

GRAPEVINE

Summer 1990

GREAT HINTON VILLAGE NEWS

PROPOSED CREMATORIUM

A special open Parish meeting was held on Wednesday 25 July to discuss the proposed crematorium development in the Parish of Semington. The proposed site is a field reasonably close to Great Hinton and South of the A.361.

The general view following the discussion was that the proposed site would be detrimental to the environment of the village, and the Parish Council indicated that they would not support this proposal, and would inform the Planning Committee of the District Council accordingly.

If any individual person wishes to voice their views either for or against, they should write to:

Mr. S. Blades,
Director of Planning Services,
West Wiltshire District Council,
Bradley Road,
Trowbridge,

to arrive before 17th August.

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK - VACANCY.

Richard Culverhouse, the Clerk, is resigning the post, so the Parish Council is now looking for a replacement. The Parish Council would like to think that we have a resident who has the interest of the village at heart and would take up the post.

For further details please telephone Victor Bush 870 547.



Now that we are in the summer holiday season, properties can be left unoccupied for considerable periods and present a tempting target for burglars. If your house is going to be left unoccupied for any length of time and you would like your neighbours and the police to keep an eye open for unwelcome visitors then please inform me, and I will co-ordinate and liaise with PC Newbery.

Sandy Salmon - 870662



POLICE

Please beware of unsolicited callers at your homes. I refer particularly to "Antique" knockers and people offering to tarmac your drive or cut your trees. Regrettably some of these people are often looking for an opportunity to steal.

My advice to you is never let an "Antique" knocker past your front door and if you need any work done on your property, please get it done by a reputable firm.

Please let me know if you get any trouble from these sorts of people.

PC Mark Newbery.



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SPORT

The coming table tennis season is due to commence in the Autumn. The teams representing Great Hinton are likely to be the same as last year, although it is hoped that one or two additional players can be enrolled to strengthen the squad.

Last season finished on a high note with Great Hinton 'B' defeating Ravenscroft School in the final of the Division Two Knockout Cup. The score of 7-2 reflects the greater experience in the Great Hinton team, although the school side fought bravely. The 'B' team will be eager to repeat the success next year and retain the Tom Cayland Trophy.

Weekend Sessions

During the close-season the weekend sessions for youngsters have also been stopped. However, these will recommence on Sunday 9th September at 3.00 pm.

It is hoped to launch a League reserved for under 17s in October. This will give beginners to the game the opportunity to compete with other youngsters of similar abilities. Hopefully, one or two teams can be formed to represent the village. Anybody interested in joining such a team should let me know at the weekend sessions when they start.

Stuart Wickham.

LADIES CLUB

Once again we are happy to report a very successful Fete and hope that everyone had a happy afternoon. Thank you for your support in respect of contributions to the various stalls and for joining in the Bastille celebrations ! Well done to Jean, Audrey, Diane and Sandra for their saucy Can Can dancing and to Bill, Vic and Ken for their singing Gendarmes act - very much enjoyed. The train, as ever, was a huge attraction, thanks to Audrey for making it possible. The garden looked lovely and the weather, dare we say it, was almost too hot !

We are pleased to tell you we raised £247.88 overall and have sent a cheque for £160.00 to Mr. Michael Braund who represented Devizes P.H.A.B. and who kindly opened the Fete for us. This money we are told will go towards their holiday fund for next year, a very worthwhile cause.

We have a very interesting programme planned for the 1990/91 season and would like to welcome any new members who would care to join us. So please come along, have a good time, meet new friends, and help us to raise funds for local charities from time to time.

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 19th at 8 p.m. in the Hall, when we will have Mr. Doel as guest Speaker, who will recount memories of working below stairs at Longleat House, which promises to be very amusing. Copies of the programme for forthcoming meetings will be available on that evening.

Anne Truman.

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WHIST

Whist evenings will re-start on Tuesday, 4th September, at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome to this friendly Drive. More volunteers to help on rota would be much appreciated.

Richard Andrew.

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OLIVE

When I took over from Mike as Editor of the Grapevine there was, and still is, one small snag - I can't type with more than two fingers. Olive volunteered to do the typing and has since typed her way through four editions - an odd ten minutes here and an hour or so there, in all quite a long type.

She has now moved to Worcestershire and Joan has taken over her place to produce this edition and hopefully a few more.

Thanks, Olive, for all the time you've spent with the Grapevine, for without your help we would all be waiting for the Spring 1989 edition.

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April

Mr. K. Crumpler
Mr. B. Irons
Mr. F. Gotelee
Mrs. A. Truman

May

Mrs. Gibson
Mrs. Chey
Mrs. Hallam
Mrs. Mustart

June

Mr. Shipman
Mr. Harbour
Mr. S. Killingback
Mrs. Storey

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We have had to say farewell to Olive and Roy Ainger, and Carol and Richard, Graeme and Simon Clarke have moved into their house in Peppercorn Orchard, and we would like to give them a warm welcome.

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AGONY RUN

Once again we can congratulate ourselves on a very well organised event and whoever was responsible for the weather deserves a special thank you !
As usual, Bill Barker, our Race Secretary, beavered away behind the scenes for weeks sorting out all the essential, not so glamorous jobs to ensure smooth running of the event on the day.

Our special thanks to Cherry and Chris who, although new to the village, gave us 100% enthusiasm allowing their house to be decorated with bunting, the lawns used for skittles and, of course, by providing the Agony Run with a very professional Barbecue, raising considerable money towards the funds.

The community spirit was never higher with so many villagers giving their time and efforts to make the day a success - thank you all.

We were told by a group of guest 'semi professional' runners that the Great Hinton Agony Run is the best organised run they attend and they referred to marshalling, time keeping and the quick computerised prize winners list - thanks to Kevin's expertise. It is hoped that these 'semi professional' runners give inspiration to everyone else.

As you know, 50% of the funds raised will go to **cic** Cancer and Leukaemia in children, who were represented by a very appreciative Bill Combes, their Press and Publicity Officer, who gave a brief talk before presenting the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and prizes to the runners.

Finally our grateful thanks to all the stall holders, the local business and friends who kindly donated gifts to the very successful raffle, and to Bill Irons for the hamper and for once again allowing us to use his facilities.

There were 140 runners this year, some in fancy dress, and this number was made up of villagers and children and visitors from a wide area. We would like to have more children running next year and perhaps more fancy dress ???

All in all a marvellous effort and a very enjoyable day - long may it continue !

Mike Truman.

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THE VICAR

The service of installation and induction of our new vicar, the Rev. David Hart, will take place at St. Mary's Church, Steeple Ashton, on Wednesday 29 August at 7.30 p.m.

Following a stroke, it is with deep regret that we have to report the death of the Revd. Hart's wife, Shirley, and send him and his family our sincere sympathy at this time.

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Keevil were the winners of our group. We are awaiting details of the other placings.

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In the Easter holidays I went on an exchange trip to France. I caught the exchange company's coach on a Friday evening at Newbury, for the journey to Paris. We picked up other passengers on the way to Dover for the ferry to Calais.

The crossing was choppy, but it was only a short distance. Back on the coach I fell to sleep until Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Doucet were there to meet me with one of their sons, Thomas who is ten years old. My exchange friend Benoit was at school. They took me to their apartment in the centre of St. Germain en Laye. I shared a room with Benoit.

The next day was Palm Sunday. We met some of their friends for a bus ride to a forest, from where we walked in groups to a church in the forest. Later we all had a picnic in the wood, before walking to catch the coach home.

On the Monday and Tuesday I went to school with Benoit. I read to his class in English.

The following day we set off for their apartment in Briancon in the Alps. It took a day to get there in their camping car. The apartment was in the main street. The town is the highest town in Europe. From then onwards we went ski-ing every day and I tried snowboarding which is like ski-ing on a skateboard without wheels. I had ten days there.

I enjoyed the trip, especially the ski-ing, and the food. Benoit's parents were very caring and friendly, and I got on well with Benoit and his three brothers. They said I could go back next Easter if I wished.

On the way home we stopped off at Benoit's Granny's chateau between Lyon and Orleans, and spent the night in the camping car. His Granny owned woods and a farm.

We arrived just in time to catch the coach to Newbury. The whole family came to say goodbye and kissed me on both cheeks! I arrived back at Newbury feeling rather unwell, to be met by Mum, Dad and Andrew.

Benoit is coming to stay with us for a fortnight in August.