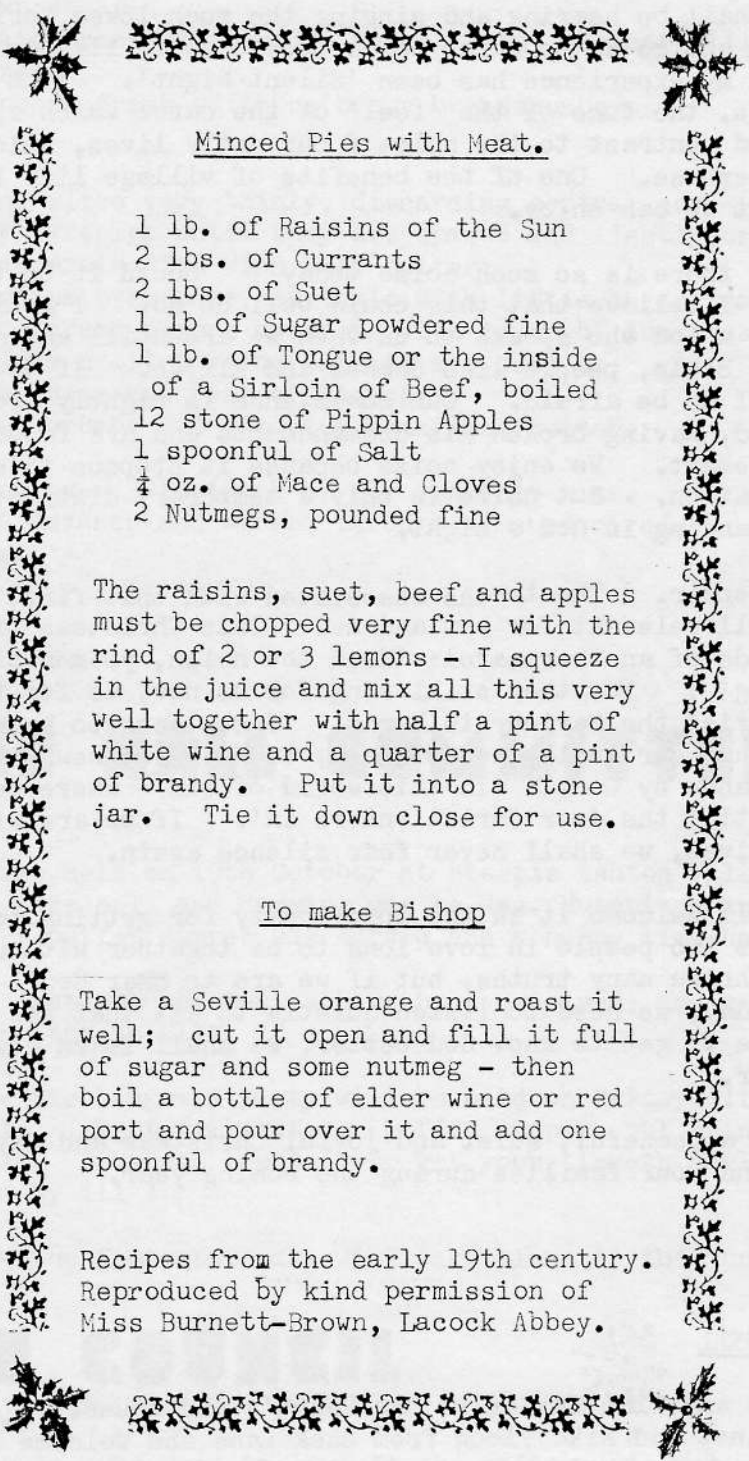


GRAPEVINE

Winter 1990

GREAT HINTON VILLAGE NEWS



Minced Pies with Meat.

- 1 lb. of Raisins of the Sun
- 2 lbs. of Currants
- 2 lbs. of Suet
- 1 lb of Sugar powdered fine
- 1 lb. of Tongue or the inside
of a Sirloin of Beef, boiled
- 12 stone of Pippin Apples
- 1 spoonful of Salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. of Mace and Cloves
- 2 Nutmegs, pounded fine

The raisins, suet, beef and apples must be chopped very fine with the rind of 2 or 3 lemons - I squeeze in the juice and mix all this very well together with half a pint of white wine and a quarter of a pint of brandy. Put it into a stone jar. Tie it down close for use.

To make Bishop

Take a Seville orange and roast it well; cut it open and fill it full of sugar and some nutmeg - then boil a bottle of elder wine or red port and pour over it and add one spoonful of brandy.

Recipes from the early 19th century.
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE VICAR

Although this is my first letter for the Grapevine you will have learned a little about my 'past' from the parish magazine. I have made one or two sorties into Great Hinton and have met a few of you. I hope during the coming year to meet many more.

Very soon we shall be hearing and singing the much loved Christmas carols. When offered a choice as to which carol people would like to sing, the most popular one in my experience has been 'Silent Night'. I am not sure whether it is the words, the tune or the 'feel' of the carol which appeals. Certainly it is in marked contrast to the noise of our daily lives, which seems to be ever on the increase. One of the benefits of village life is the relative peace and quiet we can enjoy.

Why is it that there is so much noise today? Could it be that we are afraid of silence? I believe that this could well be so. I believe it is so because God is a God who speaks to us when we are still and quiet, as He did to many in the Bible, people like Samuel and Elijah. If we have ignored God, then we do well to be afraid. Our conscience is rightly troubled, for we stand condemned, having broken His commandments and are faced with His Righteous judgement. We enjoy noise because it stops us thinking about this desperate situation. But noise is only a temporary distraction - it cannot improve our standing in God's sight.

We need not despair. The truths associated with that first Christmas 'Silent Night' are still relevant for you and me. This Christmas time, will you, with me, in the words of another carol: 'Hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing'? For they still sing for us now, as for the shepherds of Bethlehem: 'Christ the Saviour is born'. Jesus came to bring God's forgiveness; to cleanse our guilty consciences, to bring us new life and the sure hope of acceptance by God. 'In this world of sin - where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in'. If we are willing to invite Him into our lives, we shall never fear silence again.

Instead we shall welcome it as the opportunity for getting to know Jesus better, just as two people in love long to be together without interruption. Our carols enshrine many truths, but if we are to hear God's voice in all its fulness today, we need to listen quietly to all that the Bible has to say. Then, as we get to know God better, we shall learn how perfect love drives out fear.

May I wish you a peaceful, quiet and joyful Christmas and may God's love surround you and your families during the coming year.

David Hart

HAIL AND FAREWELL

We welcome Sue and Alan Baxter to the Paget's old house. We have to say farewell to Janet and Mike Ploog from Back Lane and welcome Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and family to their house.

BRING YOUR BIKE TO THE BACK CAR PARK OF THE LINNET ON 13TH JANUARY (SUNDAY) 11 am
FOR THE POLICE TO POSTCODE IT.

PARSNIPS MOLLY PARKIN

An unusual way to cook parsnips; can be prepared in advance and goes well with any meat dish, especially beef.

2 lbs. parsnips
Large tin chopped tomatoes (don't use all the juice)
5 tablespoons oil
3 ozs. butter
3 ozs. soft brown sugar
About 6 ozs. grated cheese - Gruyere is best, but Cheddar will do
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pint single cream
4 heaped tablespoons fresh white or brown breadcrumbs
Salt and pepper



Peel parsnips and slice very thinly, discarding central core
Heat oil and fry parsnips until they are opaque and lightly browned
Grease 2 pint casserole dish with half butter
Place layer parsnips over base, sprinkle with little sugar, salt and pepper
Add little of the cream before covering with layer of tomatoes, then some
Repeat these layers until the ingredients are used up, cheese
finishing with cream and rest of cheese
Top with the breadcrumbs and dot with remaining butter.

Cook in preheated oven 325° (mark 5) for about 45 mins.
May be cooked in advance and warmed through when required.
Really delicious.

Anne Truman.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The barn dance was held on 19th October at Steeple Ashton Village Hall. Seventy tickets were sold and dancing was to Reg. Hutchings and the Accordionics. A buffet supper was served and a happy time had by all.

Agony Run - the last sponsor monies have been received, and a cheque for £517.00 has been sent to CLIC.

Hangover Party - the Hangover party will be held on Friday 11th January at the village hall. Eight till late. Buffet supper, but bring your own glasses and drinks. Numbers limited, so get your tickets early. A happy time will be had by all !

Footpaths Walk - the footpaths walk will take place in the Spring, details later.

PARISH COUNCIL



Richard Culverhouse, who used to live in the village, is retiring after eight years as Clerk to the Parish Council, and we thank him for all his hard work. Carol Burch will be taking on the task in the near future.

The Parish Council wish all parishioners a very happy Christmas.

SPORT

TABLE TENNIS TALK

The 1990/91 table tennis season is approaching the halfway point. Both Great Hinton teams are in very strong mid-table positions in their respective divisions and have a good chance of gaining promotion at the end of the season. Great Hinton "A" are currently unbeaten in Division One after eight games, whilst the "B" team have won their last four matches to climb to fifth place in Division Two. Provided this run of good form continues in the New Year, the club can look forward to more honours in the League and Cup competitions in 1991.

JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS

Sessions are regularly being held on Sunday afternoons, to enable youngsters to learn the sport. These have been very well attended since re-commencing in September and it has been necessary to divide those participating into two groups to make numbers more manageable. The sessions are held at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. each Sunday, and newcomers of all standards are welcome. A break will be taken over the holiday period, however, and the last session for 1990 will be held on 16th December. These will start again in the New Year on 6th January.

A Junior League has been started comprising four local teams, with the aim of introducing under seventeens competitively to the game. A team has been formed to represent the village, which includes Anthony and Katy Putt and Russell Crumpler. They have so far played two fixtures - winning 4 - 3 against Keevil and narrowly losing to Ravenscroft School by the same scoreline.

Anyone interested in playing in the Junior League or the West Wiltshire League should contact me on 870 202.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Stuart Wickham.



100 CLUB

Since the last Grapevine the following have won prizes :-

<u>July:</u>	<u>August:</u>	<u>September:</u>	<u>October:</u>	<u>November:</u>
Mr.G.Harbour	Mrs.A.Truman	Mr.K.Young	Mr.C.Foyle	Mrs.J.Ploog
Mrs.S.Brown	Mrs.A.Plummer	Mr.R.Meade	Mr.J.Tapsell	Mr.J.Hallam
Mrs. Hudd	Mr.J.Tapsell	Mr.V.Bush	Mrs.S.Fairclough	Mr. Gaulton
Mrs.G.Gibson	Mrs.S.Fairclough	Mrs.M.Noad	Mr.K.Young	Mr.B.Barker
		Mrs.V.Alker		

Christmas Prize: Mrs. S. Smith

The last draw of the year will take place just before Whist at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 18th December. Next year (Year Six) will be run by Stuart Wickham who has volunteered to take over the running of the 100 Club. So during the first two or three weeks of January he will be calling on one and all to join, and part with the £12 yearly membership. NOTE: NO PRICE INCREASE !! We had 73 members this year. The more members, the more or greater in value the prizes.

LADIES CLUB



In September we were delighted to welcome Mr. Doel of Warminster who gave a fascinating talk on life below stairs at Longleat House before the war, where he started work as a young lad. His book "From a Humble Cottage to a Stately Home" is full of anecdotes and amusing stories.

Mrs. Swain of Seend Cleeve came to the October meeting complete with slides to illustrate her talk on Well dressing, an ancient custom still carried out in Derbyshire. With her husband and a team of enthusiastic helpers she designed and decorated the two wells at Buxton, in natural materials, for thirty years. The scenes were all biblical, very intricate and colourful and so artistic - worth looking out for if anyone should be visiting Derbyshire during the spring and summer months. Mrs. Swain had some very funny and fascinating stories to tell and the evening passed all too quickly.

Sandra demonstrated her hobby of sugar craft at the November meeting with ideas for decorating Christmas cakes, she made it look very easy until some of us tried, and failed! Diane too demonstrated some of her similar skills - we really do have some talented ladies in the club!

On 24th November we held a Jumble Sale in the Hall and raised nearly £70.00. After expenses we were pleased to send a cheque for £60.00 to the Dorothy House Foundation. Thanks to everyone who supplied us with jumble and helped on the day, also to Janet at the Nursery for taking the bulk of leftover clothes to her village Scout troop for their Spring Jumble.

We hope to have a good number of members at the Christmas Dinner to be held once again at the Linnet, on 12th December. It's a fun evening and Bill and his staff look after us very well.

Listen out for carol singers on the 19th or, better still, join us if you care to. We need gentlemen and children in our "choir" and will assemble at the Linnet car park at 7 p.m. Charity to be announced.

Hilary will be demonstrating her skills at lace making at the January meeting, so please everyone come along and have a go.

I'm sure you will have noticed how professional our posters have become - we have Carol Clarke to thank for this - we don't waste any time in roping in new members!

The Bonfire night celebrations were enjoyed by all who attended; thanks everyone for the super rockets, to the children who took part in the Guy competition and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Baxter for the use of their field. It was a super fire and the weather was perfect - the ladies would like to thank everyone who helped to collect the rubbish, light the fireworks, prepare the food etc. etc; a great community effort.

WHIST



The whist is being well attended this year and the Christmas Whist Drive will be held on 18th December. Anyone wishing to give towards the raffle and prizes please let Richard Andrew know - 870 691. There will obviously be no whist on the 25th, and I will see if a drive is needed on the 1st Jan.1991.

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year from the whist group.

Richard Andrew.



1990 has not been as Crime Free in Great Hinton as I would have wished. Please continue to pay attention to home security whenever you are away from your premises.

I have recently been made aware of people not wishing to bother the Police about suspicious or minor incidents. Please, never feel afraid to report even the most trivial matters to the Police.

There are Officers on duty all around the clock and we are only too willing to attend. It is far better to attend a false alarm than to miss catching a burglar.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Crime Free 1991.

Pc 266 Mark NEWBERY.



Regretfully there have been a number of burglaries in the village during the past few months, but thanks to the vigilance and presence of mind of a villager, and with the co-operation of the police helicopter, one culprit was apprehended nearby.



Over the Christmas period we all relax and enjoy ourselves. If you are at parties etc., please leave lights on, especially outside, and be on your guard for anything 'unusual' and don't hesitate to inform the police.

My thanks to all my 'helpers' for delivering the leaflets over the past year.

Chris joins me in wishing you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 1991.

Sandy Salmon.



This poem is about my feelings when I was sitting on Cromer beach while on a school field study week last May.

The Cold In My Bones

Roaring waves are foaming in
White capped waves crashing in
The grey blue sky above
Terns swirling and soaring flying high
A boat out at sea
I wonder how long it will be
The salt smell of the sea
A house standing strong
Isn't the pier long
The cold in my bones.



Alex Winterburn.