

GRAPES

AUTUMN 1995

£10,011 RAISED IN 11 YEARS

This year's AGONY RUN took the cumulative total to £10,011 when a cheque was presented to the Children's Hospice (South West) at the Ladies Fete. A further £400 was retained to boost Village Hall funds.

A remarkable effort by Chris Rutherford, aged 15, who won the overall event in 14 minutes 58 seconds. The first villager was Russell Crumpler (18:03) who came just ahead of James L'Esteve (18:33) with newcomer David Parsons taking third (20:06)



Again, many thanks to everyone who in their own ways made it another memorable day.

NO AGONY UNTIL 1997

The Hall Committee has decided to have a year off from running the Agony Run, to recharge batteries, and to begin again in 1997 (that's over a year and a half to train for the next run!).

The energy that goes into the event will be channelled into a new venture that could possibly be run on alternate years to the Agony Run. Our problem is that whilst we have a few ideas we do not have a specific venture in mind. Depending on the event then some of the successful cash generators such as the Raffle (£710 in 1995) and the Bottle Stall could be grafted on.

Help us to raise further funds in 1996 for a charity and the Village by suggesting a new theme. Ideas to Mike or Kevin.

GREAT HINTON

EDITORIAL

Thanks to Min pestering people for articles for the Grapevine a bumper edition has been prepared just before the start of the Christmas festivities.

In 1995 fundraising has again featured strongly and many villagers participated in the Pentathlon. Many thanks to all those who helped and sponsored events in the village for the enjoyment of all.

On behalf of 'The Management' I wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous 1996.



PARISH COUNCIL

Speed Limit

I was able to report to the annual Parish Meeting that the County Council have allocated funding for a 30 mph speed limit through the village. Subsequent discussions to reduce this to 20 mph have, regrettably, and for legal reasons, been unsuccessful. The Highways department have not yet set a date for the works, but we are expecting it to be completed before April.

Town Planning

Following a public enquiry the Local Plan, which sets planning policies, is to be changed to permit very limited development in the future. The new policy has yet to be finalised by West Wilts but hopefully it will continue to protect Great Hinton from all but very small scale building.

Best Kept Village

Having won the District round for the fourth successive year Great Hinton were runners-up in the small village category of the County-wide competition, losing the top slot by only a very narrow margin.

Clerk to the Parish Council

Even though it is quite some time since Carol Burch expressed a wish to retire from this post we have not yet found a volunteer to take over. If you are able to attend just six meetings a year and handle Council correspondence and would like to contribute towards efficient local government in our village (in return for a salary in the region of £300 per year), please contact me, or any of the Parish Councillors.

And Finally

If there is any issue that you believe the parish Council can help with then any of your Parish Councillors will be pleased to hear from you.

Chris Munday
(Chairman of the Parish Council)
Tel. 870912

GREAT HINTON NEWS

GREAT HINTON LADIES CLUB 1995/96

Wednesday	13 December	Christmas Dinner - The Lamb
Monday	18 December	Carol Singing
Wednesday	17 January	Skittles - TBA
Wednesday	14 February	Aromatherapy - Mrs Maureen Hawtin
Wednesday	20 March	Gourmet Evening (Theme to be confirmed)
Wednesday	17 April	AGM followed by the 'Bring & Buy' auction

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I had hoped to have nothing to report in this issue but sadly, during the first week in November, a burglary took place in the village. Two men, posing as British Telecomm engineers, 'conned' their way into a house under the pretext of repairing a defective phone line - which they had previously cut! Money and other items were stolen. The police arrived swiftly and are currently investigating.

Please be vigilant and always insist on seeing identity cards.

As always , Chris joins me in wishing you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Sandy Salmon



MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

After a very hot, dry summer we have had a very pleasant autumn and the leaves on the trees are only just beginning to change colour. Shortly there will be the task of sweeping up the leaves and the final tidying of the garden ready for winter. I remember looking out of my window in the last parish at the glorious beech tree in the garden and seeing the leaves steadily falling on to the grass. I knew that before long all the leaves would be down, but I did not know when each leaf would fall. It was a vivid reminder of life for each of us. We all know that one day we shall die, but none of us knows when. The writer of Psalms encourages us, " Lord, teach us to number our days, that we might apply our hearts unto wisdom." The coming season of Advent is one of preparation, not just for Christmas, but a reminder that one day we shall have to stand before God. The season of Christmas tells us of the coming of Jesus, whose name means Saviour. He came that all who love and trust Him might be able to face death with the confident hope that all will be well. May you and your families rejoice in the good news of Christmas again this year.

Yours in Christian love,

David Hart



GREAT HINTON NEWS

100 YEARS OF GREAT HINTON

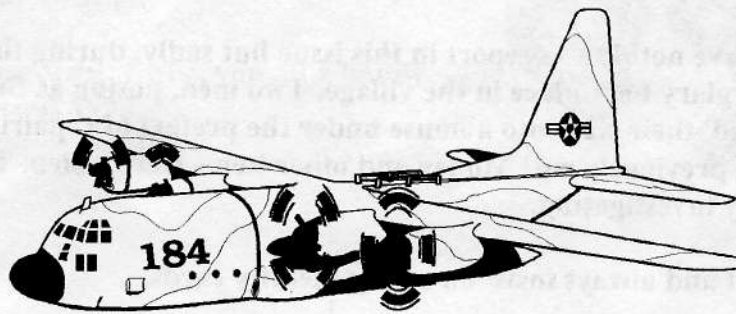
I would like to thank everyone who contributed or joined in our centenary events in the summer, ensuring that the anniversary celebration was a very successful occasion.

Chris Munday (Chairman of the Parish Council)

KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS'COME IN NUMBER 184!'

Keevil School has "adopted" a Hercules aircraft - Number 184!

Twelve children visited R.A.F. Lyneham back in the summer and were given a 'whistle-stop' tour of the airfield (not in a Hercules, unfortunately !). "184" now has a plaque inside, giving details of the



school. We do hope that eventually some kind pilot will send us a postcard from foreign parts. If "184" lands on the airfield, do give them a friendly wave!

Colonel Peter Douglas gave a talk to the children as a follow-up to our V.E. Day collection for the Royal British Legion. (The children paid a small fee for the privilege of dressing up in 1945 style!) The School has been asked to help make a Poppy Chain, which will hopefully stretch from Cromer to Great Yarmouth by next August. We have a poster to complete with 36 signatures of people who have donated £1. If you would like to help us, please call in at school or send your donation in an envelope with one of the schoolchildren. We'd really appreciate your support with this good cause.

Now a look forward to our Christmas events ..

We hope to stage a pantomime (Jack and the Beanstalk) in the Keevil Village Hall on Tuesday, December 12th at 6.30 pm. The whole school will be taking part somewhere ... but I have a feeling our 'overgrown fairy' has gone into hiding ! Shame!

On a more serious note, we shall be holding our, traditional Chrsitingle Service on Tuesday, December 19th at 6.30 pm. in St. Leonard's Church, with coffee and mince pies in the School Hall afterwards.

So, PLEASE start your Chrsitmas Celebrations with the children of Keevil School.

Mo Laycock

RELATE (CHILDREN IN CRISIS)

The recent collection for Relate (Children in Crisis) amounted to £21.84. Thank you.

Min Squibbs

GREAT HINTON NEWS

100 CLUB 1994/5

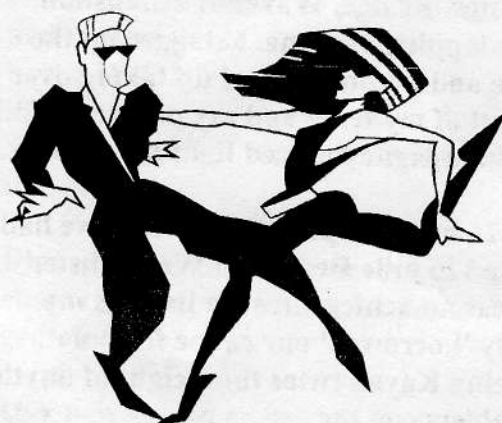
	<i>First prize £13</i>	<i>Second prize £9</i>	<i>Third prize £7</i>	<i>Fourth prize £5</i>
<i>May 95</i>	Mrs J Scrivener	Mr. R Shipman	Mr. M Truman	Mrs Unsworth
<i>June 95</i>	Mrs. J Hallam	Mr C Foyle	Mr. P Squibbs	Mrs McDonic
<i>July 95</i>	Mrs S Smith	Mrs J Hallam	Mrs A Nicoll	Mr J Norris
<i>August 95</i>	Mrs V Francis	Mr J Newman	Mrs P Parsons	Miss M O'Hare
<i>September 95</i>	Mr J Norris	Mr P Squibbs	Mr F Gotelee	Mr Hiscock
<i>October 95</i>	Mr. R Newman	Mrs Unsworth	Mrs V Alker	Mr M Truman

Jean (my name only appears twice) Hallam

LINNET - CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

<i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	6.30 - 11.40
<i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>	12.00 - 2.00
<i>CHRISTMAS NIGHT</i>	CLOSED
<i>BOXING DAY</i>	12.00 - 3.00 (approx.)
	Drinks and Food
<i>BOXING NIGHT</i>	CLOSED
<i>NEW YEAR'S EVE</i>	6.30 - 12.40
	Food until 9.00
	Then small Finger Buffet

AUTUMN DANCE



All those on holiday or for some reason couldn't make it to the dance missed a superb evening. Trevor Lenton and his Jazz Band, played and sang music from the 50's, 60's, Country Western and Skiffle.

A Ploughman's supper was served during the evening and a good time was had by all. The profit for the evening amounted to £50 which is to be donated to the Dorothy House Fund.

Diane Norris

FANCY TAKING UP A NEW SPORT ?

The cash prize from winning the first Inter Village Pentathlon has been earmarked for assisting children in the village taking up a new sport. This year two villagers have benefited from this fund. Their reports are included in this edition of the Grapevine. Applications to be made to the Village Hall Committee

Mike Truman

GREAT HINTON NEWS

HOCKEY TOUR OF HOLLAND - 1995

On Saturday 28th October, we boarded a coach and headed for Dover. We sailed across the English Channel on the 'Pride of Burgundy' and docked at Calais. We had an extremely long journey through the night via France and Belgium arriving in Holland at 8.00 am on Sunday.

Our first match was against a local team from Nijmegen on Sunday evening. It was an extremely competitive match, with both sides playing well in defence. The final score was 0-0.

The second match was very one-sided as the opposition were very talented. This was reflected in the score of 9-0 to the opponents, V.M.H.C. Geel Zwart.

The final match on Tuesday was again a team from North Oss. This was a close match but our forwards could not find which was required. The score ended at 2-0.

While we were in Holland we visited the Kroller - Muller which is near . The museum houses a collection of Fine Art - many of the paintings are by Vincent van Gogh. We also hired bikes and explored the countryside. The final day was spent in Rotterdam, visiting the port and shops. Rotterdam is the largest port in Europe.

My trip was good fun and enjoyable. *Thank you to those people in the village who helped with my preparation for the tour.*

Oliver Smith

DEVIZES TO WESTMINSTER BY CANOE



7.00 a.m. , Easter Monday, I'm lying face down on the banks of the River Thames just past Westminster Bridge. Waves of exhaustion, euphoria and London sewage are lapping over me. I stagger up the steps, crack open the Champagne and eventually end up taking over Sunbury MacDonalds with the rest of my team and my partner Phillip Grange, in a collective state of Champagne induced light headedness.

We had done it! Three days and 21 hours of paddling earlier, we had set off from Devizes to compete the Everest of Canoeing, the 125 mile Devizes to Westminster Canoe race. I was a member of Dauntseys team which was an achievement in itself as my partner was from Clarendon in Trowbridge. We actually 'borrowed' our canoe from a Dauntsey's bonfire. After extensive repairs we had a racing Kayak twice the weight of anything else in the top thirty, but, even with severe technical problems on the second day, we still managed to come *18th overall*. We actually gained 2nd fastest Dauntsey's time ever which Phillip was quite impressed by. We both agreed that not only were we one short of a six pack, but also it was the hardest thing we had ever done. *Thanks to the Sports Fund for their help.*



In 1997 we intend cycling to Jerusalem!

Russell Crumpler

GREAT HINTON NEWS

JUST GO DOWN STREAM

5.30 p.m. Easter Saturday, I'm lying face down in the bowels of a canoe with a six inch gash in the bottom and a steering mechanism that's only good for left hand circles. Just where do I find a 1.5 inch stainless steel bolt at this time of night? Another 30 miles to the mileage, which eventually totalled 760 miles, and a bolt was found in a small boating workshop in Bourne End. No MacDonalds that night but a cold pasty and a can of 6X, whilst recovering from the effects of fibreglass resin at close quarters. Home again to Wiltshire.

Surely following a canoe going at 6 knots in a Volvo capable of easily breaking the speed limit sounds easy, but rest assured it was near impossible at times! Parking near the River Thames was often difficult and on one occasion expensive (£24 fine) .. certainly no time to admire the scenery. Food and water bottles are exchanged on the run as Russell and Phillip sprint with the canoe at each lock.

2.00 a.m. Easter Monday. Set off for the 5.00 am start at Thames Mariners, downstream from Richmond. Afterwards as I sit eating my MacDonalds breakfast in Sunbury dominated by the Dauntsey's team in the children's section reading their free Beano's, I reflect that my job was still easier than theirs.

Kevin Crumpler

LADIES CLUB REPORT

Fete. This year the theme of our fete was red, white and blue in keeping with national celebrations of the 50th anniversary of VE and VJ days. Early in the day the weather looked none too promising; however it improved so was warm and fine in the afternoon. Mr. Cox of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance opened the proceedings for us and we were able to send a donation of £350 to the W.A.A. as a result.

Thank you to all who helped and supported us.

Diane Norris has nobly agreed to take the chair this year for which we are all very grateful.

Our new season opened in September with a demonstration of 'Mechanical Music' by Mr. S.F. Sheppard. Never has the Village Hall held so many phonograms, gramaphones etc. at any one time. From cylinder to disc some delightful sounds were heard.

This was followed in October by a talk explaining the work and great need of the

Trowbridge Child Contact Centre. we have adopted this organisation as our charity of the year.

For the November meeting on the 15th we shall be joined by Mrs. Hilary McFall who will explain the background of *Operation Christmas Child* and the way in which we can help with this ongoing project.

Our *Christmas dinner* will take place at the Lamb on the Strand on Wednesday 13th December at 8pm.

Carol singing will be on Monday 18th December meeting at the Linnet Car Park at 7pm. All are welcome to join us.

Included in our New Year programme are *Skittles*, at the Old Crown, Devizes, *Aromatherapy*, *Gourmet evening*, *AGM & Bring & Buy*.

We are always pleased to welcome new members (and old ones) so do join us.

Audrey Plummer.

GREAT HINTON NEWS

GREAT HINTON HORSE SHOW

Despite the second Great Hinton Horse Show being held on the first really wet day after the drought, it turned out to be another success.

The show was well attended, with enthusiastic competitors and spectators. As well as "clear round" and show jumping, there was a "handy pony" ring and gymkhana... just the thing in the driving rain. A lot of hard work went into the costumes for the fancy dress; not an easy choice for the judge. Many thanks to Anne from the 'Linnet'.

Over £500 was raised towards the Steeple Ashton Playgroup, so a big thank you to everyone who helped.

Carol Burch

HARVEST FESTIVAL - GREAT HINTON

We made history in Great Hinton on Sunday 8th October by holding our first Harvest Festival service in the Village Hall. It was a most beautiful Indian Summer afternoon and in all we were twenty souls, including the Vicar, the Revd. David Hart, and six neighbours from Steeple Ashton. We have Mrs. Celia Young to thank for accompanying our hymns on her keyboard. The Village Hall was decorated with harvest festival offerings, corn stooks, beautiful flowers, and fruit and vegetables to be auctioned afterwards.

We ploughed the fields and scattered the good seed on the land with great gusto. David Hart gave us an uplifting and reassuring talk taken from the Sermon on the Mount - that we do not need to take thought for what we eat or drink or for what we shall wear, for our heavenly Father knows that we have need of all these things, and we must put our trust in Him.

It was a very pleasant afternoon, the first of many more we hope?, and we could easily squeeze quite a few more bodies into the Village Hall.

Joan Barker

BARKING DOGS IN GREAT HINTON

If my calculations are correct there are twenty five dog owning households, eleven of which have more than one dog, making a total of thirty nine canine residents in the village.

Not only am I sometimes woken between six and six thirty in the mornings by barking, but I also catch the sound of barking around midnight, not to mention the chorus of dogs to be heard during the day.

Leo, of course, is a member of this canine population, but as far as I can ascertain, I am the only owner to have been harassed by complaints about my dog barking and causing a nuisance.

Two households in the village have taken it upon themselves to complain in devious ways and in one case in a very unpleasant and frightening manner.

I suggest that future complainants have both the courage and courtesy to communicate with me personally.

Audrey Plummer

GREAT HINTON NEWS

WEST WILTSHIRE PENTATHLON - 1995

This year's effort was characterised by the Great Hinton teams putting in a lot of practice taking our skill level above previous years' entries. Unfortunately everyone else was doing the same!

Our highest placing was in the *Cricket* where we exploited the talent of Roger Meade & Tim Smith and came 4th. The points for this placing were doubled as the Joker was played on this event.

OVERALL RESULTS:

1st	WESTWOOD
2nd	SEMMINGTON
=3rd	SOUTHWOOD
=3rd	NORTH BRADLEY
=5th	SOUTH VENEY
=5th	KEEVIL
7th	GREAT HINTON
8th	DEVERILLS
9th	EDDINGTON

Other results were *Unihoc* (8th), *Table Tennis* (7th), *Fun Run* (6th) and the *Swimming* (7th).

Xanthe Smith and *Jason Parsons* were awarded certificates for 'Good Sporting Ability'.

Congratulations must go to all the team members, and in particular, to the Smiths and Parsons for help with transport to & from the team practices, to Ernie Wickham for training the table tennis team and lastly Doris Saville who kindly made up the swimming team.

I think that all team members would agree with me in saying that they appreciated and enjoyed the practices in Unihoc and Cricket with Semmington. Obviously Semmington did and invited the Great Hinton contingent to a post pentathlon party in their village hall.

INTRODUCTION TO 'LETTERS FROM BANJUR'

Anthony Putt decided to put his 'gap year' to good use by teaching in Gambia and in a very determined manner set out to raise the necessary £2500 to pay for flights, food, accommodation etc. The Village Hall Committee voted £50 towards his fundraising.

Anthony has been in Gambia now for several weeks and the following are extracts taken from his letters home. In return I am sure he would appreciate to hear from you. His address is:

ANTHONY PUTT
C/O KKB
PMB 362
JERAKUNDA
BANJUR
GAMBIA
WEST AFRICA

Anthony will not be returning home to well into 1996 and perhaps the receipt of a letter, Christmas card (Cake!), photographs from everyone would bring a big reminder from Great Hinton. In return Anthony will share his experiences for the village upon his return to the U.K.

WELL DONE, ANTHONY KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

LETTERS FROM AFRICA

Gunjur, my host village. Families in Gunjur are very large and extended. Everyone is everyone's brother uncle, aunt or God knows what. I got to know their names easily though - All the men are called 'Lamin' and the women 'Fatu'!

My room in the hut is very tiny with just a bed 3" off the floor. I had to buy a wooden box for my clothes, because clothes left hanging get covered in insects and are in danger of being eaten. Not too much of a problem because clothes are cheap. Even 501 jeans are only £10 a pair.

The beach..... Picture the 'Bounty' advert - white beach, palm trees and rushing blue waves, the sea is very warm and wherever you go strings of little children follow - holding your hand, shouting 'TOO bad! (policeman). The way to the beach in places is awful. Small dabble in stagnant water, populated by rats - both dead and alive.

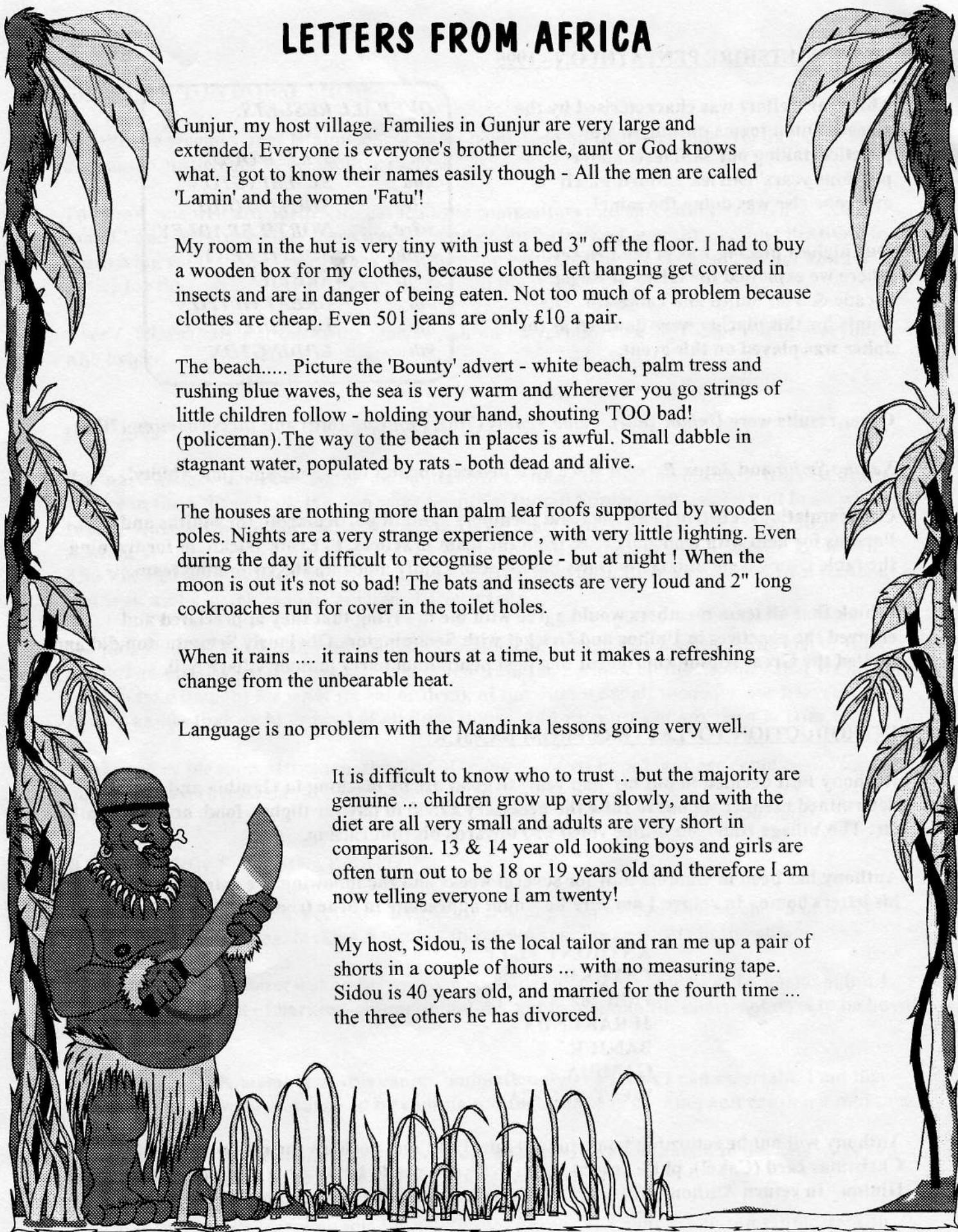
The houses are nothing more than palm leaf roofs supported by wooden poles. Nights are a very strange experience, with very little lighting. Even during the day it difficult to recognise people - but at night! When the moon is out it's not so bad! The bats and insects are very loud and 2" long cockroaches run for cover in the toilet holes.

When it rains it rains ten hours at a time, but it makes a refreshing change from the unbearable heat.

Language is no problem with the Mandinka lessons going very well.

It is difficult to know who to trust .. but the majority are genuine ... children grow up very slowly, and with the diet are all very small and adults are very short in comparison. 13 & 14 year old looking boys and girls are often turn out to be 18 or 19 years old and therefore I am now telling everyone I am twenty!

My host, Sidou, is the local tailor and ran me up a pair of shorts in a couple of hours ... with no measuring tape. Sidou is 40 years old, and married for the fourth time ... the three others he has divorced.



On one day I had three lunches on the same day with three different families, because it was difficult to refuse invitations.

Children are allowed to stay up well beyond midnight playing games and having fun, but alcohol is not allowed so there are no such temptations for them.

I also visited Serakunda, a large nearby town the first time in two weeks I used a proper loo and tap in two weeks. The walk along the first tarred road in two weeks.

There was one almighty storm, the school lost its roof and the streets were under several inches of mud and water. I found shelter in a disused hotel near the sea. The waves became really fierce and the surf rose to 3 meters. The watchman at the hotel let us start a fire and we cooked rice and fish while the rain drummed on the roof until 7.00 am. The rain sounded like an aeroplane passing overhead. I could not see through the front windows for water streaming down the glass.

First day at school A complete waste of time. Five hours sitting around, watching everyone else sitting around! Apparently teachers arrived several days later! I had been time tabled to teach science all year, but the grade 8's don't want to learn, but the grade 7's are keen to learn English. Teaching is easier, once certain ground rules are understood. However, it's difficult to capture attention when you have to show a pupil how to look after and operate a microscope when there isn't such an instrument for miles.

On waking one day to the sound of the muezzin calling prayer at 5.00 am I had terrible diarrhoea and sickness only to be presented with three gutted fish for breakfast. I think I caught the bug from some small children at the beach when I shared their water bottle with them. It took a week to recover.

Discipline is largely maintained with the help of stout cane sticks, cut to measure and carved with obvious sadistic care. Apparently beatings are literally just that, no mere stripe across the buttocks, rather a hammering 120 times harder than I have even imagined before.

I go to the local bakery to get the steaming hot bread, which tastes delicious. However, it goes stale very quickly and is virtually inedible the following day. One day I ate half a loaf and left the other half on my table, and left it there for almost a week. I went to throw it away but the tailor's wife took it off me. Later the children were eating the blackened lump of filth in the dust.

Haircuts a visit to the barber. My hair was hacked away for about an hour with extremely painful results due to the blunt scissors and even blunter razor blade. By the end of the operation I had my scalp reduced to stubble. The barber had a wide - ear to ear- grin, and obviously was very pleased with himself. "Now you've got a real African haircut" he said to me, reminding me of the advertisement 'the Lionel Blair cut'.

Happy Christmas!

ANTHONY PUTT - BANJUR, GAMBIA

BOOK A XMAS MEAL AT THE LINNET

STARTERS

*Cream of Winter Vegetable
Soup
Fresh Smoked Trout Pate &
Toast
Melon Liqueur Cocktail
Ham & Asparagus Crepe*



**ONLY
£12.95**

MAIN MEALS

*Traditional Roast Turkey
(with homemade stuffing and trimmings)
Roast Sirloin of Beef
(with a port & stilton sauce)
Poached Salmon Steak
(with a fresh tarragon & mustard sauce)
Fresh Game Pie
(with red wine & mushroom sauce)
Vegetarian Menu available on request*

All main courses are served with roast & boiled potatoes & seasonal vegetables

FOR AFTER

*Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce
Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad
Selection of Cheese & Biscuits*

*The Linnet Christmas Menu is available from 1st December until Christmas
Eve; lunchtime & evenings*

*Early reservations are recommended and Brian & Anne look forward to
meeting new customers and welcoming old friends over the Festive period.*

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