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So that was March ...

In like a slug and out like a polar bear. Time now to buy the thermals ready for a barbecue summer. Barbecued soup all round!

If you are new to the villages, you'll have found the pub and maybe Village Cinema but you might investigate other local activities – where you'd be very welcome and indeed needed. *Have a look at the Village website, www.sevenhampton.org, for details of local clubs and lots of info about local businesses, churches and who to contact for details.*

The Garden Club has proved very popular with interesting expert talks: Sally Coehlo on 821251 for details. Judging by the styles at the New Year Pub Fancy Dress, there are definite future stars of Brockhampton Amateur Dramatics. Watch out for notices!

Consider also using some of those who deliver to the village. We're completely reliant on Georgina (820423) for our papers and are very grateful that Mark at Cotteswold Dairy (672476) continues to deliver – both heroes that fight their way through not just hell and high water but snow, ice, fog and gale – year in year out to get to us. Please support them.

If there's a theme in this issue, it is please participate as much as you can in local doings and add your undoubted talents to keeping this a living, vibrant community.

Items for the next Issue (June/July) by 20th May Please.

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The Last Produce Show & Fete?

It's show time again! Or at least the beginnings of it. The committee's latest meeting was able to use the valued survey input in the planning of this year's forthcoming produce show and fete set for Saturday 24th August. The survey results showed that the produce show remains a popular event and should largely stay in its current format yet it cannot continue without your active support.

For the ongoing future of the produce show and fete we would like your help with the following:

1. **We need a new chairman.** We have 4 meetings a year apart from the show and the most work is done during the weeks leading up to the show and on the day itself.
2. **We need a new secretary.** This involves – minutes of meetings, contact/letters to judges etc, commitment on Show day – making about a week's work in the entire year.
3. **We need a new field-marshal** in charge of marquees, siting of same etc. Most of the work involved is in the week leading up to the show; the show day itself and in the packing away after.
4. **We need your general help** with the event, without which it cannot happen. This includes setting up (erection of the marquee and tents etc) in the days before, running the stalls, helping with the auction and then clearing up afterwards.

It is never too early to let us know you are prepared to help.

Please call Annie on 820718, Francis on 820447 or Georgina/Ray on 820423 or speak to Jules Wood in Hawling.

WITHOUT LOCAL PEOPLE COMING FORWARD TO OFFER THEIR HELP AND GETTING INVOLVED IN THE RUNNING AND ORGANISATION OF THE EVENT, THIS COULD BE THE LAST YEAR OF THE SHOW.

Sevenhampton Parish Council: Countdown to 2014

April 2013 is the start of the 4th & last year of the current Parish Council. There will be changes in that the Chairman and Parish Clerk intend to step down next year. Other Councillors have to decide whether they continue but new blood is going to be needed. The Parish council is a small local authority with a limited number of formal powers some of which apply here. In maintaining verges, bus shelters, public benches, supporting village halls, they can spend sums of money on things they consider in the interests of the parish and its inhabitants. It's also the focal point for discussion on planning applications and strategic planning and can represent Parish views to District and County Councils. To those ends, the council needs to reflect us all. Since the last council was formed in 2010, quite a few new residents have arrived. It is important that they, as well as long-term villagers, form part of the debate on the future shape of village life.

Like the Produce Show, the Parish Council depends on your involvement or we may lose it.

Perhaps in the coming months you could attend a Parish Council meeting, they're all open to all. The next is on May 15th in the Hall Reading Room at 7.30 pm.

VILLAGE HALL SURVEY FEEDBACK

Thanks to the 80 who gave us a near 40% response rate, high for this kind of survey. The key points in the responses are

- A high level of awareness of the events and activities taking place in the hall.
- Suggestions about greater use of a Website and Facebook and making some of the advertising more eye catching are being followed up.
- A high level of satisfaction with accessibility.
- Satisfaction with the general level of upkeep and condition with some helpful comments for improvements which will be taken account of in the refurbishment planning.
- About 55% of respondents use the hall between once or twice a week and once or twice a month and there's a high level of satisfaction with the events and activities taking place in the hall. The Hall Management Committee interprets this as confirming that the hall continues to be a valued community asset.
- Support for a Lottery or 100 Club to provide funding for the hall. This is being followed up. If you did not respond to the survey and would like to take part by contributing a small monthly sum with the chance of winning a cash prize then please contact **Malcolm Bell at (removed email address) or 01242 821397.**

Village Diary

including ☩ Church Services

Every Thursday

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

April

Thu 4th 7.30pm CA - Quiz Night
Sun 7th 6.30pm ☩S'h - Evensong
Mon 8th 7.30pm RMH - W.I. Open Meeting
Tue 9th 3.00pm RMH - Century Club
Thu 11th 7.30pm RMH - Film - 'Skyfall'
Fri 12th 6.30pm CA - Burger Night
Sun 14th 11.00am ☩Ch'A - Matins
6.00pm ☩H - Holy Communion
6.00pm CA - Whisky Tasting Night
Fri 19th 7.30pm RMH - Garden Club
Sun 21st 10.00am ☩S'h - Family Service
Sun 28th 11.00am ☩S'h - Holy Communion
6.00pm ☩Hc - All Age Service

May

Thu 2nd 7.30pm CA - Quiz Night
Sat 4th 11.00am Rosemary Cottage (Handy's)
- 3.00pm Cobalt Unit Plant Sale
Sun 5th 6.30pm ☩S'h - Evensong
Thu 9th 7pm ☩H - Ascension Day
7.30pm RMH - Film - 'Quartet'
Sun 12th 11.00am ☩MF - Countryside Service
6.00pm ☩H - Holy Communion
Mon 13th 7.30pm RMH - W.I.
Tue 14th 3.00pm RMH - Century Club
Wed 15th 7.30pm RR - Parish Council
Sun 19th 10.00am ☩S'h - Family Service
Sun 26th 11.00am ☩S'h - Holy Communion
☩H - All Age Service

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

☩Hc = Hawling Methodist Chapel.

☩MF = Manor Farm Sevenhampton.

the Craven Arms Special Events

BURGER NIGHT

Friday 12th April

6.30 pm onwards

Beef, Lamb, Chicken, or Bean
with chips & salad

£10

WHISKY TASTING NIGHT

Sunday 14th April

6.00 pm

3 single malts

1 single blended

1 single cask

Talk on Whisky

£25 to include 5 whiskies plus
bread and cheese

QUIZ NIGHTS

Thursday 4th April

Thursday 2nd May

7.30pm

We will be open on
Bank Holiday Mondays in May
bookings - information
01242 820410

Village Cinema Rhodes Memorial Hall



Thursday 11th April 2013
doors open 7.00 for 7.30pm

SKYFALL

Bond's loyalty to M is tested
as her past comes back
to haunt her
BAFTA - Outstanding British Film

Thursday 9th May 2013
doors open 7.00 for 7.30pm



Pauline COLLINS Tom COURTENAY
Billy CONNOLLY Maggie SMITH

All tickets £3.00 on the door
or from Julia Chandler
01242 820629

sevenhampton.org/films

CELEBRATION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

Manor Farm Sevenhampton
Sunday 12th May 11am
with visiting speaker Ven Roger Morris
(new archdeacon of Worcester)

- Bring a picnic
- Farm trailer tours to see the 'environmental schemes' in place
- Toilet and parking available
- Local wildlife and Conservation information stalls.

BROCKHAMPTON PLANT SALE

Saturday 4th May 11am - 3pm
at Rosemary Cottage Brockhampton
Nursery Grown Bedding Plants,
Hanging Baskets and much more.

Cobalt cards on sale
and refreshments available.

for more information

Call Cherrie Handy on 01242 820355



www.cobalthhealthcare.co.uk/fundraising

CENTURY CLUB

The Century Club is open to anyone of retirement age. It meets on the Second Tuesday of the month in the village hall at 3.0 pm. There is usually a talk or activity and a substantial tea.

Tuesday 9th April - Tuesday 14th April
For further information contact
Heather Hawkes-Reed on 01242 252784



SEVENHAMPTON
& DISTRICT
WOMEN'S
INSTITUTE

Meetings

Monday 8th April
OPEN MEETING - ALL WELCOME
Open section - 8.00pm
Toddlington Railway
Kenneth Brightwell

Monday 13th May
Alistair Lack
Travels with Auntie

Normal meetings 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



Meeting

Friday 19th April - AGM
and 'Pelargoniums' - Ursula Key-Davis
7.30pm in Rhodes Memorial Hall
Non-members are welcome to attend our
meetings for a fee of £4
Information - Sally Coelho 821251

BROADBAND UPDATE

Message from Tex Cook

The news is that the rollout is starting with 15000 homes and small businesses next month in the Forest and another 35000 from September.

At present we do not know when it will come to us but go to fastershire.com and sign up for information.

By the summer you should get maps from them showing how the roll out is proceeding plus all sorts of other information about how 'wonderful' it will be.

The plan is to run fibre to new cabinets within 50m of the existing green cabinets and also update the exchange. There will be some road works and disruption at some point.

The completion date remains December 2015 when we will all have a minimum of 2Mbps and most will have much more. This will make a huge difference for most people with speeds up to 80Mbps mentioned. Those not sorted by fibre will get another tailored solution like TV white space, wireless or satellite.

Good Neighbourhood Scheme

If you need help with transport etc
ring a coordinator

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

