

# GRAPEVINE

**Summer 1998**

## Agony Run Race Results

With a slightly shorter course we should have expected some records to be broken but the village record was *smashed* by almost two minutes!

The village record has progressively improved over the years and in this year's race Russell Crumpler beat his 1993 record of 16 min. 21 sec. by coming home in 14 min. 35 sec. It is interesting to note that in the first year of the race the fastest villager finished in just over 20 minutes.

Other records to fall were:

- Oliver Usher (under 6 boys) 29 min 20 sec
- Rosemary Barber (female) 16 min 35 sec

Alistair Bartlett came first by completing the course in 13 min 33 sec, just 3 seconds outside of Chris Tweedie's 1989 record.

Village runners' times were:

### Females

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|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Chris Morris    | 24:25 |
| 2. Natasha Parsons | 31:05 |
| 3. Ellen Burch     | 32:54 |



### Males

- |                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Russell Crumpler  | 14:35 |
| 2. Mark Hallam       | 16:31 |
| 3. David Parsons     | 17:13 |
| 4. Jason Parsons     | 18:06 |
| 5. James L'Esteve    | 18:21 |
| 6. Thomas Putt       | 19:50 |
| 7. Christopher Burch | 21:45 |
| 8. Andrew Burch      | 24:32 |
| 9. Colin Crumpler    | 24:36 |
| 10. Richard Cowdrey  | 28:50 |



Congratulations to all of you.

# GREAT HINTON



# GREAT HINTON NEWS

## Editorial

This year's Agony Run & Fun Day was very successful with over £2000 being raised for the new hall. Full financial details of the event are detailed in a later section.

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 30<sup>th</sup> November 1998.**

Suggested topics:

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

*Mark Newman*

## 100 Club Winners

	April 1998	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998
£14	Claire Evans	Sharon Day	Mr G Field	Teresa Barnes
£12	Peter Doel	Chris Morris	John Parsons	Veronica Francis
£10	Rod Towler	Colin Ramsey	Colin Ramsey	Mike Evans
£8	Charlie Foyle	E Miller	Wendy Propert	Mrs McDonic
£5	Doris Saville	Ray Austin	Mark Newman	Mrs B Ghey
£4	Mrs McDonic	Judy Ramsey	Graham Keen	Gwen Hamott
Numbers Drawn By:	David & Gwen Hamott	Rod Towler	Jim Brooks	Bill Barker

*Jean & Min*

## West Wiltshire Inter Village Pentathlon

As you all know we have entered this event for the past 5 years with varying degrees of success. However, as we are not a large village and have no longer enough children or willing adults in the necessary age groups we are not entering this year. The event is taking on a new format and will consist of Kwick cricket, volley ball and swimming all to be held on one Saturday - 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The age groups and team compositions are similar to previously with volley ball having two teams as in last years basketball i.e. juniors (under 13) and seniors (over 30). Kwick cricket and swimming will involve all ages. There will also be a quiz and a target game running throughout the day.

Keevil will be entering a team this year and my intention is to give them a list of our villagers who may be able to help them out if they have trouble putting a team together. If previous participants do not wish me to put their names on the list please let me know by the beginning of September.

*Sandra Crumpler (870906)*

# GREAT HINTON NEWS

## *Ladies Club*

The AGM was held on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Diane and I both resigned as Chairman and Secretary respectively, after having served for three years. Sandra agreed to remain as Treasurer and Carol Clarke was voted in as Chairman.

Nobody present was agreeable to take on the job of Secretary so we are now without one. This matter will have to be resolved at the opening meeting in September as I have no intention of continuing.

Next season's programme is as follows:

September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Laundry Bygones - Mrs Morgan	
	Milk & Raffle - Jean	Biscuits & Raffle - Audrey
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Operation Christmas Child (Filling boxes with gifts for Christmas)	
	Milk & Raffle - Anne	Biscuits & Raffle - Sandra
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Local History - Mr & Mrs K Rogers	
	Milk & Raffle - Carol C	Biscuits & Raffle - Val
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner (Venue to be decided)	
	Raffles - Diane, Carol B, Sue	
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Skittles (Venue to be decided)	
	Raffles - Carolyn, Veronica, Gwen	
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening illustrated with slides - Mr Leon Butler	
	Milk & Raffle - Sandy	Biscuits & Raffle - Joan
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gourmet Evening (Theme to be decided)	
	Raffles - Joan, Pat, Sharon	
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	AGM / Bring & Buy	
	Milk & Raffle - Audrey	Biscuits & Raffle - Jean

November 16<sup>th</sup> and February 17<sup>th</sup> will be Open Meetings.

Mr K Rogers is the retired County Archivist.

Mr Leon Butler is Head Gardener at Iford Manor.

Both speakers should prove to be very interesting so please come and join us on those two occasions.

We will need articles for the Christmas Box Appeal in the form of small toys e.g. cars, etc., small cuddly toys, woolly hats and gloves, small baby clothes, soap, flannels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, jewellery, notebooks, pencils, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, crayons, small rulers and geometry sets. Sweets (not chocolate) are very acceptable.

If you have any shoe boxes or any of the above named articles, please drop them in to Jean Hallam or Audrey Plummer or any member of the Ladies Club.

Thanking you in anticipation.

*Audrey Plummer*

## *Christian Aid Collection*

The total of £55.76 was collected in the village.

Thanks to all who generously supported this appeal.

*Audrey Plummer*



### *Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal*



#### **Your Air Ambulance Needs Your Support !**

Now, as much as ever, the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal needs donations from individuals and fund-raising initiatives from community groups from your area, as well as every other village and town in Wiltshire.

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Wiltshire, nearly all of the necessary funding has been found in past years. This must continue in order for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance to survive.

Most people in the area covered by the Wiltshire Air Ambulance may often see the helicopter flying overhead on its way to hospital. They assume that it is paid for by public money. They are wrong. The Air Ambulance gets no statutory funding from either central government or the county health authority. Nor does it qualify for, or receive money from, the National Lottery.

Everyone has a stake in the Wiltshire Air Ambulance - an essential and unique service which serves all the people of Bath and Wiltshire and some area on the borders. It is there for those life and death situations which occur almost daily and which conventional road ambulances either cannot get access to or reach in time. The helicopter can be scrambled and reach any part of Wiltshire within eight to twelve minutes.

This financial year (April 1998 to March 1999) the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal has to raise £160,000 a year - that's more than £3,000 a week !

Since the Wiltshire Air Ambulance service started in 1990, it has flown almost 4,000 missions and airlifted more than 800 people to hospital for emergency medical treatment.

The Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal was established in 1991 with the express objective of fundraising to keep the Wiltshire Air Ambulance flying, by raising a quarter of the share of the annual costs of running the Wiltshire Air Support Unit helicopter. The remaining three quarters is funded by the Wiltshire Constabulary.

Sometime in the early summer of 1998, the Wiltshire Air Support Unit will start flying a new helicopter, the US-built McDonnell Douglas twin-turbine MD900 Explorer helicopter. As well as being twice as fast as its predecessor, the Bolkow 105, the new helicopter is 10 times quieter. The Explorer has 80% more cabin space and seating for eight people and will carry one stretcher and three passengers.

**If you can help with fund-raising then please contact me:** Steve Chesworth, Appeal Fund-raiser, Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal, Dorman House, Malmesbury Road, Chippenham, Wilts. SN15 5LN. Tel: 01249 654125 or 443939. Fax: 01249 444942.

**Any donations by cheque or postal order** should be made out to the 'Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal' and sent to the address above. Any inquiries about wills and legacies, covenants and GiftAid should also be directed to the address above.



# GREAT HINTON NEWS

## Neighbourhood Watch

Without wishing to tempt fate, I am pleased to report that there have been no untoward incidents since the last issue of the Grapevine. With fine weather coming (we hope), open windows and doors and the holiday season imminent there is an obvious need for increased vigilance, so please be watchful.



Inspector Simon King of the Wiltshire Constabulary, who is the Trowbridge Section Head for Neighbourhood Watch Activities, has kindly agreed to give a talk on Security Matters to all villagers in the Autumn. The talk will be given in the Village Hall on a date to be arranged. Announcements will be made on Notice Boards and in the Parish Magazine so *keep watch* and let's fill the Village Hall.

*Sandy Salmon (870662)*

## From The Vicarage

Dear Friends,

### Oranges or Diamonds ?

Which would you choose? It may not be an easy question to answer in isolation. For one lady the choice was easy. The Titanic had struck the iceberg; people were desperately getting into lifeboats. She had been given a place, but asked if she might go quickly to her cabin. She was given three minutes. She was one of the richest people on board and when she reached her cabin much of her money and jewellery was scattered over the floor. Ignoring this, she went immediately to collect two large oranges and rushed back to the lifeboat. Circumstances give a different value to our possessions. People escaping from all kinds of dangers - fire, flood, earthquake have their sense of priorities changed suddenly. Life itself becomes the most important possession.

Jesus asked the question, 'What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' We read in the Psalms - 'The fool has said in his heart, There is no God.' Whereas Jesus describes the wise person as one who hears his teaching and obeys it. If you are about to enjoy a holiday, may I wish you a happy time of refreshment and relaxation. But whether on holiday or not, it might be profitable for us to reflect upon our own priorities and to think about the place we give to God before it is too late. We all have busy lives these days, but are we busy with the right things ?

In Christian love,

*David Hart*

## Village Hall Committee

There are now two organisations in the village, namely the Village Hall Committee and the Great Hinton Memorial Hall Trust which may seem one too many for a village our size.

It would have been possible to have operated with just one committee however this would have prohibited the raising of funds for other charities. You will recall that we raised £350 for the "Dreams Come True" charity this year and the efforts over the last decade has raised over £11,000 for local charities.

The Village Hall Committee will be responsible for the charity and social events calendar and its main beneficiary will be the village charity. Its main event will be the Agony Run which has boosted funds by almost £5,000 over the last two years.

*Kevin Crumpler (870906)*



## GREAT HINTON NEWS

### *The Great Hinton Memorial Hall Trust*

On 3 June the first meeting of the Memorial Hall Trust was held as part of the annual open Parish Meeting. At this meeting, the Management Committee of the Trust was elected. Although this marked the beginning of the work of the Trust, it is only a continuation of much hard work already carried out by a wide range of villagers in planning for and raising funds for a new Memorial Hall.

So why has the Trust been formed?

Now that a large amount of money has been raised towards a new Hall we need to manage that formally, and a Trust provides a high level of accountability and protection for those funds. The Trust is a charity and therefore we can now benefit from this charitable status; many grants are only accessible to charities. Already we have received grants which we can only use as a charity.

What is the job of the Trust?

It is primarily to provide the best Hall we can for the village and to encourage full use of the Hall. Given the present state of the Hall, this means that we will continue to raise funds with a view to building a new Hall as soon as possible. In addition the Trust's job is to manage the Hall, paying the bills for electricity, water, rates, insurance etc., and assuring its maintenance.

The next two years are going to be busy ones. The Trust, with the support of the Village Hall Committee and others, will be working hard to raise the money needed to replace the Hall. At the same time we will continue to plan the building of this new Hall.

The members of the Management Committee are Kevin Crumpler, Neil Haynes, Chris Munday, Mark Newman and Anne Truman. Please talk to any of the members if you have any questions or ideas. We will keep you informed about developments through regular articles in the Grapevine.

*Neil Haynes*

### *Royal British Legion - Your Local Branch*

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

**Rajah's Feast**

Supper Dance in the Village Hall, Steeple Ashton  
on Friday 14th August 1998  
8 pm to midnight

Saris optional	Dancing to
Curry and alternative dishes	Mike Jeffs
Bring the drink of your choice	and his Band

Tickets £8.00

All are welcome to attend the Annual Supper Dance.

Ticket numbers are limited and are going fast. Please contact Sandy Salmon (870662) if you would like to support this fund-raising event.

### *Births*



After a false start (Debbie was sent home once !), Monica Daisy Meade was born at home on 16<sup>th</sup> October 1997 weighing 7lb 14oz. Many thanks to Helen Shipman (who was supposed to be packing for her holiday), the midwife and the ambulance crew. Debbie would like to know who was the last person to be born in Great Hinton prior to Monica.



## GREAT HINTON NEWS

### *A Lot Of Hot Air !*

To all the people who have been bored over the past two months with the saga of Joe's pending hot air balloon flight, I would like to report that it finally took place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July. After weeks of cancellations due to unfavourable conditions, the weather was almost perfect for flying.

Any spectators get roped in to help with the preparation for take-off, well, someone has to hang on to the balloon whilst it's blown up and the passengers climb into the basket.

We watched them take to the air then we set off in hot pursuit by road following the *ground crew*. After one hour and ten minutes they landed safely by which time it was getting dark. The balloon got stuffed back into it's bag, (the simplified version of the procedure!), and the passengers celebrated with glasses of champagne and were presented with certificates.

Joe and Joanne enjoyed it immensely, but Joe's hot tip for people who are thin on top it to wear a hat to protect one's head from the heat of the burner, he says he will next time!

*Diane Norris*

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

24 people took part in this event and by all accounts everyone enjoyed themselves. Two of our number were Hazel and Gordon, guests of Denise and Mark Westall, and had come all the way from Australia (not just for the Safari dinner of course!!). Hazel was not entirely new to the concept as she had been to a similar event at home, so joined in full heartedly and was welcomed by all. Gordon managed to join us for dessert, having only just returned from a long day of shooting, but I think he also enjoyed himself.



The evening began at the Linnet at approximately 7.30 where we met those new to the 'Safari' and found out where to go for our first courses. Having enjoyed a drink or two at the pub, more at our first port of call and then more for dinner most people still managed to find their third course hosts although one guest went astray and turned up elsewhere! This was a combination of his and his dinner hosts both having had too much to drink and not being able to read instructions! However all was sorted as another plate was easily found and there was plenty of dessert for all.

We finished the evening with Port, cheese and coffee at Denise and Mark's home, before returning home, some slightly worse for wear, but all having had a very enjoyable time.

A total of £62.50 was raised and donated to the New Village Hall Fund.

The next Safari Dinner will be at the end of October/beginning of November - possible dates could be 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> October or 14<sup>th</sup> November. Anyone can join in and if you've not done so before please do call me and have a chat if you are unsure as to what its all about (or look back into your last Grapevine where all was revealed). I shall need to know initial interest at the beginning of September in order to fix the actual date.

Perhaps we can make it the biggest yet (current record is 25 people) and raise some more funds for the hall.

*Sandra Crumpler (870906)*

# GREAT HINTON NEWS

## 1998 AGONY RUN

The agony run and fun day proved to be very successful again this year. Many thanks go to the Parsons for allowing the use of their field, and to the people/businesses who donated prizes or money for the event. Thanks also to all who helped on the day and beforehand. Special thanks also to Barclays who have donated £282 as matched funding for the race entry fees.

### Financial Summary

<i>Item</i>	<i>Gross Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Profit/Loss</i>
Race Entry Fees	282.00		282.00
Barclays Donation (Matched)	282.00		282.00
Raffle	791.00	(107.05)	683.95
Craft Stall	358.65		358.65
Cake Stall	101.70		101.70
Flower Tombola	107.25		107.25
Skittles	47.50		47.50
Bottle Tombola	225.30		225.30
Car Boot	221.00		221.00
Beer Tent	159.95	(10.00)	149.95
Donations	20.00		20.00
Coconut Shye	54.28		54.28
Children's Games	37.13		37.13
Barbecue	281.53		281.53
Trains	14.70		14.70
Teas	41.70		41.70
Tug-of-War	8.00		8.00
Donation	43.50		43.50
Toilet Unit		(94.00)	(94.00)
Insurance		(26.00)	(26.00)
Bunting / Adverts		(62.75)	(62.75)
Various Other Expenses		(120.00)	(120.00)
<b>Total Revenue</b>			<b>2657.39</b>
<b>Donation to Dreams Come True</b>			<b>(350.00)</b>
<b>Amount remaining for village hall funds</b>			<b><u>2307.39</u></b>





# GREAT HINTON NEWS

## VILLAGE CRAFT STALL

Many, many thanks to all the talented villagers who supported the idea of running our own craft stall.

Cushions and children's knitwear, paper mache bowls and soft toys, children's skirts and hand made cards, watercolours and microwave hot water bottles and don't let's forget the bird tables, nesting boxes and feeders to mention but a few things.



Articles for the stall poured in and it certainly proved a great success. To date we have taken £358.65 and we are still selling. There are still some bird boxes and feeders should anyone want to purchase one.

Anne and I plan to take leftover Car Boot articles and Craft articles to a Car Boot Sale as soon as we can synchronize with a spare Sunday !

*Audrey Plummer*

### Bird Table and Feeders for Sale

Bird tables can still be made to order at a cost of £18.00. There are also some small and large bird feeders available, priced at £2.50 and £3.00. Nesting boxes are £5.00. Proceeds to Village Hall Funds. Please contact Kevin or Sandra on 870906 if you are interested.

## Village Car Boot

Grateful thanks to everyone who kindly donated a huge variety of goods for sale. With the help of my friend from Frome, we made £221 so were well up on last year despite the indifferent weather. Our best customer, a dealer from the Swindon area, was delighted with his bargains and went home a very happy man - think he also won a raffle prize!

Unfortunately none of the electrical goods sold but the Dorothy House Shop in Melksham were pleased to have them along with a car load of other unsold items.

There are still enough unsold goods in the Village Hall for a Car Boot sale and we are just waiting for a sunny Sunday sometime soon and a few willing helpers ! Do get in touch if you're interested.

*Anne Truman (870607)*

## Raffle

The top raffle prizes were:

<i>Prize</i>	<i>Won By</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Divan bed	Frances	John Parsons - Airsprung
Television	Steve King	
Garden Seat	D Peacock	John Putt - Keepak
Hamper	Trudy Radcliffe	



## GREAT HINTON NEWS

### *Tug Of War Competition*

Once again Tug of War featured as part of the Fun Day. After the success of last year's competition, with five senior teams and two junior teams, this year initially appeared a little disappointing with only three senior teams entering. However what we lost in the number of teams entering was more than made up for by the quality and intensity of the competition!

There were two local teams, Jeff and the Dipsticks (Jeff Newman, family and friends - and he does have some big strong friends) and the Hinton Warriors (a team formed on the day but knitted together into a formidable fighting team through the enthusiasm and management skills of John Putt). The third team, who we welcomed back for a second year, were from Keith Lye's Garage called The Full Monty.

The early stages of the competition were fiercely fought with muscles straining and bodies heaving. Indeed if it were not for the medicinal properties of beer, there may have been more injuries amongst a few of the pullers whose bodies were not at the full peak of fitness.

The final was between Jeff and the Dipsticks and the Hinton Warriors. Somehow the Warriors had won through as a result of noble tugging and some impressive attempts at breaking the rules masterminded by the team's leader. Tired bodies stepped forward for the final. The Warriors could not match the strength and discipline of Jeff's team who won by two clear pulls.

Congratulations to Jeff and his team, thanks to Ushers and Wadworths for donating the beer that formed the prizes. Finally a hearty thanks to Trevor Heeks, the Trowbridge Town Crier, who umpired the Tug of War as well as starting the Agony Run.

*Neil Haynes*

### *Agony Run Biscuits*

I have had loads of requests for this recipe - so here goes.

8oz Butter  
4oz Caster Sugar  
1teasp Vanilla Essence  
8oz Self-raising Flour  
2oz Drinking Chocolate

Cream butter with the sugar and vanilla essence, then work in the flour and chocolate. Divide into pieces the size of a Walnut and roll into balls. Place on a baking sheet and flatten with large fork.

To freeze: open freeze - then pack in rigid containers, cover, label and freeze.

To cook: take straight from freezer, place on a greased baking tray in oven (190°C) 375F gas mark 5, 12-15 minutes - leave to firm for a few minutes on tray, then cool on wire rack.

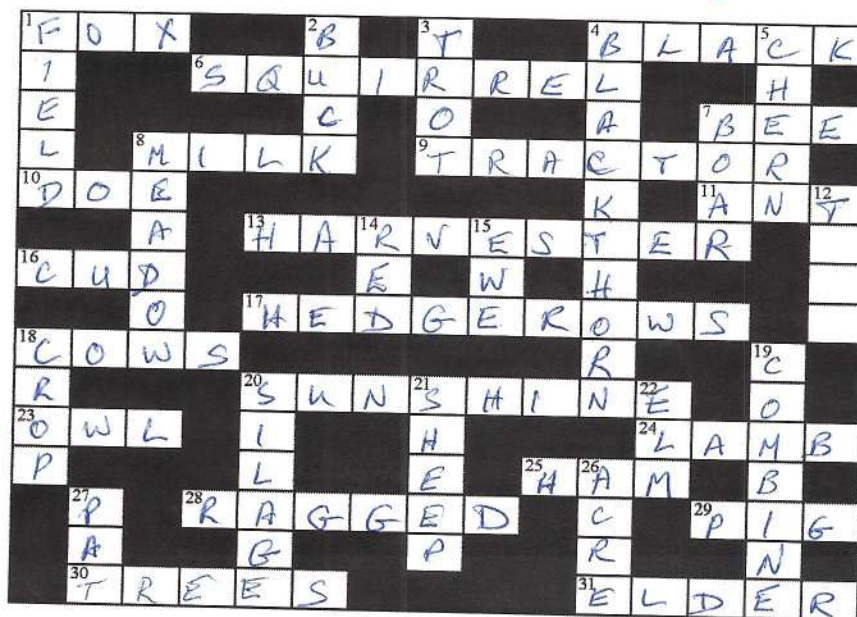
Makes approximately 36 biscuits.

*Sandy Salmon*



# GREAT HINTON NEWS

## Crossword Competition



**Closing date:** 5<sup>th</sup> September 1998

**Entry Fee:** 50p

**Prizes:** Bottle of Wine  
Biscuits  
Chocolate

Any profit will be donated to the village hall funds

### Across

1. It kills rabbits !
4. A dark coloured bird ?
6. It likes nuts
7. It likes flowers !
8. 18A may produce it
9. Pulls a plough
10. A female deer?
11. One of many hard workers
13. See 19D
16. 18A chews it
17. It surrounds 1D
18. Domesticated bovines
20. You can only make hay when you get it
23. You can get a *Little* one
24. A young 21D
25. It comes from a 29A
28. A shabby robin found in 17A
29. Its fat, pink and lives in an untidy pen
30. Tall things often found in 17A
31. An older type of berry

### Down

1. It contains lots of grass or a 18D
2. A male rabbit
3. A horse may do this
4. A prickly bush found in 17A
5. Used to make butter ?
7. A wild 29A
8. Full of grass where 18A like to roam
12. Use it to do a job
14. Don't show this rag to male 18A
15. A female 21D
18. It may be maize, corn, etc.
19. & 13A  
A farmer may use it to collect grains
20. Made from grass when there is no 20A
21. They have warm coats and jumpers ?
22. Could be a tree from Holland ? !
26. Unit of measurement of 1D
27. If in a 1D, be careful not to step in it

Please return this form and 50p, to Mark Newman, Church Farm by the end of 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Name: ..... Address: .....

### Rules

Only correct entries will be valid for the draw for the 1<sup>st</sup> prize. Incorrect or incomplete entries will be eligible for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes. The 3<sup>rd</sup> prize will only be given if at least 10 entries have been received. Entries only valid if submitted with the 50p entry fee. Photocopied/multiple entries only accepted if accompanied by the appropriate entry fees.



