

GRAPEVINE



Winter 1998

GREAT HINTON MEMORIAL HALL TRUST UPDATE

The Trust continues to work on fund raising and planning for a new Hall.

Community First (formerly the Community Council for Wiltshire) is providing us with much support in our work and through them it appears very likely that we will be receiving a grant of £20,000 from a local organisation that makes major contributions towards community projects like ours.



If we receive that £20,000 we will then have funds or commitments of support of £50,000. We are also due to put in some further grant applications very shortly to try to add to this amount.

You may recall that a major grant application was made some time ago to 21st Century Halls, one of the National Lottery programmes. We were unsuccessful with this application although the feedback we received indicated that the application was well regarded. Recently a representative from the Lotteries Commission has contacted Chris Munday, who led this application, to inform us that we are still on the reserve list for funding and that there was a possibility of some of the successful Project applicants dropping out. So watch this space!



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EDITORIAL

The lucky winners of the crossword competition from the last issue are: 1st - Audrey Plummer (wine) and 2nd - Chris McCool (chocolates). As there were only eight entries, there was not a third prize. Good luck to those entering this issue's competition.

If anyone would like to include any articles in the next Grapevine, please drop them in to me or telephone 870040. Alternatively articles may be mailed to me at Church Farm, Great Hinton, Trowbridge, Wilts. BA14 6BT.



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

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mark Newman



100 CLUB WINNERS

	August 1998	September 1998	October 1998	November 1998
£14	Jeannie Probert	Paul Winterburn	John Fennell	John Hallam
£12	Teresa Barnes	Denise Westall	Derek Saville	Mrs Foyle
£10	Charlie Foyle	Sam Barker	Graham Keen	Chris Morris
£8	Hannah Brown	Rod Towler	Mrs Killingback	Kevin Crumpler
£5	David Harnott	Anne Truman	Philip Selwyn-Smith	Ian Knight
£4	Ms J Gregg	Philip Selwyn-Smith	Sue Smith	Mark Newman
Numbers Drawn By:	Sandy Salmon	Kath Berrett	Ken Young	Oliver & Xanthe Smith

£10 Christmas Bonus Prizes - Mrs Dodd, Peter Doel and Ray Jones

Jean & Min

GREAT HINTON NOVICE HORSE SHOW & GYMKHANA



The 5th Great Hinton Novice Horse Show & Gymkhana took place on Sunday 13th September.

The weather was kind after a very wet week and, after a slow start, people came from far and wide to support this popular event. The grand total of £1200 was raised which will be shared equally between Keevil School and St. Mary's School, Steeple Ashton.

Many thanks to all our sponsors and for all the helpers who worked so hard to make it such a successful day.

Fiona Ballam (Secretary)

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1999 EVENTS

A number of events are being considered for 1999 by the Village Hall Committee and these include:



ACTORS NOT REQUIRED

Due to popular demand the annual post Christmas event (also known as the Hangover Party) will take place on the 16th January 1999 starting at 8 p.m. in the village hall. This is your chance to drain the dregs, from those bottles left over from the year end festive season, amongst friends. You will be encouraged to partake in intellectually challenging games that have been tremendous fun on previous occasions. Money back guarantee if you don't laugh, snigger or tut-tut!



Cost £2.50 per person to cover food. Bring your own drinks.

Please contact Diane (870519) or Jean (870524) or Kevin (870906).

SPRING DANCE

Following the success of last year's event a combination Barn & Line Dance is being planned for the 6th March (date to be confirmed) at the Steeple Ashton Village Hall. Full details at a later date

CAR BOOT SALE

The car boot stall at the Agony Run raised a lot of money on the day but there remains enough material (*stored in a secret location*) to justify setting up a stall at a local site. The plans are to augment this by an appeal in the Spring ... so don't through out anything that could be of use. If in doubt please contact Anne Truman (870607).

1999 AGONY RUN

Village Hall funds have been considerably boosted with donations totalling over £4,000 from the last two Agony Runs and there will be an event in 1999. You will have read of the current status with funding for the new village hall and this event demonstrates to potential fund providers the way in which the enthusiasm and energy can be harnessed for the enjoyment and benefit of the village.

It is planned to organise the event on similar lines to previous occasions with the workload being divided up at a planing meeting to be held in February. If you can help, in what ever way, then please contact one of the committee members.

TREASURE HUNT ON FOOT

This idea was well received at a recent committee meeting and it will be developed into something that can be held in the summer.



QUIZ NIGHT

An event likely to be held in the Autumn. Details will appear later in 1999.

All of the above events will be organised by the Village Hall Committee and hopefully will be well supported by the village. The primary beneficiary of any funds raised will be the Village Hall Charity although consideration will be given to also support another charity with the Agony Run proceeds.

In 1998 a cheque for £350 was donated to the 'Dreams come true' charity. If you would like a charity to be supported then this will be discussed at the February Planning meeting for the Agony Run and you should provide details to Kevin (870906).

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LADIES CLUB

For the first meeting of the new season in September we welcomed Mrs Julia Morgan who gave a most interesting talk on Laundry Bygones bringing with her several old irons and antique linen - think it made us all appreciate our modern washing machines and steam irons!

October once again saw us filling covered shoe boxes which all sorts of gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Members and friends had kindly donated a wide variety of toys, toiletries, pens, pencils, woolly hats, etc. and Jean was able to take 44 boxes to the Distribution point, with more items left over for next year.

In November, which was an open meeting, about thirty five villagers came along to hear Mr Ken Rogers, the retired County Archivist, talk about the origins of Great Hinton.

The December meeting, as always, will be our Christmas meal and this year we are going to The Hilbury Court Hotel. Several husbands have been roped in as taxi drivers!



Carol Singing in the village is on Monday, 21st December, starting from The Linnet car park at 7 p.m. Please join us if you can, children and male voices particularly welcome! We have a couple of stops en route for some Christmas cheer and mincepies and hope to raise a good sum for The Wiltshire Air Ambulance appeal fund - so come along and help keep this country Christmas carol tradition alive (or, alternatively, be at your doors to hear us!).

Our annual Skittles evening takes place in Devizes as before when partners will be most welcome. Please note the date: Tuesday, 19th January. More details later.

On February 17th, Mr Leon Butler, Head Gardener of Iford Manor, near Westwood, Bradford-On-Avon, will be giving an illustrated talk on the beautiful Italianate Gardens of Iford. He is a very interesting speaker, has been on television several times talking about Iford, and once again this will be an open meeting, so please note the date and come and join us.

March will be our Gourmet evening - theme to be decided and April will be our Bring & Buy and A.G.M.



The Ladies Club would like to extend a warm welcome to new members. We usually meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the hall at 8 p.m. All very informal and friendly. Contact any member or Carol Clarke, Chairman, Sandra Crumpler, Treasurer or myself, Anne Truman, Secretary. We would love you to join us.

Anne Truman (Secretary)

BIRTHS

Matthew John Hallam was born on 11th September 1998. He shares his birthday with his sister Alice who was born two years earlier.



Much to the relief of Claire, who had grown to mammoth proportions, the twins arrived a month early on 28th March 1998. Benjamin Richard (5lb 5oz) and Josephine Anne (6lb 3oz), after a worrying 3 weeks in RUH Bath, arrived safely back home and are now doing well. Mike and Claire would like to thank all who gave their support and good wishes.

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GREAT HINTON MEMORIAL HALL TRUST ACCOUNTS

The funds have now built up to £16793.71. A small portion of this is to be used for running the existing hall (electricity, water rates, insurance, etc.) with the remainder being part of the funding required to build a new hall.

I would like to thank the following groups for donations received:

Village Hall Committee	(donations make up most of the current funds)
Barclays	(various donations totalling £682.00)
Steeple Ashton & District Royal British Legion	
(including ladies section)	(donation of £40)
Safari Dinner profit	(donation of £50)



If any person or organisation would like to make a donation to the charity please send it to me. Any cheques should be made payable to "Great Hinton Memorial Hall Trust". The registered charity number is 1069606.

Mark Newman (Treasurer)

SAFARI DINNER

November 14th saw 25 villagers hurriedly moving around the village from house to house as we progressed through three courses of yet another Safari dinner. As usual a good time was had by all, sampling the culinary delights of our fellow hosts as well as at least one bottle of wine at each venue and since we did not consume a great deal of Port at the end of the evening, £50 was donated towards the new village hall fund. The next Safari dinner will be sometime around May 1999, once the weather becomes more favourable again. Watch this space for more details.



Why don't you give it a try; you may be feasted with assorted starters such as home-made soup, salmon mousse, prawn cocktail, or warm chicken salad, followed by roast lamb, pheasant casserole, curry, beef in Guinness, and finish up with fruit salad, pavlova, syrup pudding, pears in cider or even Christmas pudding. This is just a selection of the many different dishes which have been produced over the past events. Some very simple, others more exotic but all well cooked and thoroughly enjoyable.



Perhaps we shall see some new faces next time.

Sandra Grumpler

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The meeting on Home Security held on Wednesday 4th November was well attended. We were all sorry to say farewell to Mark Newbery after so many years in our community but it was nice to be able to welcome Steve Drage as his successor.

Since the meeting there has been a theft of agricultural equipment within the village and also an attempted suspicious entry. The local police have asked us all to be especially vigilant for anything untoward, however small, and to report directly to them.

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

Sandy Salmon (870662)

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A BOOK OF KEEVIL

The Keevil Society launched the second volume of "A Book of Keevil", in the Village Hall, Keevil, on Sunday 6th December.

Many villagers have contributed articles, loaned or taken photographs, to provide a unique and comprehensive chronicle of life, both past and present, of this Wiltshire village.

This second volume of the "A Book of Keevil" again presents a series of chapters ranging from the distant past - we find out more about the mysterious Coople Church - to our own times. Shops, pubs, forges, the cricket team are all recorded, and one chapter considers the weather in six recent Januarys. We also have an 18th century love story and an account of the curacy of the father of the diarist Kilvert.

A series of articles deal with Keevil Airfield. It relies on government archives, which record operations from Keevil and also the reminiscences and photographs of men who served and flew from Keevil. It provides a remarkable account of this important aspect of the village's history.

The book is soft covered, printed on high quality art paper, consisting of 140 A4 pages, well illustrated, with 138 photographs and 36 documents. It is priced at £11.00 - and may be ordered from the Society's Secretary on 01380 870491.



BEFRIEND A FEATHERED FRIEND

You will probably remember that the craft stall at the Agony Run featured bird tables, nesting boxes and feeders. These are still available with proceeds going to the Village Hall charity. Some items can be supplied ex-stock whilst the bird tables are now made to order at £18.00 each. Nesting boxes are £5.00 and should be put into position before the breeding season. Please contact Neil (870153) or Kevin (870906).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DIAL Wiltshire, the countywide Disability Helpline needs volunteers. We are based at the Independent Living Centre, Semington and local travelling expenses are available to volunteers with training provided.

Our Chairman, Canon Jack, and everyone involved in DIAL stress the importance of volunteer involvement. Without the commitment of volunteers the DIAL information service could not continue to be available for disabled people, carers and anyone in need of information about disability.

If you have a disability or experience of caring for disabled people, or feel you have the necessary skills to help deal with telephone enquiries, why not make a New Year resolution - contact Sylvia Clark on 01380 871003 for more information about becoming a volunteer.



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1998 POPPY APPEAL



The amount raised within Great Hinton this year was £94.19. Thank you all for your generosity.

Sandy Salmon

CHARITY CARD SHOP - TROWBRIDGE

To date, this year has been most successful for the Charity Card Shop and we hope to break all records. Many thanks to all the volunteers from within the village who have freely donated their time to serve in the shop. It may be of interest to know that, last year, over 98% of the shop takings were forwarded directly to the various charities.

Chris Salmon



VILLAGE HISTORY

On Wednesday 18th November the Ladies Club held an open meeting, when they were joined by a good number of friends from the village to hear Mr Kenneth Rogers, retired county archivist speak about the origin of the village, with special reference to Great Hinton.

With the aid of slides of maps and plans dating back to 1760 we heard the manorial system was the medieval social and economic system of holding land from the manor in return for service.

The land was cultivated in strips by those working for the manor. Gradually a rental system evolved.

We saw slides of the older properties in the village and learnt that the manor of Great Hinton, which would originally have owned all the land on which the village has grown up, is possibly the house now known as Church farm.

Mr Rogers could throw no light on the subject of how the manor became known as Church Farm or how the house now known as Manor House or Manor Farm as it was until approximately twenty years ago, achieved its present status.

Carol Clark thanked Mr Rogers for a most interesting and informative evening.



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QUIZ EVENING

Always on the lookout for new activities, the Village Hall Committee will be running a Quiz Evening during 1999. Look out for an announcement about the date of this event and mug up on trivia! For example:

- what was the name of the lead singer in the band Slade ?
- what was the Gloucester address at which mass murderers Fred West and his wife were living when he was arrested ?
- what sort of fruit or vegetable are the following: James Grieve and Alderman ?
- General Pinochet, former President of Chile, was originally in UK for medical treatment; what was the treatment for ?
- which team won the FA Cup in 1997 ?



AGONY RUN

We need to keep up with our fund raising towards a new Village Hall, and the Agony Run and Fun Day continues to be an event that raises funds very successfully as well as providing an event which most village residents get involved in.

There will be another Agony Run in June 1999. Again look out for an announcement of the date and please put it into your diary. Such an event takes quite a bit of organising and at times we need plenty of helpers, especially for setting up the field and assisting on the day.

We will be asking for volunteers! Please see if you can help with this major village event.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

December 21 st	Carol Singing
January 9 th	Wordsearch Competition Closing Date
January 16 th	Hangover Party
January 19 th	Ladies Club Skittles
February	Agony Run Meeting
February 17 th	Ladies Club Iford Gardens Talk
March 6 th	Spring Dance
March 31 st	Grapevine Article Deadline
June	Agony Run



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MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS IDEAS WANTED

The Great Hinton Hall Committee are looking for suggestions as to how we as a community, can celebrate the turn of the century, or mark the occasion in some way.

The committee would like to have the new hall built in time, but this very much depends on final funding to achieve the total building costs in time.

You may think the planting of a tree would be appropriate, or perhaps a decorative village sign to mark the entry to the village.

We are sure someone in the village will come up with a good idea, so please use the space below to write down any suggestions/ideas you may have and either hand them directly, or via a Hall Committee member, to Mark Newman, Church Farm, as soon as possible so that your ideas can be discussed at the next hall meeting.
