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Spring has sprung but not totally convincingly as winds are still blast and fingers freeze.

The downside of summer's approach is that grass now needs mowing.

The upside is gardens are rediscovered as places to enjoy the new warmth. To settle back in a comfy lounger and listen to the birdsong, the order of the day.

Sunday after lunch is where the worlds' collide. Let's mow the lawn before it's back to work versus last chance to relax before Monday.

We're creatures of habit and tend to routines but maybe mowing times could be changed around now and then. Then the snoozers would only be jolted back to wakefulness occasionally.

Maybe neighbours should talk - a bit revolutionary!

There are a couple more issues. This growing affects shrubs too. Can you ensure that yours don't overhang the highway. Please chop them back if they will brush traffic and/or cause traffic to pull further out to get a view ahead.

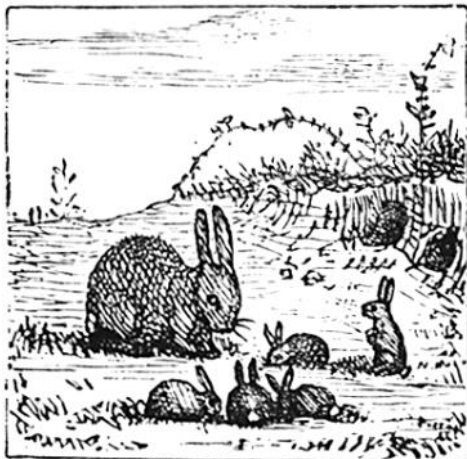
All this horticulture causes lots of discarded greenery. Make sure it's disposed of properly as leaving it on verges or public spaces counts rather dramatically as fly-tipping! Who knew?

Clocks forward by the time you get this.

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

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Young rabbits now appear.

More Road Works

In the last edition we had just heard of the proposed closure of the main Brockhampton road for six weeks including Race Week. This would have meant that the road through the village would be closed for all of Race Week and also for Mothering Sunday ('Mother's Day' if you must).

At first, it sounded good. Maybe a street party. No speeding race-goers zooming through the village making lives a misery. Spare a thought though for the pub. The hordes of speed merchants can afford to spend a bit of their money on breakfast or supper at the Craven rather than giving it all to the bookies.

After representations from both parish chairman, Bill Jenkin, our district councillor Robin Hughes and county councillor Paul Hodgkinson the arrangements were amended to leave the road clear for race week.

You will have noted that it is currently closed and, because of the delay in the earthworks beginning, it is likely that the work is now likely to continue until about 17th April.

It seems though that the A436 (Stow Road) will be closed from from Syreford to Hampen from 13th to 17th April for carriageway repairs. This is part of the official diversion route for our closure which would and if you followed the official diversion for this second closure, mean going via Andoversford, Puesdown, Northleach, Bourton on the Water and back along the A436 via Westfield.

Perhaps plan sane routes or contact Gloucestershire Highways. Good Luck!



Parish Council

The first meeting of the new Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 20th May at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room, Rhodes Memorial Hall.

This is the annual parish council meeting where a chairman and other officers are elected.

Hall Lottery

You will have received along with this newsletter a leaflet giving details of the Rhodes Hall "Double Dice Lottery".

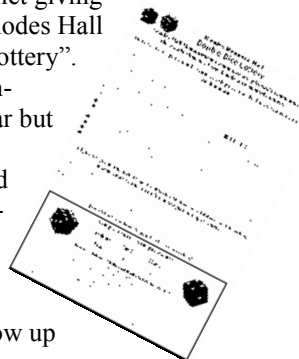
This was first announced last year but it could not go ahead as planned because of problems setting up a dedicated bank account.

However it is now up and running and as soon as the minimum number of tickets are sold the first draw will be made.

Tickets are £5 a month and you have a chance of winning £50 each month. There are 72 tickets available to buy limited to one per individual.

More information is available along with a downloadable version of the application form and results on

www.sevenhampton.org/lottery



The NEXT Show

Is on Saturday 29 August, 1 till 5pm. Do make a note in your diaries and kindly support it. We raised over £2,500 last year which has helped with the purchase of a defibrillator for Hawling and Brockhampton, new noticeboards for the Rhodes Memorial Hall and Charlton Abbots plus helped with funding for repairs to both the Hall and Sevenhampton Church.

The Show will be run along similar lines to last year with some new attractions as well as the ever popular ones. The Show Schedule will be circulated in the next month, so look out for it and note that we have new Junior age groups (under 5s, 5 to 8s, 9 to 12s and 13 to 16s inclusive). There is a new cup for 13 to 16 year old group which is kindly being donated by the Brown family in memory of Vi Brown who was a great supporter of the Show.

For those interested in becoming a 'Friend of the Show' membership kindly contact Nick Fresson on (01242) 604337 for details.

Village Diary

including Church Services

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.

Every Thursday

10.30 - 11.30am in the Reading Rom - Coffee Club,

10.00 - 12.00 am Reading Room - Village Agent.

April

Thu 2nd 7.30pm CA - Quiz Night

Sun 5th 11.00am S'h - Holy Communion

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Mon 6th 7.30pm RMH - WI

Thu 9th 7.30pm RMH - The Imitation Game

Sun 12th 11.00am Ch'A - Holy Communion

Tue 14th 3.00pm RMH - Century Club

Thu 16th 7.30pm RMH - Garden Club

Sun 19th

Wed 22nd 7.30pm RMH -

Cookery Demonstration

Sun 26th 11.00am S'h - Holy Communion

6.00pm H - All Age Service

May

Sun 3rd 6.00pm S'h - All Parish Evensong

Mon 4th 7.30pm RMH - WI

Thu 7th 7.30pm CA - Quiz Night

Sun 10th 11.00am Ch'A - Matins

6.00pm H - Holy Communion

Tue 12th 3.00pm RMH - Century Club

Thu 14th 7.30pm RMH - Film Show

Sun 17th 11.00am S'h - Family Service

Thu 21st 7.30pm RMH - Garden Club

Sun 24th 11.00am S'h - Holy Communion

Sun 31st 6.00pm Hc - All Age Service

Cookery Demonstration

Thursday 22nd April

7.30pm - Rhodes Memorial Hall

Join Erin Baker from the Natural Cookery School as she creates a selection of sensational salads to get ready for summer.

Learn how to use a variety of grains and pulses such as quinoa, Puy lentils and black turtle beans to create seasonal salads. Lots of samples to taste and recipes to take home.

Tickets £7.50 from Georgina 820423 or pay on the door.



Meetings

Thursday 16th April

Paul Moir - Restoration of the Rococco Gardens.

Distribution of Pumpkin seeds for future competition

Thursday 21st May

John Dilks - Hardy Geraniums

7.30pm in Rhodes Memorial Hall

Non-members are welcome to attend our meetings for a fee of £4

Information - Sally Coelho 821251

VILLAGE CINEMA

DOORS OPEN 7.00 FOR 7.30 PM

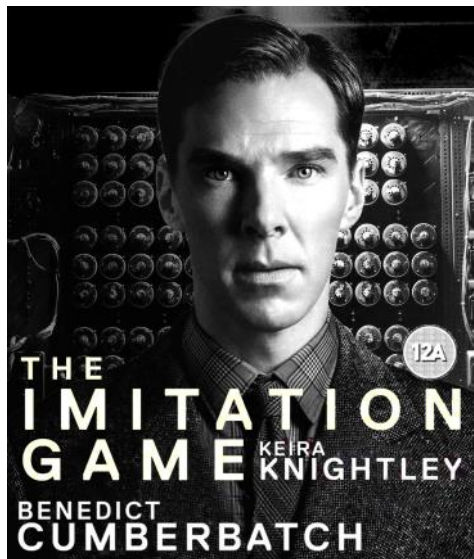
ALL TICKETS £3. 00 ON THE DOOR

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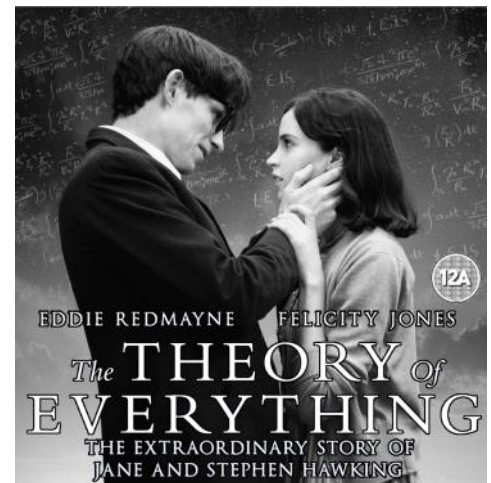
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THURSDAY 9TH APRIL



The True enigma was the man who cracked the code...

THURSDAY 14TH MAY



The story of the most brilliant and celebrated physicist of our time, Stephen Hawking, and Jane Wilde the arts student he fell in love with whilst studying at Cambridge in the 1960s.



SEVENHAMPTON & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Monday 13th April

OPEN MEETING - Everyone Welcome

The Butterfly Garden, Chris Evans

Come along and listen to this amazing gentleman relating how showing five young people how to enjoy gardening has led to the development of The Butterfly Garden. Hidden away behind Dundry Nurseries in Cheltenham, now over one hundred young people go along each week. The garden helps students with learning difficulties and /or behaviour problems. There is so much happening there; an evening not to be missed.

Monday 11th May

Cotswold Vale Alpacas, Ginnie Meaken

Ginnie and Tony Meaken had a dream to leave the hard and fast life of the rat race and run their own small holding. They sold their home and rented a farm house with stables and grazing. Quite by chance they were introduced to alpacas, which led to Cherry Tree farm in Sedgeberrow and The Cotswold vale Alpacas were born.

7.30 p.m. in the Rhodes Memorial Hall.

Also more takers needed on Tuesday 4th August for an outing to The Oakham Treasures and Farm Shop, Portbury, Bristol.

One of the largest privately owned collections of retail and farming history in the UK. Keith Sherrell began collecting farm machinery in the 60's as a sideline to his business of buying and selling farm machinery. More recently he has turned his interest to the retail area and has steadily built up a huge and varied museum of the old high street, including an old grocery store, haberdashery, hard ware store, chemist, off licence and sweet shop. Keith runs the museum with his wife and three daughters.

If you aren't a member come along anyway and give it a go.

Further information from Georgina Oldham 820423

Quiz nights

Every first Thursday of the Month

Thursdays 2nd April & 7th May

In the mean time...

Don't forget to support your local pub. The road works have had an effect on trade so why not try and make up the difference with some local support.

bookings 01242 820410



Good Neighbourhood Scheme



If you need help with transport etc ring a coordinator

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