

GRAPEVINE

GREAT HINTON VILLAGE NEWS



Winter 1991



CAROL SINGING
meet at

7pm outside The Linnet

Wed. 18 December

collection for charity

All are welcome

MERRY

CHRISTMAS



SPORT



TABLE TENNIS TALK

The current West Wiltshire season is rapidly approaching the Christmas halfway point, with both Great Hinton teams comfortably placed in Division Three. The league has undergone a change for the 1991/2 season as a result of the entry of a number of new teams. This has meant that there are four divisions within the league, rather than the three divisions of the past two seasons. The Great Hinton sides have also been subjected to a number of changes. The 'A' team now consists of Ernie and Stuart Wickham, Marc Pardey and newcomer Robert Horspool, who has replaced Phil Wickham following his move away from the area. After an excellent start, the 'A' team topped the table, but have slipped to a mid-table position following some disappointing results.

Two father and son pairings now make up Great Hinton 'B' - David and Mark Goodship and Colin and Stephen Dimblow. They have made a solid start and look likely to improve greatly during the season, which should ensure a finishing position in the top half of the division. The similar standard of the two village teams was reflected in the recent, keenly contested 5 - 5 draw in the local derby match. Although neither team look likely to win Division 3, the club has a good chance of winning honours in the team and individual competitions following the Christmas break.

JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS

No weekend sessions for youngsters have been held in the village hall so far this season. This is because of a new coaching initiative launched in conjunction with the West Wiltshire league. A series of lessons is being given in Westbury and has been extremely well attended by youngsters from Great Hinton.

STUART WICKHAM.

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100 CLUB

Further winners in the 100 Club are as follows :-

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
1st	Mrs. C. Burch	Mrs. G. Wickham	Mrs. M. Gilbert
2nd	Mrs. G. Gibson	Mrs. M. Lee	Mrs. M. Lee
3rd	Mrs. Ashton	Mr. R. Meade	Mr. R. Horspool
4th	Mrs. S. Cowdry	Mrs. Mustart	Mr. V. Squibbs

Quarterly Prize: Mr. D. Gibbs

	<u>October:</u>	<u>November:</u>
1st	Mr. S. Wickham	Mrs. Gaulton
2nd	Mrs. S. Smith	Mrs. Mustart
3rd	Mrs. Mills	Mrs. Crumpler
4th	Mr. P. Winterburn	Mr. Foyle

Christmas Prize: Mrs. May Newman

Stuart Wickham will be around to see you in January, when another 100 Club year starts. Membership fee for twelve months is still £12. So far there have never been 100 members - let's see if we can make it in 1992.

THE VICAR



What is the point of Christmas ? It reminds us that the Almighty and Eternal Son of God took human nature and was born into this world. Why did he come ? An anonymous poet summed it up in these words :-

If our greatest need had been information
God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been money
God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been technology
God would have sent a scientist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure
God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness
So God sent us a Saviour.

It is a time for great rejoicing and celebration, but this will only have true and lasting meaning for us when we accept Him as such in our own lives, and let this impinge upon all that we are and do from this moment onwards.

"Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord"

A very happy Christmas to you all.

DAVID HART.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 1991.

Open letter to the inhabitants of Great Hinton:

This year, the Village Hall Committee generously decided to replace the "rusty hook" on which the Remembrance Day poppy wreath had previously been hung, with a handsome oak plaque bearing the motif of the Royal British Legion and including the words "Lest we Forget". This was duly completed and the plaque was mounted on the front door of the Village Hall early in November in time for the 1991 Wreath Laying Ceremony.

1991 was not Great Hinton's normal turn for formal wreath laying since this is rotated around the villages comprising the parish of Steeple Ashton. However, in appreciation of the efforts of the Great Hinton Village Hall Committee, the local committee of the British Legion were persuaded to hold a formal inaugural ceremony on November 10th 1991. The ceremony was publicised well in advance on the Great Hinton village notice board.

On the day, the Vicar (Rev. David Hart), local British Legion committee members and the two British Legion standard bearers attended to conduct and participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremony. A reasonable turn out from Great Hinton to mark the occasion was both expected and hoped for. In the event, the number of Great Hinton villagers who attended the ten minute ceremony was.....four !

Where were you Great Hinton - did nearly all of you forget ?

CIRIL SALMON.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

BARN DANCE.

Another successful barn dance was held on October 18th. Our caller Reg Hutchings and the excellent band, The Accordionics, kept everyone dancing from 8 to 11.30, with a break for ploughman's supper prepared by the ladies of the committee. A profit of £39.72 was made for hall funds. The proceeds, from the raffle of £41 was donated to the Children in Need appeal.



HANGOVER PARTY.

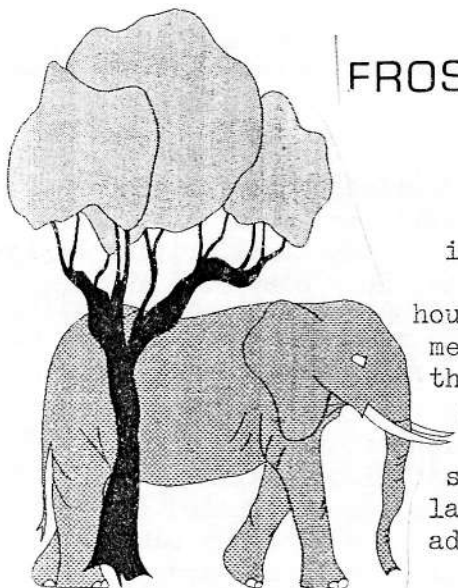
Don't forget the Hangover Party on Friday 10th January at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. Tickets from Jean are £2.50 each which includes the buffet supper. Bring your own glasses and drinks.

B.Y.O. CLUB.

Now that the long dark evenings have arrived and we find ourselves housebound for most of the time, how about getting out for a social chat at the Linnet on Thursday evenings from about 8.30 onwards ?

So, what does B.Y.C. club stand for ? Buy Your Own - and that is the only stipulation, strange as it may seem but makes sense when you consider that all you may want is an orange juice and lemonade to enjoy a drink and a chat, whereas others may prefer more expensive drinks.

When you arrive at the Linnet don't be embarrassed by not offering to buy anyone a drink, just buy your own, and have a good natter ! Cheers !



FROSTBITTEN KNEES

Well almost ! Roger and Debbie Meade are to be congratulated on entering into the true spirit of the first Great Hinton Safari Dinner last Saturday. They were to be seen walking around in shorts. Eight houses took part in this event which involved different courses at different houses, each time with new guests, finally everyone meeting up for port and cheese. All participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves and will actively be encouraging more to take part in the next event. The ladies are to be thanked for their culinary skills. Not knowing where you were going to the last moment, or who was going to turn up as guests added to the excitement of the evening.

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Sadly we have to report the death in October of Pauline Whatley. She will be missed by many villagers. All our sympathy to Tony.

LADIES CLUB



Autumn's here ! so it must be Ladies Club ! After the long and fairly hot summer it was great to see all the ladies back in the swing of things again. Our trip to Elms Cross vineyard was a very pleasant way to spend an evening; after walking around the vineyard and seeing a very informative slide show and talk, we were able to sample some very good wine and stock up our cellars for Christmas.

At our first meeting this season we were entertained by Mr. Lye who brought along his amazing collection of walking sticks which ranged from the ordinary to the quite bizarre - Mr. Lye had a story for each one !

The October meeting was quite lively with Mrs. Thorne demonstrating colour analysis and makeup skills. Jean and Audrey looked very glamorous at the end of the evening.

What a whoppa ! The bonfire was huge, and we had a good, crisp clear night for our firework display. Many thanks to Diane and Joe Norris for the loan of their field, and to all the ladies who produced great Soup, Sausages and Spuds. Also many thanks to all who helped make the bonfire possible -

MORE HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED NEXT YEAR

The best Guy competition was won by Colin Crumpler and Charlotte and Matthew Propert were runners up.

I don't think the cracker makers need worry about Great Hinton knocking them out of the market this year, after Sue, Anne and Carol demonstrated this fine Art at our November meeting. The ladies all had a go themselves - the outcome was very similar to the Generation Game, it's not as easy as it looks !

The Christmas Dinner is booked for the 11th December at the Linnet, 7.30 for 8 p.m. If I haven't had your name yet please let me know.

Our next meeting is after the Christmas festivities on the 15th January, when Mrs. Smith will be talking on the History of Bells.

CHERRY MUNDAY.



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POPPY APPEAL

I am pleased to be able to tell you that the amount collected in Great Hinton for the Poppy appeal was £58.28. Thank you to all who gave.

DIANE NORRIS.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the village who helped Pauline during her illness. I know that she was most appreciative of all the kindness shown to her.

I would also like to say thank you for all the support you gave me at this sad time.

TONY WHATLEY.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Regretfully, a serious burglary took place in the heart of the village between 7.30 and 9.15 on the evening of November 26th 1991. If anyone saw or heard anything (however small) which might prove useful, please contact PC Newbery at Trowbridge police station on 95 763101 or ring me on Devizes 870 662 and I will pass your report on.

This is a lesson to us all - please be extremely vigilant especially over the holiday period when your houses are unattended. Chris joins me in wishing you all a very happy and trouble free Christmas.

SANDY SALMON.



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POLICE

I should like to remind everyone of the importance of wearing bright clothing at night. It is during these dark winter evenings that many of the serious and fatal road accidents involving pedestrians occur. Fluorescent and bright clothing will enable car drivers to see adults and children alike.

For those going away at Christmas please be sure to inform your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators to keep an eye on your property. May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a crime free 1992.

PC 266 MARK NEWBERY.

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THE REMINISCENCES OF MR. CHRIS NOAD - Perhaps other villagers would like to add theirs next time.

My knowledge of Great Hinton goes back to about 1921 - during that year I started as a weekly boarder at Melksham High School.

My father employed a man Mr. Tom Maggs who used to live at Ashton Common, he walked across the fields to Hinton House. His duties were to take me to school on Mondays and collect me on Friday in a pony and trap. He also helped with the cows (father had a smallholding) and made butter.

Father at this time had a car called a Saxon - Mr. Maggs used to get the car out of the garage and start it up and warm the engine, ready for father to go to Trowbridge to sell the butter to Porters Shop (a small grocer's shop just going into Trowbridge).

As a matter of interest when you went into Trowbridge, you could leave the car outside the shop all day or anywhere else without anyone worrying you.

My father was also in partnership with four other brothers at that time. He was the senior partner of J. & J. Noad, Corn & Flour Millers & Farming, consisting of Littleton Corn Mill, Seend Head Flour Mill, Littleton Farm, Melksham Park Farm.

The Mills were driven by Waterwheel, later turbine - delivery of corn and flour by waggon and horses. Corn for grinding in the Mill was brought up from Bristol by canal in barges drawn also by horses.

I can remember at this time we had the telephone (only one in the village I think) and the number was Hilperton 40Y and we were on a party line with a Mr. Fare at Hilperton whose number was 40X.



My brother Henley Thomas Moad who lives at Hinton House (5½ years older than me) was always very keen on anything electrical, so persuaded father to buy a crystal set in 1921.

Those were great days - you had to get the "catswhisker" carefully poised on to the crystal and with the aid of headphones you could hear music or talking from the Station 2LO. But woe betide anyone else sitting by the side of you rustling any newspaper - it was fatal you could hear nothing. This type of radio when you finished listening you just put the headphones down - no need to switch off - there was nothing to run down.

Also at this time father bought a new car a Standard 14 h.p. tourer with a dicky seat - that was a car whereby the driver and passenger had a hood over them, but in the dicky seat you were open to the elements of the weather. Always when starting the car first time in the morning you would use the handle, after that as a luxury the self starter. Actually for its time this was quite a modern car, having an OHV engine.

I can well remember the day father and mother used to go to Weston and stay at the York Hotel for a week, and one year when we were due to return home it poured with rain - us three sons had to sit in the dicky seat and were drenched coming home, we thought this was great fun. Father and mother were in front in the dry !

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PETER CROOKE AND OTHER CHARITIES.



Do you know that if you live in Great Hinton you are eligible to apply for assistance from this charity ? It was set up in 1977 when the Charity Commissioners amalgamated five small charities relating to the ancient parish of Steeple Ashton which included Great Hinton and West Ashton. They are :-

CROOKES CHARITY: Peter Crooke 1633. Two pounds a year forever out of lands at Tilshead, traditionally used for buying shirts for the poor. The brass of Peter Crooke is in Steeple Ashton church.

MARTYN'S CHARITY: Samuel Martyn 1643. The rent of two acres of land in Steeple Ashton called Luffenham, to be spent on coats and gowns for the poor. Samuel Martyn built the present house at East Town Farm.

BROWN'S CHARITY 1720. This applies only to Steeple Ashton.

POOR'S STOCK 1727. This was an amalgamation of charities given by the Martyn and Rogers families and others from 1594, which by 1727 amounted to £25. It was frequently used to buy clothes for the poor.

POOR'S MONEY: By whom, when or how given - unknown ! It produced about two pounds a year and assisted the poor of Great Hinton.

As can be seen, the amount raised is quite small and is no longer spent on coats and shirts. The Charity Commissioners insist that payments must be made according to the original spirit of the donors and suggest that the income could be spent, for example, on special payments to relieve sudden distress or sickness, or on providing special facilities or services.

There are five trustees, the Vicar of Steeple Ashton (ex officio), three nominated by each of the Parish Councils and one co-opted. Mrs. Diane Norris represents Great Hinton. If you know of anyone who might benefit from this charity, please get in touch with Mrs. Norris (870519) or with the secretary to the trustees, Mrs. H. Rogers (870589).

PARISH COUNCIL



ROAD SAFETY. The Parish Council wish to make you aware of a general safety hazard, whereby some overgrown hedges, trees and shrubs are restricting the vision and road width in the village. The Council is seeking your co-operation by each householder inspecting the frontage, and where applicable to cut back the hazard.

GARDEN BONFIRES. From various complaints received there would appear to be a lack of awareness by some householders regarding smoke pollution from garden bonfires and the resulting inconvenience to other householders. The Council understands the problem of disposing of garden waste and we are making an enquiry to the District Council to increase the frequency of their skip provision, though cost may prevent this. However, the Council is sure the problem can be minimised by a more thoughtful approach - for example, have a chat with the close neighbours to determine the best time to start the fire, make sure the fire is not smouldering for long periods, and so on.

SENINGTON CREMATORIUM. The local Planning Authority decided to permit the outline application on the 28th October. Further approval will have to be obtained before any development is commenced on the details (design and external appearance), which were not submitted with the application.

The Authority have set stringent conditions which the developer will need to complete before the crematorium can be brought into use.

A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year from the Parish Council members.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECYCLING.

The recycling working party (which I chaired) has now proposed twenty recycling centres, largely in rural areas, for textiles, cans, glass and paper. Additionally, we are setting up a pilot scheme for 'microbanks' in urban areas, based on fifty or so dwellings.



CONCESSIONARY FARES.

We're thinking of moving from tokens to a half-fare bus pass scheme (except for the disabled who need to use taxis). What are your views on this?

SURGERIES FOR 1992 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, GREAT HINTON - 10 to 11 a.m.

Saturday December 14th. Saturday February 22nd. Saturday May 2nd.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

ADRIAN FOX.

Local District Councillor

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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