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GREAT HINTON VILLAGE NEWS



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THE LINNET 1989 AGONY RUN

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Starting from The Linnet at 11.0 a.m. and running or walking the usual course we hope to have up to 200 contestants battling to be first home or else taking it leisurely and just enjoying the delight of the day.

General arrangements will be the same as last year. Rosemary Mudd is going to run the cake stall. Chris and Cherry Mundy, who have just moved into Old Chessils, have said they will run the barbecue. There are plenty of other jobs for helpers - so don't be shy offer your help to any member of the committee - Marshalls, Icecream, putting up and taking down bunting, time-keepers, help with car parking, but no job is too arduous.

The money raised this year will be divided equally between CLIC and Community Funds.

AGONY RUN - GRAND RAFFLE

Another year another AGONY RUN and that means another Grand Raffle which is drawn on the day just after the race. This year we are hoping for the wonderful generosity of our villagers and others who provided all the terrific prizes.

We are again very grateful to Bill Irons at the Linnet who provides so much support and cooperation for the run in general and this year has offered to provide the Super Hamper first prize.

Please buy as many tickets as you can. We have a good ticket distribution network in operation - any additional books of tickets can be obtained from Olive Ainger and from the Linnet when you go for a drink. Tickets are 10p each - 50p per book.

Roy Ainger.

The cake stall at the Agony run in the past has always proved a great success. We sell all sizes and types of cakes, and biscuits and tray bakes. I should be grateful to receive all donations either the day before or at the stall on the morning.

Rosemary Mudd.

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I would like to thank all those who made my 90th birthday such a happy day. I had 59 cards from as far away as Australia and New Zealand, as well as phone calls, gifts and visits from friends and neighbours.

Thank you all.

Gladys H. Gibson

LADIES CLUB

The second half of our 'year' has been varied and very enjoyable. We started 1990 with a very talented Pat Thompson of Hilperton who entertained us with her own brand of poetry. She 'dressed' for them all - very cleverly shedding garments as she went (!) and was hilarious. We so enjoyed her poetry that she has promised to entertain us again at next years Gourmet evening.

Which brings me on to this year's Gourmet night - our most successful yet. The funds provided the wine and the ladies a superb selection of very tasty dishes. Before supper we were entertained by the Keevil singers, ably conducted by Joyce Nutter. They sang a varied programme; there were several soloists, including Olive, and we were all encouraged to join in some of the numbers. How lucky we are to have such talent on our doorstep! After supper we were all very surprised and amused when five of the husbands sang a 'thank you' in the form of the 'Bold Gendarmes' dressed appropriately! They brought the house down - thank you Roy, Bill, Vic, Ken and Mike.

On to March, and a most interesting and informative talk by Mrs. Terry Salisbury on the role 'Relate' plays in today's society. She kindly stood in for Madeline who had to go into hospital that week. I am pleased to report she is making good progress after her op.

The A.G.M. took place on April 18th and to swell our rather diminishing funds we held a successful Bring and Buy. The programme for the next season, starting September, is almost complete and promises to be as interesting and varied as the last one, so please Ladies continue to support this very worthwhile group and introduce a new member if possible. We were happy to welcome Mrs. Jill Dolly to the March meeting and Mrs. Cherry Mundy to the A.G.M.

The Village Fete on 14th July was discussed at length, members taking responsibility for the different stalls and events. Audrey has kindly agreed to let us use her garden and railway again. We are going to make a real effort this year and the theme will be French as, of course, the 14th is Bastille Day! So please enter into the Spirit of the Day - see Notice Board later for more details. As always, we shall be relying on you all for contributions to the different stalls - thanks in advance! Look forward to seeing you all there - ooh,la,la!

Anne Truman.

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The Grapevine is circulated to all the parishioners, to the local district and County Councillors, the community policeman, the Local Studies department at Trowbridge Library H.Q. and to the vicar. Copies are left in Steeple Ashton church and shop, and the Village Hall and The Linnet in Great Hinton. The editor of The Wiltshire Times get a copy too - what a pity the only information he extracted for that newspaper was of a negative nature, when so many positive things occur in Hinton.

PARISH MEETING

Gt. Hinton Annual Parish Meeting

This was held on March 28th in the Village Hall with 25 Parishioners four parish councillors and the clerk, and guest speaker, Mr. White of Wilts. County Council Highways Department present. One apology was recorded and the minutes of the last meeting held a year ago were read and approved.

The Chairman, Mr. Vic. Bush then gave his report:-

Neighbourhood Watch. He thanked the coordinators and helpers for their work and spoke of a recent crime prevention meeting held with the Police.

The Grapevine. This newsheet was always in need of local information to keep it going.

Litter Bin. The bin, made and installed next to the bus shelter by Mr. Wickham has been vandalised and had now been replaced by a new District Council model.

The Phone Box. Although 'not listed', it appears not to be in danger at the moment of being replaced by a modern glass one.

School Governors. Mr. S. Mustart had been elected a governor of Steeple Ashton School and Mrs. H. Davies a governor of Keevil School.

Water Supply. At present there was no lack of supply, but the problem had occurred in the summer.

Planning Applications. Mr. Bush referred to the various applications for houses and extensions. An objection by the PC had been made concerning a Semington pub sign within the Parish boundaries.

Bus Service. This was much improved..

Verges. There is a contract with Wilts CC to cut the verges near the newly planted trees. A parishioner asked whether the other end of the village could be tidied up with road sweeping and verge cutting.

Flower Pot. Mrs. A. Plummer and Mrs. J. Bush were thanked for looking after the flowers near the Phone box. As there were no offers to take on this task they agreed to continue.

Mr. Bush concluded his report by thanking the other Councillors for their work.

The Clerk, Mr. R. Culverhouse, gave the financial report. The details of which were available for inspection after the meeting. The auditors fee was queried by a Parishioner as it seemed excessive. It was explained that, by law, the County auditor was used and this was the rate.

PARISH MEETING cont.

Best Kept Village competition. Mr. Bush explained and reminded those present what was needed to be done, and it was agreed to enter the competition again. Daffodils planted where the village sign was originally placed are still there; perhaps bulbs could be planted by the sign in its present position. Parishioners would be welcome to plant bulbs in the verges if they wishes to do so.

Rural Housing Survey. A form from Wilts D.C. was passed around. The villagers saw no need for such a survey in this village.

Local Highways. Although no road schemes affected the village, Mr. White showed on a map the major schemes that effected Wiltshire. The Parishioners were concerned that no improvements were intended for Stoney Gutter and the junction near Cold Harbour with the A350. They asked that the PC could get together with the other local PCs using these junctions to put pressure on Wilts CC for improvements.

Footpaths. Mr. Davies reported on the work done and work planned. He and Mr. Trueman agreed to fix a date for another 'walk' of the footpaths by the Parishioners.

Parishioners Points of View. Planning procedure was enquired about and to the role of the Parish Council. It was pointed out that the Planning Authority was West Wilts District Council and the Parish Council's role was to make the views of the villagers known to that Authority. The District Council have the responsibility to notify any neighbouring property owners in order that individual comments can also be forwarded.

Parish Meetings. It was pointed out that any parishioner may attend any PC meeting during the year, although they have no voting rights. The meeting dates and agenda are on the notice board by the phone box.

Mr. E. Wickham is our contact in case of national emergency. The meeting closed and tea, coffee and biscuits were served.

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE

We entered the Best Kept Village competition in 1986 and were placed 2nd in the West Wiltshire District. In 1987 we won both the District and County wide rounds. In 1988 we were not allowed to take part, and in 1989 Great Hinton was placed low. So now in 1990 we are taking part again, hoping to do a lot better. The first judging takes place in mid May, and the winners go forward to the County wide final.

Judges at both levels will be looking out for the absence of litter and the overall condition and tidiness of all features visible and accessible to the public.

WHIST

Whist has been arranged until May 1st and we will try to keep it going until at least the end of that month - volunteers needed.

Best wishes on their wedding to Vicki and John and a small presentation from the Whist group was made to them on April 17th.

Audrey also arranged a special evening on the Whist evening, nearest to her mother, Mrs Gibson's 90th birthday.

Thank you to all helpers during this past season and let's hope we all meet again in September.

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In Praise of Village Life

Apart from a few years in our early married life, I have been lucky enough to live always in a village. I had a very happy childhood growing up in a close community in beautiful countryside; so it makes me very happy that because we now live in Great Hinton, I can pass on some of that joy to our young grandsons.

Most of you will have seen me walking with Daniel, now aged three, in the village - as soon as he arrives he says 'Shall we go for a walk' whatever the weather! The size and layout of the village is ideal for little legs and our favourite pastime is tractor spotting! Daniel has always had an obsession with tractors and animals, so there's lots to see in the village. It's amazing the variety of animals we see, goats and cows in Back Lane and recently Min's gorgeous new lambs with their Mums, plus Rambo the rabbit! More cows, calves and ducks further down, as well as cats and dogs along the way and then our last port of call - Joanne's horse! We've got to know them all like old friends and Daniel stops to chat to them all. He misses your hens Geoff and Marilyn - looks for them every time! And, of course, we always have to stop to inspect the railway lines in Audrey's garden - he can't wait for the Fete day! We shall have to get him a season ticket!

Not least, are all the friends he's made and is now busy introducing his little brother Matthew to everyone. Thank you all for taking time to chat to them, often asking us in. Daniel knows you all by name and tells his Mummy and Daddy all about his walks - know what I mean Olive!!

I just hope that for many years to come we can continue our walks as I'm sure they're something Daniel and soon Matthew, will always remember. It certainly gives me immense pleasure to share our lovely village with the next generation and know how lucky we are that Sarah and Steve live in nearby Melksham, which makes frequent visits possible.

Long may Great Hinton stay basically as it is today - it really is a delightful spot.

Granny Annie (Truman).

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Great Hinton Memorial Hall & Community Committee

The open A.G.M. was held in the hall on Wednesday 11 April. Thirteen committee members and nine villagers heard the chairman, Vic Bush, talk about a possible re-building programme. A price of £47,000 had been received for a two storey building with the ground floor being at road level - grants would be available for 70% of the cost, but this leaves the village to raise about £15,000 and this would need to be raised before work could start.

The past year had seen the trees planted, and the first cut had been made on a contract for cutting the grass through the growing season. A plaque had been prepared and presented by Graham Lee and this would be placed on site shortly. Table Tennis and Whist had continued through the winter and Stuart Wickham had started a Sunday afternoon Table Tennis coaching class which is being attended by 8 local children. Other activities had been a Barn Dance, being repeated this year on 19 October, and a hangover party. Twinning was being looked at, but seems a bit too ambitious for a village of our size, and the possibility of joining with another group was being considered. Jean Hallam our treasurer gave details of our audited accounts - and once again we are indebted to Mr. Mundy (no, not the same Mr. Mundy) for this voluntary task. - the total money raised was £2,743.65, expenditure £1,823.74, leaving a balance of profit £919.91 which when added to last year's carry forward gives a total in hand of £4617.85, the whist account shows a bank balance of £268.59.

Cherry Mundy and Audrey Plummer were proposed and elected as new members of the committee.

We are sadly losing Roy and Olive Ainger as they will be moving in the summer - The general discussion which followed centered mainly on the re-building and it is clear that a good deal further investigation is required.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



It was encouraging that so many residents attended the talk and illustrations on home security given earlier this year by WPC Erica Harvey. I am sure we all found it interesting and that most of us learned something new.

I am happy to say that there have been no incidents reported to me since the last issue of the Grapevine. The lighter evenings and (hopefully) warmer weather will encourage us all to open our doors and windows more often so please be vigilant.

To new residents who would like to know more about the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the village, please feel free to contact me on 870662.



SPORT

TABLE TENNIS TALK

The current table tennis season has now drawn to a close, with the exception of all major cup finals. Great Hinton 'B' will take on Ravenscroft School in the final of the Division two Knockout Cup. Their passage to the final means that Great Hinton has reached at least one final in each of the past six years - a final which is without equal amongst similar-sized clubs in the League.

All league fixtures have now been completed and both teams have finished in respectable mid-table positions. This is very encouraging considering the vast improvement in standards which both teams have encountered in their respective Divisions. Hopefully this sound base can be built upon, and a challenge for promotion can be made in the new season beginning in the Autumn.

Sunday Afternoon Sessions

In the last edition of Grapevine, I mentioned that I was willing to take weekend sessions for youngsters to initiate their interest in the sport. The response proved to be far greater than my expectations and each session was well attended, showing that there is a good interest in table tennis amongst children in the village.

Unfortunately, with the close of the season, no further sessions will be held until September. Full details of dates and times will appear in the next edition of Grapevine.

It is hoped that the format of the sessions can be improved allowing for competitions and possibly matches against other villages. Any suggestions for improvements to the scheme are welcomed.

If you have any ideas on the Sunday sessions, or are interested in joining one of our league teams, then please 'phone me on 870202.

Stuart Wickham

Richard Andrews and Partner recently won the mixed Mid Wilts. Veteran's Badminton Tournament for the over 35s.

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FOUND - Tabby Cat with blue collar and bell - Apply Carol Burch

JUNIOR READERS

This is your Grapevine as well, so how about puzzles, jokes, holiday or school trip stories. The next Grapevine will be typed in late July, so pen to paper please and see what you can produce. We will try to print all, but it does depend on how much space there is.

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THE TEACHER REPEATS

The teacher repeats
For the millionth time
Something odd in Latin
That sounds so sublime
Whilst I grow more restless
Wishing to be freed
From this unimportant knowledge
For which there's no need.

"Primula Vulgaris"!
And a barrage of names
Spoken in abstract
Have no practical gain
With constant practice
I could surely learn and repeat
But what reward, I ask,
To perform such a feat ?

Much better to wander
With no sense of duty
View real flowers and plants
And admire their beauty.
Forget Bellis Perennis
And the theoretical rest
Just gaze in wonder at the nature
With which we are blessed.

Stuart Wickham.

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100 CLUB

This year there are 73 members, slightly down on last year for various reasons. The prizes are: £15 Quarterly prize, £12.50, 2nd £8, 3rd £6, 4th £5.

So far this year the winners have been:-

January

Mrs. Ashton
Mrs. M Newman
Mrs. Mustart
Mr. Gaulton

February

Mrs. D. Killingback
Mrs. L. Meade
Mrs. M. Squibbs
Mr. S. Wickham.

March

Mr. P. Squibbs
Mr. B. Irons
Mr. G. Noke
Mrs. J.M. Newman
Mr. R.V.C. Newman

British Sailors Society

Many thanks to all who gave so generously to the above fund. £30.53 was collected and banked. My apologies to those whose envelopes I did not collect and were not at home when I called.

Be warned - I will be calling again from 22nd May to 3rd June collecting for the Spastics Society (Trowbridge Branch).

Sandy Salmon.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many friends and neighbours in Great Hinton who have given me such wonderful support since my operation and subsequent convalescence. I have been overwhelmed by the many cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes received both whilst in hospital and since I have been home and I have really appreciated the way in which so many of you have made time to 'pop in' for a chat (it certainly helps the time pass more quickly).

Thank you also for the ready prepared meals, cakes etc. which have been appearing at the door (made to Tony's especial delight as he has been doing the cooking!).

Although it is extremely difficult to single out individuals, as everyone has been so kind, I do feel I would like to particularly thank Sandy and Audrey who have been doing all the 'running around' and shopping while I have been lounging around being waited on.

I am well on the mend now and hope that by the time this 'Grapevine' is received I shall be back in the old routine. I've often thought how lucky we are to live in a small village like Great Hinton and at times like this it proves to be very true.

Once again, many thanks to you all.

Pauline Whatley.

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We welcome two new families to the village. Chris, Cherry, Jamie and Claire Munday, plus two dogs and three cats to Don and Nicki Goodenough's old house, 'The Chesils' opposite the pub. Graham, Stephanie Cowdrey and family have moved into Watts Farm.

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Congratulations to Sue Andrew on being appointed Deputy Head of Paxcroft School after the Easter holidays.

WHAT PRICE PRIVATISATION

Sunday February 4th, the weekend of my mother's 90th birthday and I had a houseful of visitors all staying the weekend.

One of my guests wanted to make an important phone call - help the telephone is dead. Fortunately my mother's phone was not affected. Of course I was not alone in my predicament as half the village had problems.

We all know that B.T. had massive repairs to perform owing to storm damage the previous week but the fault concerning our lines occurred on a weekend of reasonable weather and as far as I can understand was due to our connection to the super new computerised exchange.

I know many of you contacted Customer Services regarding compensation with no avail. I personally tried four times, twice by phoning, when I was told by one gentleman that we should get compensation and to keep trying. Twice I wrote putting salient points to them, but again to no avail.

Now I ask my self - what is the next step?- the Ombudsman, or do we let this multi-million pound organisation walk all over us and get away with it.

What are the views of my fellow sufferers?

Audrey Plummer.

FOOD !

Before the next Grapevine a number of you will be going abroad for your holidays. Any favourite dish? - ask the chef for the recipe for the Grapevine. The recipe included in this issue comes from the Caribbean and the ingredients made to more manageable sizes for a family.

BANANA BREAD with the compliments of the Chef, Vigie Beach
Hotel, St. Lucia W.I.

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. butter	Cream butter and sugar
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sugar	Beat in eggs
4 eggs	Mash bananas
12 ozs. flour	Add flour, bicarb and bananas
2 Bananas	Add essence
$\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Bicarb	Mix well.
Banana Essence.	

I cooked it at 350°F for 1½ hrs. in a rect. pyrex dish
6" x 12" x 2" (The chef only gave me the ingredients).

This bread or cake was served cut into squares at breakfast -
nice buttered.

PARISH FOOTPATH WALK. MEET AT THE HALL SATURDAY 12 MAY
AT 2.30 p.m. WITH WELLIES. ALL WELCOME

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Remember January 25. It seems a long time ago now with the weather warmer and calmer, but in Hinton as in many villages in England some things have changed or gone for ever. The morning started normally enough with the wheely bins being put outside the gates, and although radio reports gave the possibility of the Severn Bridge being closed due to the strong winds, everything was alright till mid morning. Then I had a phone call from Maureen next door. Parts of the roofs of our near derelict sheds were landing in her garden - not little bits, but huge pieces of corrugated asbestos sheeting were being stabbed into the grass. We wondered where the concrete block lying in the stable doorway had come from. Having decided that we had to somehow anchor down an area of asbestos roofing including the timber it was nailed to, which was lifting and crashing down in the gusts, we used a long scaffold plank weighed down by blocks. Then the corrugated iron and wood 'barn' in which our caravan was wintering started to twist. The roof took off, sheet by sheet across Maureen's lawn and onward through John Norris' garden towards his conservatory, and down the road as well. It took some time to capture and move the sheets into a pile as they could only be moved when the wind subsided - the rest of the time they had to be knelt or stood on while watching where the other sheets were blowing from. The following week we reclaimed our corrugated iron only to find that many of the sheets had long rips in them, as if a tin opener had been used. The caravan survived with no damage, but the building had to be demolished to get it out.

The concrete block-that had been catapulted from our sheds through Maureen's stable roof.

We were not the only ones with damage. Many people lost tiles and fencing panels. Lost for ever is the old Walnut tree standing in the field at the corner of Back St. which was blown over. So too were the 2 silver birches in the Blake's garden.

Jeff Newman rescued his 2 dogs and classic Austin car just in time before his timber workshop collapsed with all his tools underneath.

The Nursery lost 2 polythene tunnels shredded in the wind and a number of large sheets of glass were smashed. One greenhouse moved a couple of feet, but it was anchored in time before too much damage was done. The end wall had blown out of Mr. Paget's garage and the oil tank knocked over. His corrugated leanto collapsed slowly and parts flapped in the wind.

So this was the start of the year. What will we have to report in the next issue? Perhaps a summer like last year or will that be too much to ask for?

BIRD TALK

If you should stroll up Main Street or Back Street (or is it Back Lane?) at 6.30 a.m. or thereabouts any morning (some do) you will first hear and then see a little speckled bird perched right at the top of Audrey's cedar tree (*Cedrus Atlantica*) singing her heart out specially for you. This wonderful music pours out tirelessly and endlessly hour after hour.

If 6.30 a.m. doesn't exactly grab you, try early evening, when you will enjoy the same superb concert.

Sometimes I hear the song change, becoming louder and stronger and even more beautiful if that were possible, and lo! that little thrush has turned into a blackbird - it's magic!

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Since the last Grapevine we wish two of our residents belated birthday greetings. Eleet resident Mr. Sims' December birthday, and Mrs. Gibson's birthday in February made them both nonagenarians.

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Sugar Flower Pictures

I have some framed sugar flower pictures for sale.

Large	- 8" x 5"	3 full roses in a spray	£11. 50
Small	- 5" x 5"	1 rose and 1 bud in spray	£ 8. 50

Sandra 870906

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The Vicar

To date there is no news concerning the appointment of a new vicar for the Parish.

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MOBILE LIBRARY DAY - 24th APRIL

Support your Mobile Library - it will call in the Linnet car park on the 24th and every other Tuesday after that, at 2.45 p.m. If you want a new book you can order it for 30 pence - and there are no fines for overdue books, and no joining charge. What a service !

A number of you will remember Beryl Joynes who used to live at Barn Cottage. We have heard she has married Mr. John Morris and they live in Dyfed.

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Congratulations to John Hallam and Vicki Newman on their marriage on April 21st, and best wishes for their future happiness in their new home in Westbury.



JUNIOR READERS

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Fishing	Wickets
Bat	Pads
Boots	Ball
Line	Nets
Rod	Stumps
Reel	Bails
Bait	Crease
Football	Boundary
Float	Gloves

By B.S.Francis.

18 words; you can go; up,down,diagonally left and
 down,diagonally left and up,diagonally right and
 down,diagonally right and up,left, or right.

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STOP PRESS - We also welcome Gary and Cindy Clamp and their two children Kerry and Brittany to Peppercorn Orchard.