

GRAPEVINE

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GREAT HINTON VILLAGE NEWS

AGONY RUN



SUN. JUNE 23

YES FOLKS! IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN! The annual event which probably represents the longest distance from a pub car park to a pint of Wadworth's 6X.

On Sunday the 23rd June, starting at 11.00 am the Seventh Great Hinton Agony Run will start from the Linnet car park. As previously there will be the usual stalls, barbeque, skittles, raffle and at least 150 people trying to beat their personal best time around the three mile course.

Bill Barker has retired from the role of Organiser and through his efforts over the years many charities and the village have benefitted from his work in making every event a memorable occasion. In 1990 thirty villagers took part in the Run although there were only three ladies. Please look at the challenge as one of finishing irrespective of the time taken. The charity will still gain whatever your time. The fastest villager position will see several challengers this year after Paul Fennell's title (19 min 56 sec). Good luck Paul, Jeff, Stuart, Russell and not forgetting his dad who is still living down the embarrassment of being beaten by his son. Let's see another time under 20 minutes.

Many of the volunteers have expressed a commitment to continue their work in 1991; However there is always a need, particularly on the day, for additional help. If you are able to help please let Stuart Wickham or me know. Race Marshalls are always needed. Remember, the only excuse is to be running!

A HELPING HAND

Caring for the disabled or a handicapped member of the family places an enormous strain on the family. It can mean having to come to terms with problems such as giving up work, forfeiting social life, never taking a holiday, and perhaps not being able to leave the house for more than an hour at a time.

This year's Agony Run Charity is the WILTSHIRE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE which is part of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation. Its aim is to relieve the home carer's situation by providing a care attendant to take over care for short periods of time, giving the family some respite.

Last year's efforts enabled a donation of £517 to be made to the Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood Trust. The challenge ahead must be to beat this figure enabling over seventy local families to continue to benefit from the work of the WILTSHIRE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, which although partially funded by client contributions and grants is highly dependent on charitable donations.

Details of the W.F.S.Services can be obtained from me.

training tips.....

TRAINING TIPS

Whilst three miles may not seem to be that far, problems are caused by people over-stretching themselves, particularly in the early stages. How many times have you been overtaken on the hill into Steeple Ashton? It is not possible to suggest individual programmes but here are some useful tips:

- (1) If in any doubt about your health contact your GP before you start training
- (2) Start training NOW and gradually build up the distance covered. In the early stages distance is more important than speed. Aim to cover a distance greater than the run itself in the later stages of training. Don't be worried if you have to walk some of the way to begin with.
- (3) As training progresses work on the speed. Don't run at one speed but ensure that quality is built into your runs by sprinting over short distances, and then recovering at a jogging pace.
- (4) Make sure that you wear light coloured clothes and reflective tapes if running at night. WEAR SUITABLE SHOES.
- (5) Running is more enjoyable if you run with a partner. Essential if you are a child.
- (6) Sponsorship provides a good incentive to continue when the going gets tough.

Make the decision to enter NOW. Entry forms will be posted through every letterbox in April.

THE AGONY RUN RAFFLE

Tickets will be available shortly, prizes being already promised by Bill at the Linnet, Tony Brown, John Putt and the Wiltshire Gliding Club, who will be providing a flight over the village. The canvassing for additional prizes is certainly not over, and on the day the list promises to be as extensive as in previous years. Certainly worth buying a few tickets.

Kevin Crumpler.

100 CLUB

The number of members in the village 100 Club this year has risen to 85. This shows a slight increase on the previous year and I would like to thank both new and existing subscribers for their support. Prizes in 1991 have been set as follows :-

Quarterly prize: £20
First prize: £14
Second prize: £10
Third prize: £ 7
Fourth prize: £ 5

Additionally it is hoped for a special prize to be awarded at Christmas, as in previous years. The lucky winners in the first three months' draws are :-

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
1st	Mrs. Ashton	Mrs. Dew	Mrs. H. Shipman
2nd	Mrs. Baxter	Mrs. Shipman	Mrs. M. Squibbs
3rd	Mr. S. Wickham	Mr. K. Young	Mr. F. Powell
4th	Mr. Gaulton	Mr. Shipman	Mrs. S. Brooks
5th			Mrs. J. Hallam

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Hall committee is still flourishing, with a full number of enthusiastic members.

THE HANGOVER PARTY was a resounding success. Thanks to Jessie and Vic for organizing it and to all others who helped in any way.

THE 100 CLUB is up and running for another year with 85 members, and now being looked after by Stuart Wickham, as you probably found out when he came to your door asking for money !

SUNDAY 23rd JUNE is the date of this year's AGONY RUN. Kevin Crumpler and Stuart Wickham are the main organizers, a job done so magnificently by Bill Barker for the last six years.

As they have proved to be very popular, another BARN DANCE will be held in Steeple Ashton Village Hall on 18th OCTOBER.

Get your walking shoes on for a FOOTPATH WALK to be organized by Chris Mundy. This will be on SATURDAY 20th APRIL or, if the weather is too bad, on the 27th APRIL. Meet outside the Linnet at about 10 a.m., but watch the notice board for further details.

THE ANNUAL OPEN MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL AT 8 p.m. IN THE HALL.
PLEASE COME

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Thankfully, nothing untoward has been reported to me since the last Grapevine.

I would ask you all to let me, or your co-ordinator, know when you are going to be away and where your key can be located if needed - (I will gladly be "Keeper of the Keys") when you are on holiday. Just call and let me know on 870 662.

Sandy Salmon.



POLICE

One of the Wiltshire Constabulary's most important aims is the prevention of serious and fatal road accidents. To this aim we are continuing to enforce seat belt legislation.

We are particularly concerned about children not being properly strapped into rear seat belts. Remember even on the shortest of journeys it is vital to "belt up".

A local farmer has recently had cause to speak to children about playing on farm buildings and on farm machinery. Can parents of young children please ensure they know the dangers of playing in such places.

PC 266 Mark Newbery.

PARISH COUNCIL A.G.M

Sixteen Parishioners and four Parish Councillors, the new and retiring Clerks, two members of the Wiltshire Constabulary and the County Councillor Mr.G.Roberts were present at the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 27th March. There were apologies from eight parishioners.

The Chairman, Mr. Vic Bush, gave his report dealing with planning applications, the clearance of Gypsy Lane , the need to drain Back Lane bridle way, the threatened removal of the old style telephone box which has not materialised yet, the unauthorised pub and business signs within the parish, and the map to show village houses and numbers. He referred to the Village Hall Committee and the forthcoming Agony Run and Barn Dance, the Ladies Club, and thanked those involved with organising the various village events.

Mrs. Carol Surch was introduced as the new Clerk and Mr. Richard Culverhouse, who has been Clerk for the past eight years, was thanked and presented with a silver engraved tankard from the Councillors.

Expenditure figures were given for the year as £306.54, and precepted for £445 in the present year because £392 was needed in election fees and Clerk's wages. This would be £2.68 per person.

It was decided to enter the Best Kept Village competition again this year, as we only lost by one mark last year. It is Parish Council election year, and anyone interested should see the Chairman or Clerk.

A short video film of Police in the Community was shown by the Police Sergeant. Afterwards PC Mark Newbery said he would try to get a sensor to monitor the speed and volume of traffic passing through the village. Motor bikes in Gypsy Lane were referred to, but it was pointed out that this is a public highway.

Parishioners were worried about lorries driving in the centre of the road from Steeple Ashton to the A 350 as the road is breaking up. Overgrown hedges in Stoggy Lane and the Narrows are a danger to pedestrians, and the burning of rubbish at Hag Hill is thought to be unsightly. Mr. Roberts agreed to give help with matters which concern the County departments.

The meeting closed and was followed by refreshments of coffee, tea and biscuits.

SPORT

TABLE TENNIS TALK

The current table tennis season is due to finish shortly. The two teams based in the village have encountered mixed fortunes over the closing matches. Great Hinton 'A' have suffered a number of defeats since losing their long-unbeaten run. This has caused them to slip to a mid-table position, when promotion looked a strong possibility at the half-way stage.

The 'B' team has continued to perform consistently well. Whilst they look likely to finish some points adrift of the two promotion positions, they have secured fourth place. This is their highest ever placing in Division Two and augurs well for the next season.

It is hoped that the growing interest in the sport locally will enable us to expand next year and possibly allow a further team to be entered to represent the village. This underlines the fact that Great Hinton are one of the strongest clubs in the West Wiltshire league.

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JUNIOR LEAGUE

A team from Great Hinton has been competing in the new Junior League. Although the league honours have gone to Clarendon School, there is a possibility that the village team comprising Russell Crumpler, Anthony Putt and Katy Putt, will have success in the individual and team tournaments due to be played after the Easter break. Regardless of their success in these competitions, the improvements they have made are very pleasing. Hopefully this first competitive season will provide a very sound base for even better things in the future.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS

With the imminent close of the table tennis season, these sessions will also stop for the duration of the summer. However, it is intended for similar sessions to be staged on the first Sunday in each month until September, namely:
May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th

These will be held in the mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and should allow the youngsters to keep in practice throughout the close season.

If anybody is interested in playing table tennis at any age or standard, then please let me know on Devizes 870 202. You may be interested to learn that many players in the West Wiltshire League are over 70, so table tennis is not exclusively a 'Young Person's Sport' ! Also, if you would like to organise a game or practice session then I will be happy to help in any way I can.

Stuart Wickham.

LADIES CLUB

The carol singing evening around the village just before Christmas was the best yet - lovely to have some children with us as well as husbands. Thanks to Audrey and Min for our very welcome refreshments en route - helped to oil the vocal cords ! And thanks to Andrew Squibbs for helping with the collection - his tin had over £40 in it ! As always we finished the evening singing in the Linnet which helped swell the collection for C.L.I.C. to £80.15 - a record amount. I've had a very appreciative letter from the West Wilts branch of C.L.I.C.

Hilary's demonstration of her lace making skills at the January meeting was thoroughly enjoyed and some of us tried this fascinating craft for ourselves, not easy !

Forty members and their guests enjoyed our Gourmet night on 20th February. The wine was flowing and, as always, the food was delicious - we certainly have some very able cooks in Great Hinton. Mrs. Pat Thompson entertained us with her own brand of poetry (very original) after supper, dressing up for the occasion from battery chicken to 'dying' swan ! Hilarious !! There was a collection for the Gulf Appeal and we were able to hand over £38.00 to Mr. Chris Salmon, to be added to the local British Legion appeal.

Due to a misunderstanding about dates our Speaker for the March meeting was unable to attend, but has promised to come next March instead ! However, the ladies made good use of the time by planning ahead, especially the Fete on 13th July, happily to be held once again in Audrey's garden. Funds from this event will go towards the Wiltshire Air Ambulance appeal and, as always, we shall be counting on your support towards the various stalls etc. and of course your presence on the day. Watch the notice board nearer the time for details.

Our April meeting on the 17th will be the A.G.M. and the annual Bring and Buy for funds so please come along and bring a new member if possible. It's a great opportunity to meet each other and we do a lot to raise money for local charities during the year.

Anne Truman.

THE VICAR

I wonder if you have ever come across a Chinese proverb. Although I have only discovered a few I find them fascinating and wonder if there is a collection of them anywhere in a book. One which I find especially telling says that "The palest ink is stronger than the strongest memory". As one who is permanently surrounded by lists and odd notes to jog the memory I can most certainly vouch for its truth !

Our memories are strange things. As we look back over our life odd little incidents have struck, whereas the majority of experiences appear to have been lost for ever. I have a vivid memory of the time I was given my first goose egg, and I wasn't very old. Another memory I treasure is, whilst lying in bed ill as a child, someone brought a small bunch of snowdrops and put them in a little vase on the dressing-table close to my bed. Ever since I have had a special delight in snowdrops and was thrilled when I found some in the vicarage garden this year.

It doesn't matter a great deal if we cannot recall a great deal of the past, but there are some things which we do not want to forget. Special anniversaries, for one; again those who have died in the various conflicts in the cause of bringing peace must never be forgotten. We have photographs around us to remind us of family and friends. An engagement or wedding ring has a very special significance for the one who wears it. You could make your own list - with the palest ink if necessary - of what you always want to remember.

Christians have much that they want to remember and the Christian year, with its cycle of festivals, help to keep the important truths of the faith fresh in the mind. At the centre of it all is the Cross upon which Jesus died on that first Good Friday, to make available to all the forgiveness of God and His gift of eternal life. At the centre of Christian worship there is the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion, at which bread is broken and eaten, wine poured out and drunk, in accordance with Jesus' command to do this in remembrance of Him. His body broken, His blood poured out, because of His love for us. Each such act of remembrance helps to strengthen faith and deepen thanksgiving. Each service is a reminder of how much God cares about us all. But we need to respond, to accept what Jesus did for us. Then what we recall from the past will become a living reality in our lives in the present. Memories may, or may not, enrich our lives. Jesus always will.

David Hart.

WHIST

A well attended winter session even with the bad weather. It is nice to see Mr. Holland back again after his accident. We hope to go on as usual to well into May, provided enough people are found to run the evenings.

Whist will most likely re-start after the summer break on 10th September.

Many thanks to all the helpers this year, and let's hope for one or two more volunteers next year.

dates to remember

LADIES CLUB A.G.M.: 17 April
FOOTPATH WALK: 27 April
LADIES CLUB FETE: 13 July

VILLAGE HALL OPEN MEETING: 24 April
AGONY RUN: 23 JUNE
BARN DANCE 18 October