

# GRAPEVINE

## Spring 1998

### AGONY RUN - 14<sup>th</sup> June 1998

Planning is advancing for this year's event which will be run along similar lines to last year. Your views and ideas collected by means of the Village questionnaire have all been carefully considered.

How can you help?



- attend the event
- run on the day - Barclays plc are likely to be matching all entrance fees - £ for £
- invite friends to run
- volunteer to help with the race or the stalls
- volunteer to set up and clear the field
- suggest where tents, similar to last year, can be obtained at little/no cost
- provide raffle or other prizes
- sell raffle tickets (funds to be shared 50% with the 'Dreams come true' charity)
- keep car boot items



Should you wish to take a more active role and help before the event then you would be most welcome. The next planning meeting is at 7:40p.m. on the 29<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall.



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## Editorial

This year's Agony Run & Fun Day will build on last year's successful event, with more activities and stalls, hopefully giving a significant boost to the funds for the new hall.

The winners of the last issue's crossword competition are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> (Wine) - Jean Hallam
- 2<sup>nd</sup> (Chocolates) - Polly Stimpson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> (Biscuits) - Diane Norris

If you would like to include any articles in the next Grapevine, on any of the topics below (or any other), please drop them in to me at Church Farm or telephone 870040.

**All articles should be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> July 1998.**

Suggested topics:

- History of the village
- News about residents, e.g. Births, Marriages, Achievements, People moving
- Forthcoming Events
- Local Walks
- Fun articles, quizzes, crosswords, etc.
- Items for sale

A warm welcome is extended to all people who have recently moved into the village.

I wish you all a happy Easter.

*Mark Newman*

## 100 Club Winners

	December 1997	January 1998	February 1998
£15	Ruth Blake	Min Squibbs	Carol Burch
£10	Mary Jones	Pete Noad	Mrs Ghey
£8	Richard Andrew	Sandra Crumpler	Joe Norris
£6	Val Alker	Mrs Schrivener	Sue Smith
£4	Sam Barker	Gilbert Miles	Sandy Salmon

The new 100 Club, or should it be the 106 Club.

For the first time since it began, we have reached the magic 100 and passed it. More members and therefore more prize money. This year the prizes are : 1<sup>st</sup> £14, 2<sup>nd</sup> £12, 3<sup>rd</sup> £10, 4<sup>th</sup> £8, 5<sup>th</sup> £5, 6<sup>th</sup> £4.

	March 1998
£14	Sue Smith
£12	Audrey Plummer
£10	Teresa Barnes
£8	Jenny Schrivener
£5	Joyce Newman
£4	Mike Symington

Numbers drawn by Joe Norris

Many thanks for your support this year.

*Jean & Min*



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### *Ladies Club*

The skittles evening in January enjoyed a record attendance and an enjoyable time was had by all. Golly, who was unable to be with us, had kindly donated a cup to be presented to the highest lady scorer. This trophy was proudly won by Val Alker.

Val featured prominently again at the February meeting when she volunteered as guinea-pig for Claire Mitchell to demonstrate the technique of Reflexology. Claire explained how the foot is like a map relating to areas of the body. By gentle massage of areas of the foot toxins are released from corresponding areas of the body, thus giving the recipient of the therapy a sense of well-being. Claire works on a mobile basis and is always willing to visit you at home - she can be reached on 01225 751660.

In March the annual gourmet evening had an Indian theme. The hall was beautifully decorated by Carol Clarke to give an Indian ambience. Some ladies even made an attempt to dress authentically - but where were the snake charmers ? !! The food as usual was excellent and enjoyed by all who attended.

Our final meeting for this season will be the A.G.M. / Bring and Buy on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Village Hall. Please make a big effort to attend as Diane and I are both standing down after three years as Chairman and Secretary. If you are not there you may well find yourself voted in as either of those two officials, in your absence.

Next year's programme has been organised except for February - so if you have any ideas for that I shall be grateful.

Finally may I take this opportunity to remind everyone in the village that in October we shall be filling boxes for the charity Operation Christmas Child. All contributions are welcomed in the form of notebooks, pencils, rubbers, soap, flannels, small toys, necklaces, bracelets, baby wear, toothpaste, toothbrushes, scarves, woollen hats, gloves and small soft toys. Last year we filled 74 boxes - this year lets aim for 100. And don't forget to start saving your shoe boxes. If you want to get rid of them out of the house pass on to Jean Hallam or myself.

Thanking you in anticipation.

*Audrey Plummer*

### *Neighbourhood Watch*

Regrettably, there has been a very recent burglary within the village. Additionally, there have been two similar incidents in Steeple Ashton within the last few weeks. All these break-ins have occurred in the late afternoon or early evening. There is evidence that reconnaissance is being carried out by a team within local villages prior to burglaries.

Be on the look out for suspicious individuals and strange vehicles in the village. Please report anything untoward immediately to the Police on Trowbridge 763101 (day and night) and not to me although I would like to be kept informed.



*Sandy Salmon (870662)*



### *The Leonard Theshire Leisure Project*

The Leisure Project has been set up to enable people who are physically disabled to carry out a leisure activity of their own choice and aims to give them a greater freedom in their choice of venue. Hence with the help of a volunteer the disabled person is able to carry out an activity in as normal a setting as possible.

We have several activities on the go: Painting, Carriage Riding, Swimming, Tenpin Bowling, Green Bowls, Orchid Growing, Computing, Self Defence, Music Appreciation and Cookery to name but a few.

To suddenly find oneself wheelchair bound, or restricted physically in any way can be quite a blow to one's self esteem. Volunteers can help to overcome the hurdles simply by offering encouragement, support and sharing their pastime, hobby or sport.

If you can offer a little time at your own convenience please get in touch with us on 01380 871258.



Swimming Buddy needed for two very independent ladies who are just a little unsteady on their feet.

Both have been advised to swim for fitness. If you can give a little of your time at the pool only, please contact me on 01380 871258.



Bee Swarms /  
Wasp Nests  
removed  
(depending on  
location). Call Min  
on 870634.

### *Lottery Funding & Charity Status*

At the time of going to print we had not heard whether we have been successful with the Lottery Fund bid however as the selection process takes several stages it is probably safe to assume that we have not been rejected at the early stages.

Even if we are successful then we still have a funding gap which will need bridging. Should you be aware of local companies planning to take an active role in the local community then please let the committee know. Another approach has been to take advantage of companies who provide match funding for their employees who take part in local events. Do you work for such a company and be willing to be sponsored for running the event?

The journey to gaining charity status has been plagued with minor legal issues and currently the Land Registry have returned our trust deed for a drafting discrepancy. We are indebted to Martin Cooper who is providing legal advice. The authorised Land Registry document is required for the Charity Status application.

An application has been made for funding of this year's Agony Run event from GWR Christmas Appeal - still outstanding. Hopefully in the next few weeks we will know the outcome of all these efforts.



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## *Keevil School News*

Keevil School has been as busy as ever this Term and we are delighted to have our Infant teacher, Miss Jayne Bullock, back with her *flock*, after many months on crutches, following her horrendous horse-riding accident last summer.

The Junior class attended a Country Dancing Festival this week at the Assembly Hall in Melksham. It was great fun to have such space in which to promenade and dance with children from another school!

The older Junior children are just about to embark on their School Journey to The Bluff, in Cornwall - so watch this space for some of their accounts next time!! We are sharing the trip with children from Lacock School, so are hoping for good weather and maybe some new friendships!

Some dates for the future:

- We are hoping to celebrate "World Book Day" on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (a day later than everyone else, as we swim on Thursdays!). We shall be looking at stories and poems from around the world and will be involved with writing and art activities throughout the day. If anyone would like to join in, either by reading or helping with art/craft ideas, then they would be most welcome. Please contact school, if you are interested.
- P.T.A. Jumble Sale, Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. School playground; inside, if wet - 11 a.m. start.
- P.T.A. Plant Sale, Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. School playground - 11 a.m. start.

Looking even further ahead - we are hoping to have an Open Day at Keevil School on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. This will coincide with the Keevil Festival weekend, when there will be many activities all around the village in order to raise money for the Church Bell Restoration Fund. Please pop in and have a wander around our school on that day! There will be refreshments served from the school kitchen all day!

## *Barn Dance*



Approximately 50 people enjoyed the Barn Dance on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March in Steeple Ashton Village Hall. As well as Barn Dancing, led by Reg Hutchings, quite a number participated in Line Dancing, with instruction given by Pat Doel. A ploughman's supper was prepared by the ladies of the hall committee and the evening resulted in a profit of £85 being made for our village hall funds.

*Diane Norris*

## *From The Vicarage*

Dear Friends,

As we approach Good Friday and Easter, I want to share with you some words by Gordon Harman, writing for the Christian News Service, under the heading of *THE CROSS*.

*If you had been present at the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, where would you have stood? Not, I trust, among his bitter enemies, who mocked and insulted him. But what about among those who demand more miracles?*

*'Come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.'*

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Or do you mishear and misunderstand him? 'Listen', said some 'he's calling Elijah'. Or would you be so disgusted with the mockery and insults as to say: 'Now let him alone', as did one man who also offered Jesus a soothing drink? I hope you would be impressed, as the Roman officer was, with Jesus' great cry: 'It is finished (i.e. accomplished)' and with the manner in which Jesus gave himself to death: 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit'. The officer's reaction? 'Truly this man was the Son of God' Why not take your place among Jesus' devoted followers who went on trusting him no matter what?

Here then are questions for us to answer in the light of the truth that on the third day Jesus rose again, victorious over death for ever. Now he offers to all who will trust Him a share in his resurrection. Death need not be a cul-de-sac, but the gateway into a glorious new life with Him for ever.

A very happy Easter to you and your family.

*David Hart*

### *Safari Dinner - No 14* *Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May*

"What is a Safari Dinner?" I hear some of you asking.

Well it happens twice a year and goes like this:-

On the Monday of the week before the event you will be told which course you are to provide (Starter, Main or Sweet), what time it is scheduled for (obviously timing is vital as we progress around the village) and how many guests to expect (normally between 2 and 4). The number of guests depends upon how many people are participating.

We all meet at a Pub to start with - Good idea!! Everyone is given envelopes to open at specified times during the evening. These will tell you where to go for each of your courses (no need to worry about where to go - there is always someone else around to tell you or even accompany you).

Finally we all meet up at one venue for Port, Cheese and Coffee (volunteers for this always welcomed).

There is a charge of £5 per couple, approximately two thirds of which covers the cost of the Port, Cheese and Coffee. The remaining will be donated to the New Hall Fund. So the more participants, the more we make for the hall.

I hope this doesn't sound too daunting or confusing!! The whole event is great fun and a very good way of meeting neighbours and villagers. It is not a competition to see who can cook the best food - everyone does whatever they are comfortable about cooking. You can have the enjoyment of both going out and entertaining at the same time with the added bonus that you only have to cook and wash up for one course!

If you have any questions please call me. If you would like to join in please let me know by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

*Sandra Crumpler* 7 Peppercorn Orchard (870906)





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### *Nesting Boxes & Bird Tables*

Audrey has challenged the men in the village to come up with items for sale on the Village craft stall at the Agony Run event and suggested that nesting boxes, bird feeders and bird tables could be suitable.



Well we're going to give it a go along the following lines. The smaller items would be available for sale on the day and sample tables will be on show for the taking of orders. Items ordered would be made following the event and delivered locally.

In May we will arrange one or two Saturdays or Sundays to manufacture the product and besides volunteers the following items would be most welcome:

- staple gun
- roofing felt
- wood suitable
  - for posts - 2"x2" or above
  - table tops - exterior ply or similar
  - fence panelling for roofs
  - planks 6" wide x 3/4" thick - maximum lengths to be cut out 12"
  - base supports 2-3"x 1/2"
  - odd pieces of other wood would be useful
- fence preservative/stain - those cans with very little left

Volunteers to contact Kevin (870906).

### VILLAGE CRAFT STALL

We are planning to have a Village Craft Stall this year.

If you are an artist or a potter, a knitter or a sewer, a sculptor or a carpenter, a lace maker or a spinner, an embroiderer or a modeller, or you have any other *crafty* hobbies, please put your talents to good use and make something to sell on your village stall.



I already have promises of a water colour painting, bird tables and possibly nesting boxes, hand-knitted garments, some useful sewn articles and I hope some lace, some doughcraft and hand-embroidered greetings cards.

Come on, don't be shy, lets make it the best craft stall ever !

Thank-you in anticipation.

*Audrey Plummer*

## Bottle Stall

Bottles will be required for this popular, and money generating stall, which will be a feature of the Agony Run event. Val Alker (870588) is the principal organiser. Perhaps it's time to consider buying six, drinking five and putting one aside for the Bottle Stall.

Details of the collection times will be notified by post nearer the event.

## Village Car Boot

Once again I have been asked to run the Village Car Boot at the Fun Day and, as last year, would appreciate your generous support in providing me with items to sell.

Thanks to you all the Car Boot raised £209.00 last year, perhaps this year we can make even more for the funds. So please keep all your unwanted *treasures* and household items - don't BIN IT, SAVE IT!!

I would be happy to receive or collect anything you are able to spare from the beginning of June. Larger items to be taken to the Field by 9a.m. on the day please.

As last year any unsold items will be donated to the Dorothy House Shop in Melksham on the Monday, unless collected from the Field at the end of the Fun Day.

Please NO JUMBLE, SHOES or very damaged goods. Garden, D.I.Y., Bric-a-Brac and *Antiques* sold well last time, as well as Sports items - don't mention golf bags!

Please contact me nearer the date on 870607.

Thanks in advance, our success depends on your kind support so remember don't BIN IT, SAVE IT for June 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Anne Truman*



## Forthcoming Events



April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Club A.G.M. / Bring and Buy
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Keevil School World Book Day Celebration
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Keevil School Jumble Sale
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Agony Run Planning Meeting
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Safari Dinner Booking Deadline
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Safari Dinner
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Keevil School Plant Sale
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Agony Run & Fun Day
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Grapevine Article Deadline