

GRAPESVINE

SPRING 95
THE ELEVENTH AGONY RUN

ON

THE ELEVENTH OF JUNE

STARTING AT

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

THE
GREAT HINTON



Yes it's that time of year again and preparations are underway for the Eleventh Agony Run to be held in the village. Anne and Brian at the Linnet have kindly agreed to make available the facilities of the pub continuing a tradition welcomed by the village. This year meals will be available from the pub, and a meal for two with wine has been donated by Anne and Brian for the raffle.

The star prize must be the narrow boat weekend for two provided by Graham Lee and partners. Airsprung have donated a 4'6" bed and mattress as second prize. Further prizes are required.

Bruce Hockin, the HTV news presenter will be attending and starting the race and there will be the normal attractions.

LLoyds Bank have agreed to cover costs again by donating £100. A sponsor is sought for the medals.

children's hospice 
SOUTH WEST

GREAT HINTON

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E D I T O R I A L

A year ago in the Spring edition of the Grapevine the Editorial stated it would be difficult to eclipse the successes of 1993. During last year Martyn Tilley provided a central focus for all the efforts of the village and an amazing amount was collected for the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group. This year we will not have Martyn urging us on to achieve new heights but we should continue to strive to help those more unfortunate than ourselves and have some fun in doing so.

Those of you who attended the Agony Run Presentation evening will recall the charity referred to by Bruce Hockin, namely the Children's Hospice (South West). This charity has been adopted by the Village Hall Committee as the charity to benefit from the proceeds of the Agony Run.

There is always a shortage of help during the build up to the event and on the day. Volunteers should contact Mike Truman (870607) or Kevin Crumpler (870906) who will be only too happy to find a way for you to help. Please remember that it is a Fun Run and if you can run and/or encourage others to take part then this in itself is a significant contribution.

GREAT HINTON LADIES CLUB 1995/96

Saturday	13 May	Coffee Morning - 10.30 am
Saturday	15 July	Ladies Fete (Theme - Red, White & Blue)
Wednesday	20 September	Mechanical Music Demonstration
Wednesday	19 October	Child Contact - Beryl Keetch
Sunday	5 November	Bonfire Night
Wednesday	15 November	Operation Christmas Child - Children's Boxes for Romania
Wednesday	13 December	Christmas Dinner - TBA
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

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

All parish councillors, with the exception of Val Austin, offered themselves for re-election in the recent local government elections. With only one new nominee, from Cherry Munday, the council was elected without the need for a vote to be held.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the villagers, of saying thank-you to Val Austin who has served the village as a parish councillor for the last 12 years.

Chris Munday (Chairman of the Parish Council)

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FLAIR, FLIGHT & FLORENCE

The Great Hinton Ladies Club can reasonably say they had a little bit of each of the above during the past year. The FLAIR was provided by Mary Bridges and one or two of our own ladies in producing excellent beeswax paintings with the help of a hot iron at our September meeting. There was also a great deal of FLAIR to be seen by the wonderful products for sale at Countrywide Workshops Charitable Trust shown to us by Valerie Wood-Gaiger in November. These skilfully crafted items are all produced by people with disabilities in workshops all over Britain, from pottery to furniture, glass, Baskets, clothing and toys.

The FLIGHT aspect refers to the enlightening and interesting talk given to us by Mr. Cox, with slides, on the work of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Support Unit - the charity we have chosen to support during the past year, and to which we will donate the proceeds of this summer's village fete. I suppose FLIGHT might well describe also the speed with which people in the village known down skittles, as demonstrated at our fun evening out at the Old Crown in Devizes, last January.

FLORENCE - a little poetic licence here - could well have been the venue for the Italian Gourmet evening when the ladies excelled themselves in their culinary expertise producing some of the finer Italian dishes in March. If your name is FLORENCE and would like to join us, we would be pleased to welcome you! Seriously, no matter what your name, your age or interests, we would love to see more ladies from the village at the ladies club night which is held on the third Wednesday of each month from September to April. We have also enjoyed our regular events to which the whole village has been invited, - the Bonfire night, carol Singing and the Summer Fete. The ladies always have a great night out eating a Christmas Dinner at The Linnet together and in April we call on the auctioning skills of Sandie to lead our Bring and Buy bonanza which usually follows the AGM. We have a change of committee from September this year - Audrey Plummer has taken over from Carol Clarke as Secretary, and Sandra Crumpler has changed her hat and has stepped down from Chair to Treasurer, taking over from the reigns of Val Alker. That leaves us with a vacancy for Chair - any offers?

We had a special event last October to celebrate 25 years of the Ladies Club. An anniversary lunch was held and we were pleased to welcome back a number of past members - it was good to see old friends again.

We average about a dozen ladies each month - there is room in the village hall for more - do join us.

Carol Clarke

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

We have, once again, entered the Best Kept Village competition. Judging for the West Wilts District round will take place in late May/early June, and with just a small effort from everyone we might be able to continue our tremendous record of winning this round for the last three years in succession.

Chris Munday (Chairman of the Parish Council)

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THE LINNET

Anne & Brian would like to thank everybody for our warm welcome on our arrival at The Linnet. We both appreciate that many of you would have been very sorry to see Carol go, and we hope that she will be happy with her new life.

Our aim is to enhance trade and maintain focal point for the village community - if you haven't already done so, please come along and meet us!

Anne & Brian

INTER VILLAGE PENTATHLON - 1995

This year will be a disappointment for Tim Smith as the Touch Rugby event has been dropped from the programme - can you get a 'yellow card' in swimming?

Great Hinton is doing more than just entering this year as we are hosting the third event, namely a fun run on the same lines as the 'Agony Run'. Sandra Crumpler is representing our interests on the Pentathlon Committee.

Dates for the events for your diaries are:

<i>9 September</i>	<i>Kwik Cricket at Sutton Veny</i>
<i>16 September</i>	<i>Unihoc at Westwood</i>
<i>23 September</i>	<i>Fun Run at Great Hinton</i>
<i>30 September</i>	<i>Table Tennis at Southwick</i>
<i>7 October</i>	<i>Swimming at Melksham</i>
	<i>Followed by the prizegiving</i>



All the events require teams to be made up of men, women and children (some under 10 and some under 13). If you interested then please contact Sandra (Tel: 870906) - failing this do not be surprised if you are press ganged to represent the village. We (*have we Mike? - ed.*) have never performed well in the cricket event so those of you, at all ages, who play this sport regularly would be most welcome in the team.

HELP! - 100 YEARS OF GREAT HINTON

Elsewhere in the Grapevine you will see details of the events on Saturday June 3rd celebrating 'One Hundred Years of Village Life'. We would like to mount an exhibition in the village hall illustrating the last one hundred years. If you are able to lend any old photographs or other memorabilia then please contact me on 870912.

Chris Munday (Chairman of the Parish Council)

SAFARI DINNER

The next dinner has been scheduled for Saturday 20th May and there is a possibility, if you phone Sandra Crumpler promptly, that late entries could be entertained.

Sandra Crumpler (870906)

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CAROL'S LEAVING EVENING

Despite Carol not wanting a formal send off, many villagers gathered shortly before her departure to present the gifts purchased from the village collection which amount to over £200. Carol received a LLADRO figurine and other members of the family were not forgotten. A silver picture frame was given to Maureen and the children both received Easter eggs with Mathew also getting a science encyclopaedia and Lauren a Beatrix Potter book.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF VILLAGE LIFE

The centenary of the first meeting of the Parish Council falls on Saturday 3rd June. To mark this occasion all villagers are invited to celebrate "ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF VILLAGE LIFE".

A detailed programme for the day will be sent to everyone within the next week or two but it is hoped will include:

- Drawing water from the nearly re-furbished village pump
- The Moonraker Morris
- Keevil Schoolchildren Maypole dancing
- An exhibition of a century in Great Hinton
- Free refreshments, with a local & traditional theme

- Help celebrate our shared heritage -
on Saturday 3rd June

100 CLUB - 1995/96

For all those who joined this year's 100 Club early in the year were eligible for a bonus draw for a Canal Boat Trip kindly offered by Graham Lee. This was won by Mrs Joyce Newman. *(Many thanks Graham for this donation to encourage people to join - ed.)*

Sixty six people have joined the 1995/96 100 Club so far and therefore prizes will stay at £13, £9, £7 and £5. If you still wish to join then the entry fee will be reduced according to the number of monthly draws left.

	<i>First prize £13</i>	<i>Second prize £9</i>	<i>Third prize £7</i>	<i>Fourth prize £5</i>
<i>March 1995</i>	Mr.J.Norris	Mrs. B.Foyle	Mr.G.Field	Mrs Gaulton
<i>April 1995</i>	Mrs.B.Foyle	Mrs Nicholl	Mr.K.Young	Mr.C.Munday

GREAT HINTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE - AGM

This will be held in the village hall on Wednesday 17th May. Come and join us at 8 pm. with wine and cheese afterwards.

Mike Truman (Chairman)

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CHILDREN'S HOSPICE (SOUTH WEST)

The aim of this recently completed Hospice will be to make it possible for more families to have their sick children at home most of the time, in the knowledge that they can turn to the Hospice for relief and support when necessary. The nearest Hospice for the 500 children terminally ill in the South West prior to this one opening was in Oxford. Annual running costs are about £750,000 and this is largely funded by donations.

Friends of the Hospice will be at the Agony Run and further details will be on their display stand. This is your opportunity to find those old shoes and run or walk around the course but most importantly having the backing of sponsorship which will be donated 100% to this charity.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

When considering the Christian faith people are often surprised to find that God wants us to come to him just as we are and he will welcome us and then begin to change us for our greater good. The important thing is that we are willing *to give God a chance*. You may recall Jesus' story of the prodigal son in St. Luke's Gospel. The son had left home with his share of the estate and for a while really lived it up, until inevitably the day came when his purse was empty. All his so-called friends vanished and he spent a miserable existence in a famine affected land looking after pigs. In desperation he decided to eat humble pie and to return home to offer himself as a servant to the father he had so badly treated. To his utter amazement as he came in sight of home, ragged and scruffy, he saw his father running out to meet him and welcome him. The son had no time to give his apologies, or to offer his services. Orders were given for good clothes to be found, the son's re-instatement to be announced and a feast prepared.

Here is a picture of God the Father who longs that we will come to Him to be surrounded by His love and received into His eternal family.

David Hart

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>December 94</i>	Mr. C.Munday	Mr. D.Saville	Mr. Killingback	Mr. G.Field
<i>January 95</i>	Mrs. V.Alker	Mrs. M .Ashton	Mr. R.Andrew	Mrs. D.Norris
<i>February 95</i>	Mr. P.Squibbs	Mr.K.Crumpler	Miss S.Tilley	Mr.G.Cowdrey

Many thanks to all those involved in organising and running this successful venture.

Mike Truman

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 25th May at 8.00 pm. This meeting provides, above all else, an opportunity for you to raise any local issues of concern as well as keeping you in touch with the events of the past year. Please join us and let us know your views.

Chris Munday (Chairman of the Parish Council)

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AUTUMN DANCE

It has been customary to hold a dance at the Steeple Ashton Hall in the Autumn and this year it has been decided to vary the theme by hiring the Trevor Lenton Jazz Band for the evening. Tickets will be on sale later in the year but the date for your diary is Saturday 28th October starting at 7.30pm.

MUSIC QUIZ EVENING

On Thursday 9th March a Music Quiz was organised by Carol in the Linnet in aid of the Bath Cancer Support Unit. Despite only four teams entering the event a thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all and £145 was raised for the charity.

First prize went to 'The Management' team consisting of Graham Lee, 'Stretch', Jamie Thornton and Russell Crumpler.

XMAS CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Across:

1. Brandy Butter
2. Turkey
3. Eastenders
4. Mulled
5. Dick Whittington
6. Luke
8. Party
13. Harp
14. To
16. William
20. Aunt
21. Twelve
22. Crackers

Down:

1. Bittenmandln
7. Noel
8. Party
9. Toy
10. Result
11. Eve
12. Dram
13. Hangover
15. Look
16. Whip
17. Crack
18. Wine
21. Tea

Many thanks to Sue Smith for setting the Xmas crossword ... How about another for the next edition of the Grapevine? - Mike Truman

SPRING CHICKEN RECIPE

First catch your chicken and then try and find someone in the village to provide the recipe. Sorry no contributions this time. Everyone must be concentrating on the Safari Dinner. Perhaps there should be votes for the best dish for each course and the recipes will appear next time to tempt your all to join in this evening of fun.

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THE LINNET

GREAT HINTON

Selected Real Ales

Premier Lager

Fine Wines

Quality Home Cooked Food

Lunches & Dinners 7 days a week

Party Bookings welcome



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Monday to Saturday

11.00 - 2.30

5.30 - 11.00

Sunday 12.00 - 3.00 & 7.00 - 10.30

For reservations Telephone (01380) 870354

Large Car Park at the Rear

FANCY TAKING UP A NEW SPORT ?

The Village Hall Committee still has funds available to support children under 18 years taking up a new sport and contact should be made in the first instance to any committee member.

Russell Crumpler, with his friend Philip Grange, canoed a two man racing kayak in the Devizes to London canoe marathon over the Easter weekend, completing the 125 miles in 21 hours 3 minutes. Now that's taking a new sport seriously !