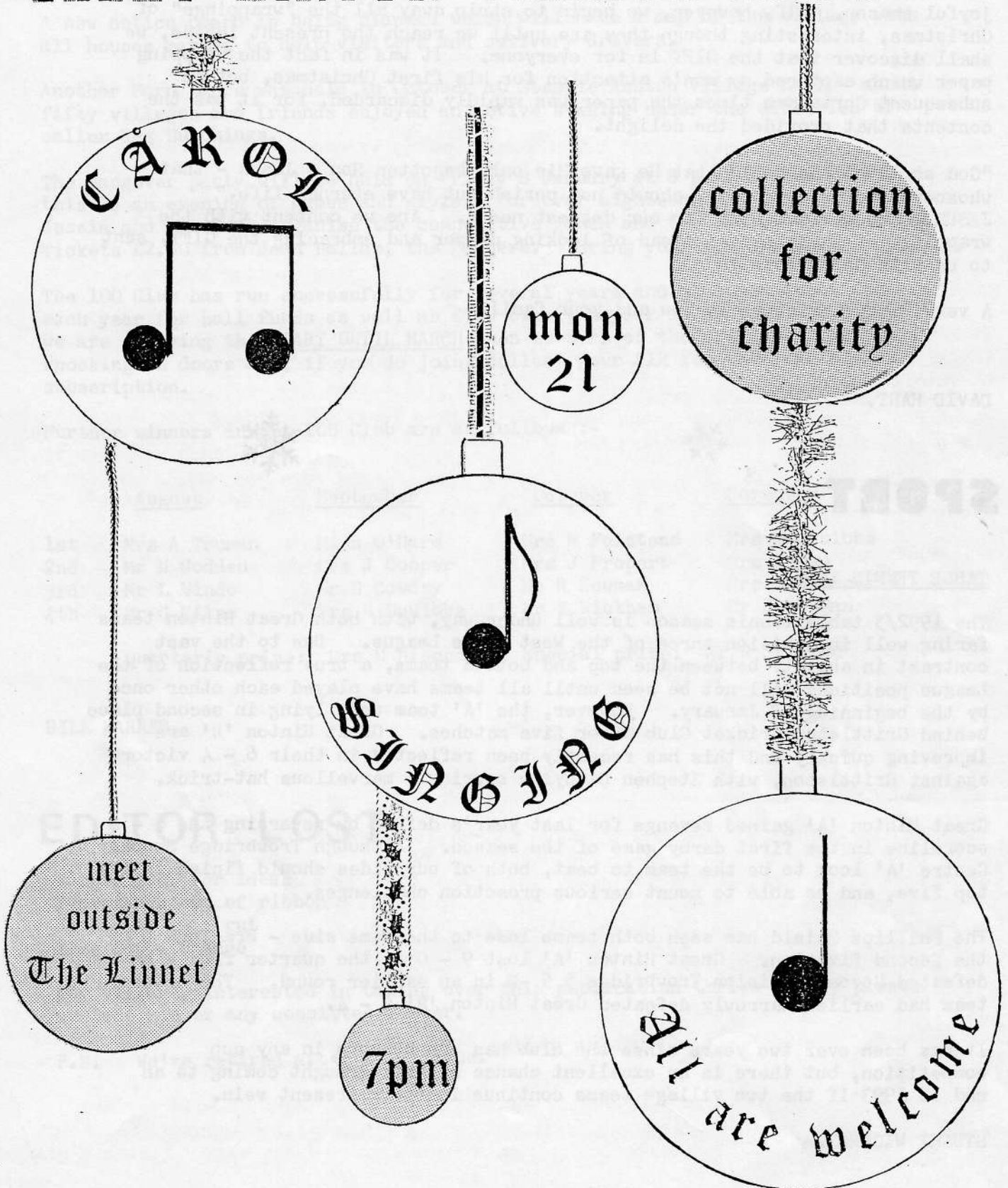


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GREAT HINTON VILLAGE NEWS



THE VICAR

At Christmas we spend much time in searching for the perfect gift. Giving is at the heart of Christmas for the first Christmas began with a gift - a gift from God. So often it is said that Christmas is for the children. True - there is so much that is enchanting about all the customs associated with this joyful season. If, however, we begin to strip away all the "wrappings" of Christmas, interesting though they are until we reach the present inside, we shall discover that the GIFT is for everyone. It was in fact the wrapping paper which captured my son's attention for his first Christmas, but at subsequent Christmas times the paper was rapidly discarded, for it was the contents that provided the delight.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son - Jesus - that whosoever believes in Him, should not perish but have eternal life."
JESUS - the perfect Gift for our deepest needs. Are we content with the wrappings of Christmas, instead of looking deeper and embracing the GIFT, sent to us with God's love ?

A very happy Christmas to you and your family

DAVID HART.



SPORT

TABLE TENNIS TALK

The 1992/3 table tennis season is well under way, with both Great Hinton teams faring well in division three of the West Wilts League. Due to the vast contrast in ability between the top and bottom teams, a true reflection of the League positions will not be seen until all teams have played each other once by the beginning of January. However, the 'A' team were lying in second place behind Grittleton Cricket Club after five matches. Great Hinton 'B' are improving quickly and this has recently been reflected in their 6 - 4 victory against Grittleton, with Stephen Dimbylow scoring a marvellous hat-trick.

Great Hinton 'A' gained revenge for last year's defeat by reversing the 6 - 4 scoreline in the first derby game of the season. Although Trowbridge Snooker Centre 'A' look to be the team to beat, both of our sides should finish in the top five, and be able to mount serious promotion challenges.

The Phillips Shield has seen both teams lose to the same side - Bradford D of the Second Division. Great Hinton 'A' lost 9 - 0 in the quarter finals having defeated Second Division Trowbridge 5 5 - 0 in an earlier round. The Bradford team had earlier narrowly defeated Great Hinton 'B' 5 - 4.

It has been over two years since the club has won honours in any cup competition, but there is an excellent chance of this drought coming to an end in 1993 if the two village teams continue in their present vein.

STUART WICKHAM.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

More plants and some hundred and fifty bulbs have been planted in the Hall garden - so watch out for a great display in the Spring.

A new notice board is being planned which will have a map of the village with all houses marked to help visitors and delivery drivers.

Another Barn Dance was held in October at Steeple Ashton village hall - about fifty villages and friends enjoyed an active evening under the direction of caller Reg Hutchings.

The Hangover party will be held on Friday 8 January at 8 p.m. in the hall - this is an evening of games and skylark for over eighteens and under ninety. Jessie and Vic Bush organise the competitive games and the ladies the feasting. Tickets £2.50 from Jean Hallam, the Badgers. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

The 100 Club has run successfully for several years and produces about £500 each year for hall funds as well as £500 over the year in prizes. FOR 1993 we are delaying the START UNTIL MARCH when members of the committee will be knocking on doors and, if you do join, collect your £12 for the year's subscription.

Further winners in the 100 Club are as follows :-



	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
1st	Mrs A Truman	Miss O'Ware	Mrs M Felstead	Mrs M Squibbs
2nd	Mr N Godden	Mrs J Cooper	Mrs J Probert	Mrs P Dew
3rd	Mr L Windo	Mr G Cowdry	Mr R Newman	Mrs A Plummer
4th	Mr G Miles	Mrs S Squibbs	Mr E Wickham	Mr J Newman

Quarterly prize: Mrs M Hiscock. Special prize: Mr R Shipman

BILL BARKER.

EDITOR LOST

Editor lost for ideas
Typist run out of ribbon
Grapevine in a rut
Time for a change

Any villager interested in taking over this publication thrice yearly please contact Min or any committee member.

P.S. We've retired after this issue.

PARISH COUNCIL

As normal, the winter is proving to be a quiet period for Parish activities and problems. However, there are a couple of items which we would like to mention and seek your support.

Establishing a "Green Forum" for West Wiltshire.

Some seventy people responded to a request to meet in the West Wilts District Council chamber, with a view to setting up a Forum, to help safeguard and improve West Wiltshire natural areas of woodlands, wild life, plants etc.

The proposal was enthusiastically welcomed and it was agreed the Forum should be set up at the earliest opportunity. Your Parish Council will be represented at the Forum. If anyone is concerned about a particular designated area in our locality, please contact me and I will ensure it is brought to the notice of the proposed Forum.

Warminster Athenaeum Theatre.

We were recently invited to attend a gathering at the theatre in order to ask for our support at their events and to discuss possible ways of improving attendance. If you are not already aware, the theatre is an excellent, reasonably local facility and provides a wide variety of events. Ambitious plans have been approved over the next two to three years to enable more flexible use of the accommodation and to improve the decor.

If you are interested, why not contact the theatre and ask for their diary of events, no doubt there will be an event that will appeal to you.

Theatre booking telephone No. 0985 213891/218519, or see diary of events in the village notice board.

Your Parish Council members would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

VICTOR BUSH.



FAREWELL BILL IRONS

Bill at the pub has retired after nearly twenty years as landlord.

When he arrived the pub changed names from the New Inn to the Linnet, and the decor from beige to a warm red glow. Bill helped with all eight Agony Runs, allowing the car park as the venue and supplying for many years the trophies.

He will be missed in the village, and we hope he will have a happy retirement in Trowbridge.



POPPY APPEAL

The total amount collected in Great Hinton for the above appeal was £67.38. My thanks to all who gave so generously.

WHIST

Whist has been running regularly every Tuesday evening with more than thirty people attending. The Christmas Whist Drive for regulars will be held on Tuesday 22nd December, at 7.30 p.m.

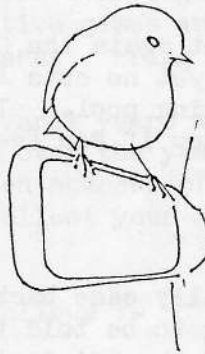
There will be no whist on the 29th December but will re-start on the 5th January 1993.

A merry Christmas and happy New Year to all our helpers.



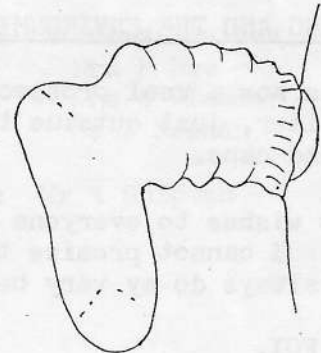
The robin in our car park
Is extremely vain,
He perches on our wing mirrors
Which is really quite a pain.

He looks at his reflection
For hours and hours on end,
Sometimes he is the right way up
Sometimes he's round the bend !



Whichever way he's posing,
He seems to find a way
Of pushing up our car wash fees
As we wash them every day.

Our neighbours think we're barmy
When they see our mirrors now,
Wearing socks to fool our robin
Perhaps he'll go away.



RUDYARD TRUMAN.
with apologies.



POLICE



Recent burglaries in neighbouring villages have been occurring in the daytime. Can everyone be suspicious of unexplained vehicles outside village properties and record the registration numbers.

A Christmas present idea for the children is fluorescent strips or armbands which pedestrians, cyclists or horse riders should wear when out at dusk or night time. These can be purchased through school from the consortium.

May I wish you all a Happy Christmas and Crime Free 1993.

P.C. 266 MARK NEWBERRY.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Having been your District Councillor now for over 18 months, I am still trying to come to terms with the extent to which it has changed my life ! I always considered myself a busy person but nowadays the rare free evening is something to be positively relished ! Being an active councillor really is a full-time commitment and fitting it in around any full-time job, let alone that of a teacher, is not easy. Despite this, it is a tremendously rewarding role and particularly so when it proves possible to help with any local or personal issue. Attending the five Parish Councils in my area has proved to be far from a chore and has helped me keep closely in touch with local issues. I continue to hold regular surgeries in all the villages and distribute the "Focus" newsletter, which I hope everyone receives.

1993 BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX

I am pleased to report that yet again the Council will be facing 1993 with expenditure massively reduced yet no cuts in services. We are even going ahead with replacing the swimming pool. The new Council Tax comes into force next April. Please let me know if you feel your property has been wrongly valued.

LOCAL ISSUES

The Semington Crematorium finally came back to the Planning Committee on 8th December. It was frustrating to be told that many of the issues I wished to raise had in fact been part of the original so-called "outline" permission, granted with so little discussion by the previous planning committee.

RECYCLING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

There is now a real prospect of a recycling facility being provided near the bus shelter, just outside the village. This would be for three types of glass, paper and cans.

My best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year. Please keep in touch. I cannot promise to solve every problem but you can be assured that I will always do my very best !

ADRIAN FOX.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The good news is that there is little to report in Great Hinton. The bad news is that there have been "break ins" in both Keevil and Steeple Ashton; these both occurred during daylight hours. Please report anything suspicious to the police.

Chris joins me in wishing you all a very happy and trouble free Christmas and New Year.

SANDY SALMON.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Exercise your Larynx and Legs around the village on Monday 21st December.
Meet at 7 p.m. at the Linnet.

All proceeds will go to the Dorothy House foundation.

CHERRY MUNDAY.



CONTINUING MY REMINISCENCES OF GREAT HINTON :-

I can remember during the dry summers, we had to haul water for the cows from the village pump at the bottom of Hinton and when this supply ran out, had to haul water from the top of Cold Harbour - sadly this well is now bricked up and also rubble put into it, this is a good well, far better than the one at the bottom of Coldharbour.

Proceeding now to 1934, my brother Henley Thomas pleaded with father to have a Electric Lighting Set, and so father finally relented and bought a Lister 3 h.p. Diesel Generating Set to charge batteries. This was another great occasion to switch on the first light.

I now proceed to the War Years - there was another small farmer who fixed up a small windmill set - perhaps some of the present older residents can remember ? - I can !

Now to the year 1950 - that was a great year, both electricity and water came to the village and from then on quite a lot of new houses have been constructed.

Before I close one or two items of interest come to mind - during the 1920-30s there were ten farmers producing milk - remember all were hand milked, and now there are none !

On the road known as Hinton Road, that is the road leading from Hinton Cross Roads to Steeple Ashton, going down the road after where I live on the left hand side, there is a beautiful pitched stone (believed Roman) path, which I can remember used to be kept weeded by the road men. Also the men used to carefully trim the road edges with a hoe.

However I think Hinton House and the Bungalow where I live were built well back from the road because of the dusty roads.

The three houses i.e. Hinton House, The Lodge and where I live were all built between 1908 and 1911 for less than £1,500 !

CHRIS NOAD.



WELCOME MARTYN AND CAROL TILLEY

We welcome Martyn and Carol and family who have taken over the Linnet, and hope they will be happy here.

MR. HOWARD CULLIS.

Mr. Cullis has moved to Hilperton from his home in Back Street after over fifty years. Over the years he has taken an active part in Great Hinton village life. We all wish him well in his new home.



Oh No ! 80 !

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GILBERT FOR DECEMBER 1st - SORRY IT'S BELATED !



LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club have a varied start to the new season. Unfortunately at our first meeting our Chairman Dorothy resigned due to other commitments. Many thanks Dorothy from all the members for your year in office.

The ladies elected Sandra Crumpler as new Chairman, so Good Luck to Sandra. At our first meeting in September Mr. Llewlyn from Douch Farm Nurseries came and showed us how to make Christmas decorations from garden debris, so I expect we shall all be nipping around the village with our secateurs ! Then in October Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes of Keevil came and talked about her life as a herbalist - her anti-snoring pillows were a huge success amongst the ladies (for partners !) In November one of our members, Carole Clarke, gave an interesting demonstration on making cards for Christmas and other occasions.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16 December, to be held at the Linnet - 7.30 for 8 p.m. If anyone is interested and hasn't booked yet please contact me on 870 912.

CHERRY MUNDAY.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR