4.00

Normal meetings are held at 7.30pm in
 Rhodes Memorial Hall
 Non-members are welcome to attend our
 meetings for a fee of £4

Information - Sally Coelho 821251

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 wel-
 come to join, a talk or activity is followed
 by a substantial tea. Sometimes there are a
 lunchtime or afternoon outings.

Tuesday 14th August.

Richard Cann - 'Heavenly Light - a fasci-
 nating look at Gloucester Cathedral's
 Stained Glass'

Richard is working on a project to record
 accurately all the stained glass in the ca-
 thedral, some of which dates back to the
 14th. century.

Tuesday 11th September

We will be entertaining ourselves for this
 meeting.

For further information contact

Heather Hawkes-Reed on 01242 252784

Good Neighbourhood Scheme

If you need help with transport etc
 ring a coordinator

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