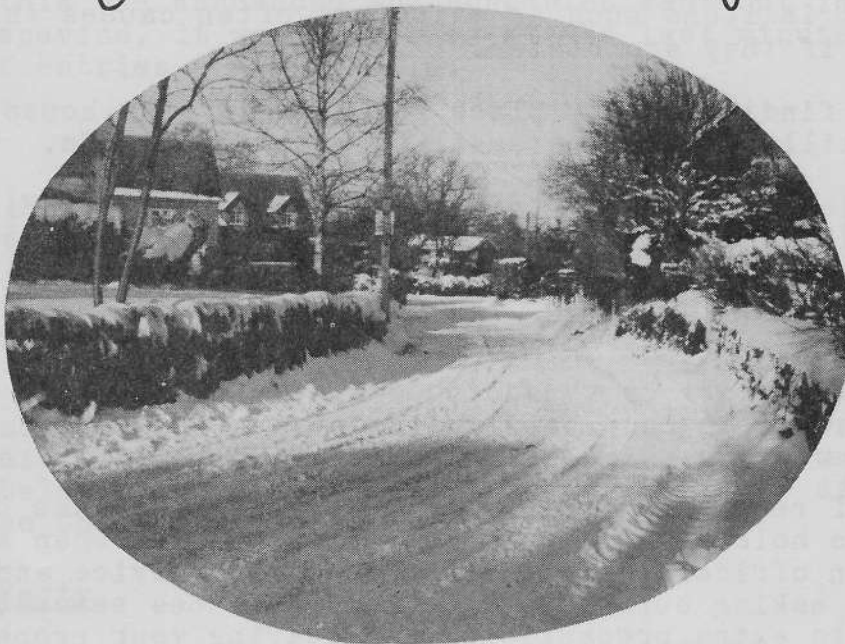


GRAPEVINE

Winter 1989

GREAT HINTON VILLAGE NEWS

Merry Christmas



CAROL SINGING

Carol singing will take place on 18th, everyone interested in singing please be at the Linnet car park at 7 o'clock sharp. Bring a torch and a good voice please. Children and male voices welcome! Let's try and collect even more than last year for our charity - to be announced.



Please remember that some basic precautions may prevent you from being the victim of a crime.

A burglar will very rarely break into a property if he thinks there is someone in residence. Please remember to close the garage door when you go out. At night time leave lights on, if necessary operated by a time switch and consider also leaving a radio on.

Many ladies keep their jewellery in boxes on their dressing table, it is items such as this that often causes the most distress if they are stolen.

Consider finding a safe place for this in your house, or better still invest in a small wall or floor safe.

Meanwheile I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and a crime free 1990.

P.C.266 Mark Newbery.

In view of recent nappenings in the village, it has been decided to hold a meeting in the village hall, when a crime prevention officer will be present to give advice and show a film on making our homes more secure. See separate slip. PLEASE take extra precautions when leaving your property to attend the meeting.

Sandy Salmon.



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POPPY COLLECTION

The Poppy collection in Great Hinton amounted to £46. 75.
Thank you to all who gave.

Diane Norris.

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Andrew Squibbs collects the cards from the PG Tips packets if anyone has any please.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Trees

A plaque has been prepared and will be positioned by the centre tree when a suitable fixing has been arranged.

During the rainless summer it was necessary to water the trees to keep them alive and one of the villagers took on this responsibility.

It has been decided to give a grass cutting contract to Wiltshire Direct Services for next year and this will provide a cut once a month for five months during the growing season.

Autumn Show

Although this was announced and schedules sent out in the summer Grapevine, it was cancelled at the last minute due to lack of entries - five in all.

Art Group

This only produced one taker, so has been abandoned for the time being. Where were you?! It could be resurrected if required.

Barn Dance

This took place on Friday 20th October - 65 tickets were sold and once more it was a great night with much enjoyment; Reg. Hutchings' calling and the Accordionics music was superb. A raffle held during the evening made £37 and this is being sent to the Children in Need appeal.

Hangover Party

As last year this will take place in the hall - see enclosed slip. It is a good night for getting rid of inhibitions and once more Vic and Jessie will see nobody comes to any harm. The silver boot has to be passed on! Tickets £2. food provided, but bring your own drink. Numbers limited to 50 - minimum age 16. Please contact Jean Hallam for your ticket.



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Congratulations to Carol and Malcolm Burch on the arrival of Christopher James on November 14th.

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Recently Mr. S.T. Mustart of Cold Harbour has been elected a governor of Steeple Aston C/E School and Mrs. H. Davies governor of Keevil C/E School.

During the last few months we have had to say farewell to Enid and Gordon Paget who have moved from Hill Brow House, Tim and Jean Barnes and family from Norton House, Nicky and Don. Goodenough from The Chesils and Rosemary and Peter Newall from the Manor although they hope to return to this area in the not too distant future. We welcome Nicholas and Joanna Godden and family and animals to the Manor, and Jill and Danny Dolley to Norton House.

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Thank you to everyone who sponsored Kevin in the London Marathon, back in April. He raised enough money to buy a wheelchair for David of Crockerton and one for Lark Rise school. There was enough over to make a donation to a local Hospice.

Thank you also to those who sponsored Russell, Simon and I on the GWR Swindon Walkathon in September. We raised over £60. for the Swindon Centre for Conductive Education.

Sandra Crumpler.

VICAR'S RETIREMENT

On Sunday 10th September at 6 pm. a large congregation, drawn from the three churches gathered in St. Mary's to bid farewell to Derek and Enid Burden.

As you all know, after ten years as Vicar of Steeple Ashton, Semington and Keevil (not forgetting Great Hinton) Derek retired owing to ill health.

At the end of the service, tributes were paid to Derek and Enid by Rev. Edme Hurst, the Methodist Minister, Mr. Michael Bruges of Semington and Mrs. Eve Brocklebank of Keevil, who presented Enid with a basket of flowers.

Derek was handed a cheque and an engraved slate - the engraving being a fish, a symbol of Christianity.

Following the Service a reception was held in the village hall, where all and sundry enjoyed a glass of wine and a selection of delicious savouries, and bade their personal farewells to the retiring couple.

We wish them both a long and happy retirement and better health for Derek now he is relieved of the pressures of Parish administration.

Audrey Plummer.

HAVE WE GOT A NEW VICAR ?

As reported in your Summer Issue, our Vicar, Revd D.Burden and his wife Enid have retired from their respective offices in the parish. With the advance notice given by them and a final Service as long ago as 10th September it is not surprising that the above question is frequently asked. However, as the following paragraphs explain, the Induction of a new Vicar lies some time ahead yet.

In the first place a retiring Vicar is entitled to a month's holiday before finally vacating his office and receiving his pension, and he will not nominate a retirement date until he has secured other accommodation, since he has to vacate the vicarage by that date.

Derek's retirement date was 19th October and it was only then that the legal wheels began to turn. Subsequently we were notified of the vacancy and of the need for a joint meeting of our Parochial Church Councils to appoint four representatives in connection with the selection of a new incumbent and to approve a joint Statement describing the conditions, needs and traditions of our parishes. This had to be done within four weeks or we would have lost our right to representation in any selection. We achieved this at a joint meeting on 10th November, following individual meetings of our Church Councils.

The next main point is that it is the right of the Patron to present a person to a benefice. Our benefice is Steeple Ashton with Semington and Keevil. It was the turn of Keevil's patron, the Dean and Chapter of Winchester, to exercise the right this time.

The patron may have a list of persons wishing to move or take up an incumbency, or he may consult with our own Diocese to see whether they have such a list. Failing that he may advertise nationally.

Before formally 'offering' any priest to a benefice the patron must give notice of this to the bishop and PCC representatives who must approve before the offer is made. On the other hand refusal has to be notified within two weeks by any of the PCC reps. or four weeks by this bishop.

There is a limit to this process. If within nine months from the date of the vacancy no priest has accepted the appointment, the right to select passes to the archbishop. We can ardently hope that we meet with success before 19th July 1990!

In the meantime your churchwardens, with the help and guidance of the Rural Dean, aim to maintain the normal Services. Your support by maintaining church attendances over the difficult period of any Interregnum is respectfully requested.

Ray Moon, St. Mary's Churchwarden.

If you are fed up with the traditional Christmas pudding, try this one for a change. I doubt if it's less fattening though!

Christmas Ice Bombe

8 oz. Dried fruit salad roughly chopped
4 Tablesp. Ruby Port
Grated rind and juice of 1 orange
 $\frac{3}{4}$ pt. Double Cream
3 ready made meringue nests
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teas. gr. cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{4}$ pt. Greeked strained yogurt.



Place dried fruit in a bowl with the port, orange rind and juice. Leave to marinate 2-3 hours. Whip the cream until it just holds shape. Break the meringues into small pieces and fold into cream with marinated fruit, cinnamon and yogurt. Spoon mixture into $1\frac{1}{2}$ pt. pudding basin. Cover and freeze for at least 6 hours. To serve, remove Bombe from freezer and unmould onto a serving plate. Leave in the Fridge for about 15 mins. to soften slightly.

SPORT

TABLE TENNIS TALK

The current table tennis season is well under way and both our teams have adjusted well to their new surroundings. Great Hinton 'A', newly promoted to Division One, have secured a respectable mid-table position. The 'B' team are close to the top and Division Two, which is visibly weaker due to the introduction of some fairly inexperienced teams.

I have had some response from people saying that they may wish to play. I would like, therefore, to run a series of coaching sessions, possibly on Sunday mornings. Ideally this would be for youngsters, although I would be willing to extend this if there is sufficient demand. Obviously the coaching will merely introduce people to the basics of the game - it is not intended to make them World Class players! Hopefully, some people may be able to play competitively at some level, in the future.

I will be happy to give these sessions free of charge to anybody interested. Please 'phone me on Keevil 870202 or drop a note in at number 39c if you are interested. If there is a response I will advise of the date and time of the first session in due course.

Stuart Wickham.

LADIES CLUB

The 1989/90 Season started in September with our traditional mini auction ably conducted by Jessie - everyone happy with their purchases - the proceeds of the sale going towards the Bonfire expenses. Audrey rounded off the evening with slides of her recent visit to Australia and New Zealand which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

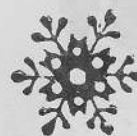
Once again Mr. Richard Cribbs of Lackham visited us in October and gave a fascinating and amusing talk on pest control in the garden. Arrangements were made for the Jumble Sale which took place on 11th November. Again this was well supported and we were able to send a donation of £35. to the Bath Baby Care Unit Appeal.

Bonfire night on 5th was enjoyed by a good crowd of villagers and friends and we are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Paget for once again letting us use their field. Thanks also to everyone who helped make it such a fun evening including the Dads who built the bonfire and let the rockets off, to the children who made such super Guys and the Lady members who organised the refreshments.

Sadly the November meeting was not well attended, but we hope to see more members at the Christmas Dinner at the Linnet on 20th - contact either Jean on 870524 or Anne on 870607 if you haven't yet chosen your meal from the menu. Bill is kindly reserving the lower dining room for us.

On January 17th, we have been lucky enough to get Pat Thompson to recite her amusing poetry - she's rather like Pam Ayres. We would like a good turn out for this meeting, so please join us and bring a new member if possible. We shall be discussing our February Gourmet evening then when we invite guests, so please keep January 17th free.

Anne Truman.



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Jeff Newman hopes to run a few sessions of instruction in Self Defence when he is able to fit it in amongst his other commitments.

The classes will be held in the Village Hall but numbers will have to be restricted to 16.

If you are interested in joining in this valuable activity watch the Village notice board for further information.

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The Parish Council wish all the Parishioners a very Happy Christmas.



100 CLUB

The winners since the last Grapevine are:-

JULY

1st. Mr. K. Young
2nd. Mrs. Nicol
3rd. Mrs. Ploog
4th. Mrs. S. Crumpler

AUGUST

1st. Mrs. S. Brooks
2nd. Mrs. V. Austin
3rd. Mrs. T. Dodd
4th. Miss K. Berrett

SEPTEMBER

1st. Mrs. May Newman
2nd. Mrs. D. Young
3rd. Mrs. D. Newman
4th. Mrs. J. Hallam
5th. Mrs. Mills.

OCTOBER

1st. Mrs. S. Crumpler
2nd. Mr. N. Cranston
3rd. Mrs. D. Morris
4th. Mrs. G. Gibson

NOVEMBER

1st. Mr. Dew
2nd. Mrs. May Newman
3rd. Mr. Gaulton
4th. Miss J. Hallam

XMAS PRIZE

Mr. Paget.

Year 5 starts in January. Still at only £1. per month, payable in one lump sum in early January. It is one of the few things that have not increased in price in 5 years. This year we had 78 members; perhaps more will join in next year. The more members the more or greater in value are the prizes.

WHIST

The Christmas Whist Drive will be on Tuesday 19th December at 7.30 p.m. Will anyone wishing to donate gifts for the raffle or whist prizes please let me know as soon as possible. There will be no Whist on the 26th December and the next 'Drive' will be the 2nd January 1990. A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to the regulars and helpers and also my thanks.

Richard Andrews.

HAPPY NEW YEAR