

GRAPEVINE

Spring 1992

GREAT HINTON VILLAGE NEWS



1991 AGONY RUN RAFFLE PRIZE
GLIDER FLIGHT OVER VILLAGE

DAD'S GLIDER FLIGHT.

A glider flight was the star prize in last year's Agony Run raffle, and in some people's eyes this would be a dubious pleasure ! The winner was unable to take the flight, so it was kindly passed to my father who had expressed his hopes of winning it. I rang the gliding club to make quite sure they would take someone of Dad's advancing years (83) up, and there was no problem.

We chose Sunday 28th July, but unfortunately it was very cloudy that morning and they would not be able to start flying until it cleared, so it was after midday before we arrived at Keevil airfield.

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After about half an hour, during which time we watched the very enthusiastic members of the gliding club going about their business, it was Dad's turn, and he was duly strapped into the glider in front of the pilot, whilst two people held the wings. The tow rope attached to the aeroplane went taut and they gathered speed along the runway and rose into the air. I had butterflies in my stomach just watching, but Dad was O.K. When the glider was airborne the towrope was dropped and the 'plane circled back to land.

The pilot took the glider out towards Bratton, West Ashton, Semington and Great Hinton, where Dad was able to spot familiar sights. He picked out Paul and Min's house with the sheep dotted around and our house - Joe had left his blue van on the lawn so it would be easy to see.

After about twenty minutes and much too soon for Dad, he was descending on to Keevil airfield, having thoroughly enjoyed every second. It was a very thrilling experience, and very noticeable how quiet it was with just a slight whistle as they glided through the air.

Dad's only previous flight had taken place about fifty or sixty years ago. He paid five shillings for a very brief trip in a small open cockpit 'plane, when Alan Cobham's flying circus had come to Hag Hill.

Another ambition of Dad's is to fly in Concorde, perhaps that will be the star prize in this year's Agony Run raffle !

DIANE NORRIS.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

HERE I GO AGAIN ! PLEASE WILL YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR HOLIDAY DATES AND WHO WILL BE HOLDING YOUR KEY.

SANDY SALMON. Tel. 870 662.

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SECOND SAFARI DINNER

On the 21st March Great Hinton was seemingly invaded by Salmon Mouse, as three couples had chosen this wonderful dish as a first course for the Second Safari Dinner.

Twenty five villagers took part on this occasion, with Peter & Val Alker providing the venue for pre-dinner drinks. The allocation of courses was random, but ensuring that on this occasion everyone did a different course to last time.

The excitement of the evening was not knowing where you were going for the two courses at which you were to be guests. Throughout the evening the hosts provided liberal quantities of wine and hospitality, and everyone finished at Sandra & Kevin's for Cheese, Port & Coffee.

ANOTHER EVENT WILL BE ARRANGED IN SEPTEMBER IT'S MUCH BETTER TO TAKE PART THAN READ ABOUT IT!



GREAT HINTON AGONY RUN 1992

21ST JUNE 1992

It's countdown time again for the Eighth Great Hinton Agony Run which this year is to be held on the 21st June and is in aid of the Dorothy House Foundation.

Since the start of the run in 1985 just over £5000 has been raised for local charities and £3500 has been collected for Village funds.

Last year was a challenge with the worsening weather, and full credit must go to the band of regular volunteers who helped make it another successful year with a cheque for £450 being presented to Trowbridge and District Family Support Services.

The runners' times continue to reduce with the fastest being attributed to Chris Tweedle (13min 32sec), the best lady being Barbara Lettch (17min 15sec) and the best villager, Russell Crumpler (17min 40sec). No expense has been spared and the race route is being resurfaced.

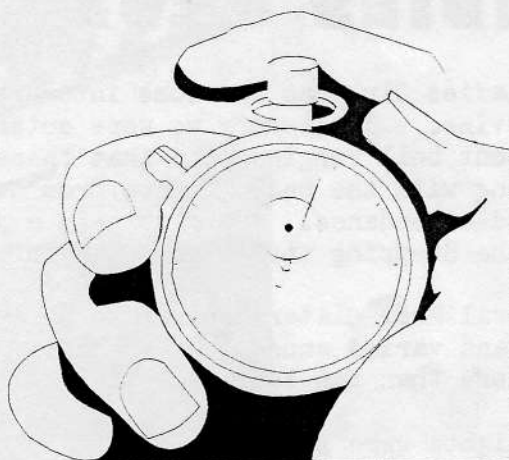
Another major factor in making a success is local support and already several local people have offered donations. The medals will be provided by Bill Irons (The Linnet), printing by Falcon Press at reduced rates paid for by Lloyds Bank (Richard Clarke), the first raffle prize of one year's family membership of the National Trust by Kepak Meats (John Putt), wine from 'The Lamb' and a hamper from the Ladies Club.

The bottle stall proved extremely popular and will be run again this year and donations of bottles or cans should be given to John Fennell at 6, Peppercorn Orchard.

You too can help by providing assistance on the day, running the event, and encouraging as many people to visit the village on the day and take part.

If you are training please remember that you wear light coloured clothing to ensure you are clearly seen and children should not run unaccompanied.

Kevin Crumpler



THE AGONY RUN CAKE STALL - 21st JUNE.

Goodness Gracious here's some fun
Time once more for the Agony Run
Cakes and pies and pastries too
These are what we ask of you
Bring them to the Agony Run
Lovely day for everyone
Dorothy House needs loads of money
So don't forget the Cake Stall please
Jam, eggs, marmalade, even honey
All help our fight against disease.

P.S. Bring them to me on Saturday if more convenient
(afraid I've run out of rhymes)

JOAN BARKER.

THE VICAR

As I write these few lines, Christians around the world are preparing to celebrate the joyful Easter season, with its message of hope for all who believe and trust in Jesus, who defeated death and is alive for evermore.

In a few weeks' time we shall arrive at Rogationtide. This season is the reverse of Harvest. Harvest is the time when we thank God for His provision for another year. At Rogationtide we come in prayer to God to ask His blessing upon the ploughing and sowing, upon the work of all involved in producing food for the world; indeed upon all aspects of community life. This really is what we pray in the Lord's Prayer "Give us this day our daily bread". We acknowledge our complete dependence upon the goodness of God. Notice it is not "Give me", but "Give us". It is quite significant that in May comes Christian Aid week, when we are asked to make a special effort to give to the desperately needy in our world.

We may be suffering from a recession, and for many, times have been very difficult - but compared to millions in our world we do have so much. As we pray "Give us this day our daily bread" perhaps we can do something ourselves to answer that prayer for others, as we give to Christian Aid or a similar organisation, to bring hope and help to others.

DAVID HART.

LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club has had some interesting meetings since the last issue of the Grapevine. In January we were entertained by Mrs. Betty Smith who talked to us about bell ringing, and that theme was followed on when we held our Gourmet Evening with the bell ringers from Seend, once again it was a fun evening with a good attendance. We also held a jumble sale in February which raised £70 for the Stepping Stones group in Trowbridge.

In April Mrs. Slater came all the way from Shrewton to talk to us about her many and varied amusing house moves. It would have been nice for her to have had more than ten ladies to talk to - so come on ladies, MAKE AN EFFORT !!!!

Our sights were set to summer at our A.C.M. where Sandy Salmon was our auctioneer for the Bring and Buy sale. Plans were made for our Summer Fete which will be held on the 18th July in Audrey Plummer's garden, with our many thanks. Our Theme this year is AN ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN and all money raised will go to H.T.V. Telethon Appeal which is being held on the same day. There will be all the usual attractions and a garden on a plate competition for the children. Watch out for posters nearer the time for more details.

CHERRY MUNDAY.

HELP THE AGED

The March collection in the village for Help the Aged raised £35.99. Thanks to all who contributed.

DIANE STOREY.

PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL OPEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The 1992 meeting was held on 25th March, and despite the cold and wet evening was again well attended. The chairman, Mr. Vic Bush, gave his outline report

Outline Planning Applications:-

including:-

Mr. G. Keen, 3 dwellings - granted by the District.

Mr. P. Noad, 1 dwelling on agricultural grounds - since refused by the District.

Mr. G.L. Goodenough, 1 dwelling based on change of use of redundant storage buildings, on land adjacent to Old Chesils - this application is now under appeal at the refusal by the District.

The County Traffic Calming Programme.

The chairman stressed the need for all to keep aware of road safety, and thanked everyone for their response in removing restrictions to our narrow roads as requested. The findings of the police traffic survey reference vehicle numbers and speeds indicated few vehicles exceeded 30 m.p.h. The view of the meeting was that 30 m.p.h. was too fast.

Thanks were expressed to all villagers who participate in village activities with special reference to

Sandy Salmon and helpers for their Neighbourhood Watch work
Village Hall and Community Committee with special reference to Committee secretary Bill Barker

Kevin Crumpler, co-ordinator of the annual Agony Run

Stuart Wickham, for the 100 Club

Min Squibbs and Joan Barker for the Grapevine

Richard Andrew for the Whist drives

The Ladies Club for their work in staging the annual Fete, Guy Fawkes bonfire night, Gourmet evening, village flower beds etc.

Best Kept Village competition 1992.

It was agreed to enter. Let's make this year a repeat of 1987 when we last won the competition.

Proposed District Structure Plan.

Sarah Glenn and Martin Mallinson, officers from the District Council Planning department gave a most informative summary of the proposed plan which excluded residential development in Great Hinton, except on special grounds e.g. agricultural.

A lively debate was held especially on the likely road congestion arising from the Hilperton Paxcroft development, and the need to ensure the necessary road improvements were included in the plan.

The evening concluded with tea and biscuits, which provided an informal opportunity to discuss further items with Gareth Roberts and Adrian Fox, our County and District representatives, and PC Mark Newbery who were kind enough to attend the meeting.

SPORT

TABLE TENNIS TALK.

The 1991/2 season has now been completed with both of Great Hinton teams finishing with some good results. Unfortunately it has been a season in which honours have eluded Great Hinton in the team events. Both teams reached the semi-final stages of separate cup tournaments, and both lost to the same team - Butler and Tanner B from Frome.

The final league table shows the B team in sixth position, one place and five points ahead of the A team. This reflects the big improvements made by the B team during the season. The second local derby between the teams highlighted the gains made by the B team. Following the 5-5 draw in the first half of the season, they edged out the A team 6-4 in another keenly contested match. The marked improvement from Great Hinton's younger players in particular augurs well for next season, where there is likely to be little to choose between six or seven different teams in the division.

JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS.

The village youngsters competing in the Junior League still have two outstanding fixtures to play. It seems likely that they will finish either second or third this year, and it is hoped that a further improvement will be seen next year.

Villagers Alex Winterburn and Simon Crumpler have also played regularly in the League for Westbury 1, and have both improved considerably during the season and have won a number of their games.

Many of Great Hinton's young players have taken part in new competitions organised by the West Wilts Table Tennis League. For the first time an under 14 competition was staged, with Russell Crumpler winning the West Wilts boys' title. He had further success teaming up with Katy Putt as they won the Cadet doubles title. Unfortunately the opposition proved too strong in a further tournament which included players from the Swindon and Salisbury areas. However, youngsters from West Wilts have made great strides and it is hoped that they will shortly "catch up" with the youngsters from the other regions.

Regular practice sessions are being staged throughout the summer for both senior and junior players. If anybody is interested in playing regardless of ability or experience, please contact me on Trowbridge 764718.

STUART WICKHAM.

WHIST

Whist evenings are coming towards the end of another enjoyable season with increased numbers joining the regulars.

I would like to thank the volunteers who have helped throughout the season, but fear a possibility of having to discontinue if further volunteers are not forthcoming.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and warm summer, and hoping to see you all in the new season starting 8th September 1992.

RICHARD ANDREW

DEVIZES AND DISTRICT PHAB

To celebrate the 10th Annual Event and also the 15th anniversary of this club, we are organising a FULL DAY event on Saturday 13th June, starting at 10 a.m. with the Vintage Vehicle Rally and other attractions.

The wheelchair push walk and 10 mile run start at 2 p.m. Wiltshire Sound will be there, model aircraft display, radio controlled Buggies - try these for yourself. Car boot sale and trade stands, pony rides, bouncy castle etc. For further details contact :-

Vintage Rally: Tony Bishop Tel. 0373 832259

Car Boot Sale and Trade Stands: Mavis Bennett Tel. 0225 722247
Pitch £4 paid before day or £5 on day

Sponsorship cards and full details: Michael Braund Tel. 0380 870 274

Posters in Noticeboard at Great Hinton.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Ten committee members and six villagers attended the Annual General Meeting in the village hall on 29 April 1992. The Minutes for the previous year were read and approved. The Treasurer outlined the financial position, showing a net balance of £6,856.83.

The Chairman reported on a successful year with the usual activities of table tennis, whist, 100 club, Agony run, Barn dance and Hangover party, plus a new venture - the Safari Dinner organised by Kevin Crumpler. The whist is proving very popular but any offers of help running the evening would be greatly appreciated by Richard Andrew - 870 691.

Wine and cheese were enjoyed after the meeting.



If you look after an elderly parent or relative, husband or wife, child, neighbour or friend, we may be able to help you. Carers Network has information which can be of use to carers, and tries to improve the quality of life and health of the carer. We publish a quarterly newsletter and hold local Carers Group meetings.

As an ex-carer I understand some of the problems which many of you face, and by joining the Network you would receive our newsletter with useful articles and information. If you think we could be of help or if you would like any advice, or just a newsletter, please contact either Kath Loram at Bridge House, Stallard Street, Trowbridge - 0225 767732 - or me at my home address - 0373 827759.

IRENE TOUT.
Link Worker.

100 CLUB

Membership of the village 100 Club is down slightly on last year. There are 78 members, prizes being as follows :-

1st prize	£13	
2nd "	£ 9	
3rd "	£ 7	Quarterly prize £15
4th "	£ 5	

Prizewinners for the first 4 months were :-

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
1st	Mr. G. Noake	Mrs. C. Munday	Mrs. J. Newman	Mrs. R. Ghey
2nd	Mr. G. Harbour	Mr. S. Wickham	Miss H. Dix	Mr. S. Wickham
3rd	Mrs. E. Hocking	Mrs. M. Noad	Mr. J. Hallam	Mr. D. Gibbs
4th	Mrs. A. Plummer	Mrs. J. Hallam	Mr. P. Winterburn	Mr. Foyle

Quarterly prize: Mrs. V. Francis

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Congratulations to Helen Plummer and Michael Brown on their marriage on 2nd May, and best wishes for their future happiness.

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MOBILE LIBRARY

The Library will call at the Linnet from 10.45 to 11 a.m. on the following

FRIDAYS:
 May 8th and 22nd
 June 5th and 19th
 July 3rd, 17th and 31st
 August 14th

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Agony Run

Bottles for bottle stall to John Fennell, 6 Peppercorn Orchard.

Cakes for cake stall to Joan Barker, Lorne Cottage.

Raffle gifts to and tickets from Anne Truman, Hillside Cottage.

CONTINUING MY REMINISCENCES OF GREAT HINTON.

During the summer evenings I used to go out looking for glow worms round the Narrows. My brother also says they were to be found on the canal banks - never see them now !

The timbered house opposite the Linnet was once sold for £100 and was occupied by a Mr. Twiney. This Mr. Twiney once came to kill a pig for my father - never forget it as a child, he just gave it a good wallop between the eyes with a wooden mallet and stuck it !

The land behind the letterbox used to be an apple orchard and belonged to Mr. Langley, the landlord of the New Inn (now the Linnet) - a chubby red faced man who used to sit back in his armchair in the bar - quite an endearing person to chat to.

CHRIS NOAD.