

The Grapevine Great Hinton

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Great Hinton Ladies' Club

The year started with our **skittles evening** in January and was well supported. Our winners were Rebecca Locke and Richard Clarke. Kevin Crumpler followed this in February with a talk on **Bonsai trees**. Some of us joined in with re-potting and we also were shown some interesting slides. I gather quite a few people are 'having a go.'

In March we had our **Gourmet Night** with an Italian theme. We all got out our cookery books and produced a wide variety of tasty dishes. Lots of members plus partners came and there was plenty to choose from and enjoy.

In April we had our AGM linked with a Bring and Buy Sale. Sandra has agreed to continue as Treasurer, Di as Vice Chair and I have also agreed to continue as Chairperson for next year. We raised £67 which has been given to Dorothy House.



Many wellies were in evidence

This year's **summer fete** took place at Hillbrow Cottage on Saturday 30th June by kind permission of Gill and Dom. It was a great venue with plenty of room for stalls on the lawn and games on the hard standing with the Bouncy Castle and 'wellie' throwing on the field. We are really grateful to Gill and Dom for letting us use their land, so many thanks from us all.

The week before the fete was rather stressful for all of us as the weather forecast threatened a gale on the Saturday. We decided to go ahead on the day when we heard the weather reports suggesting it would be no worse than the previous weekend in our area. We were so glad that we did as we raised £700 towards the Life Boat Association.

We have already had a thank you letter from the

Association from which I quote 'When told the population of your village is just over 200 and quite a few of those are of school age, it makes me think that the community spirit in your village must be extremely good.' I totally agree and it amazes me how many people are prepared to help with fetching tables, chairs and china and to put up the gazebos and stalls. Also so many people contributed items to be sold at the fete from books and bottles to lovely homemade cakes. **Thanks to you all!**

Also special thanks to Di and Roger who hosted the evening after the fete, where we were able to relax, have a good meal and enjoy ourselves.

We start our meetings on **Wednesday 19th September** with a cheese and wine evening. Hopefully there will be some artwork on display by a visitor to the village. **New members are very welcome!** Our meetings will then continue every third Wednesday in each month and start at 8pm. In November there will be a Demonstration and talk on Canal Art and a programme of events will be posted to all villagers at the beginning of September.

Many thanks for all your support. **Carolyn Haynes**

Christian Aid Collection

Many thanks to all who gave so generously. This year we excelled ourselves and sent £131.25 to the national collection. My thanks to Gillian Verschoyle for her help in covering half the village for me.

Lunch Club

Attendance at our monthly lunches was excellent throughout the year and the outing in June to Heale House garden was enjoyed by all who came. We finished for the summer at the end of April and will resume again on **Thursday 11th October**. But reminder notices will be distributed during the week before we meet.

Children's Workshop

We haven't held a workshop since Christmas as this seems to have been a particularly busy year for me, either that or I am becoming very slow at doing things!! But I hope we shall be able to hold one in October round about Harvest time so watch out for further information.

Harvest Supper

The harvest supper this year will be on **Saturday 6th October** in the village hall at 7pm for 7.30. We would like to decorate the hall with any produce which you can spare. The cost of the meal will as usual be £5 per head to be collected on the night. Again we shall be distributing reminder notices the week before.

Audrey Plummer

Golly's Quest A big thank you to all my friends and neighbours for their good wishes, farewell gifts and cards. You gave me such a splendid send off and leaving party and the memory of the night will remain with me on my travels. If you'd like to keep in touch with my progress check out

<http://gollysquest.blogspot.com/>

Best wishes Au revoir **Golly**

Remembrance Sunday

Every year the Steeple Ashton branch of the British Legion along with the vicar of St Mary's hold a short remembrance service and wreath laying at 12:00 noon outside the hall. Very sadly the number of villagers has dwindled in recent years to a very few and it would be nice if this year more residents could join the memorial party for the 5 or so minutes that it lasts.

Mike Dodd

B.Y.O. Evenings

Welcome to all newcomers to the village. If you would like to meet some of your new neighbours, you will be welcomed at the Linnet where on Tuesday evenings we get together for a drink and a chat and you only **Buy Your Own** drinks. It is usual for a dozen of us to be there on Tuesdays in the summer, and in the winter months as many as twenty-two have turned up. We look forward to seeing old and new villagers from 8.30pm on any Tuesday.

The Natives are very friendly!

Mike Truman

BADMINTON

We are managing to keep going each week during the holiday period with enough players for two courts. It is hoped that once everybody has returned from their holidays we shall once more be able to have enough

for three courts every Friday evening.

On 28th April a skittle evening was held in the village hall for players, husbands, wives and friends. A pairs competition started the evening which was won by Steve & Geogi. A supper followed which was a buffet of cold meats, quiche, cheese, rice, pork pies, sausage rolls, French sticks, green salads, tomatoes etc. For deserts we had the choice of various cheese cakes. Thanks must go to Diane & Anne (ably assisted of course by their husbands helping with the shopping) for putting on a splendid supper. A game of "Killer" brought the evening to a close at about 11 pm. Unfortunately not everybody was able to come to the evening but another social evening in one form or another will be planned for sometime in the future.

Our Friday night sessions of Badminton are played in a friendly atmosphere and if any one reading this would like to join us please give me a ring on 870403.

Ken Young

Our Parish

I have just been elected a member of the Steeple Ashton PCC (Parochial Church Council). One of the things I want to do is to try to make Great Hinton as involved as possible in the Parish - we do belong to St Mary's. So far I have put up two notices on the Great Hinton notice board giving the times of services and the name and phone number of our new vicar, Julian Parker, and I will try to make sure that we are kept up to date.

We are lucky to have such a beautiful church, there for us in time of need for weddings, christenings and funerals, and for prayer. But without our support the congregation may not always be there. St Mary's

does have support from some Great Hintoners, but needs more. Please come! If by any chance you don't get a Parish Magazine and would like one, let me know. And how about becoming a bell ringer? It's great fun, and the bells at St Mary's are splendid. Let me know if you are interested and would like to learn.

The Village Shop

Another organisation which needs your support is the Village Shop. As you know, the shop is largely run by volunteers, who work the till, serve in the coffee shop, order the stock, etc etc. Volunteering is very entertaining and you learn a great deal too. The Committee members are constantly reviewing the stock and try to keep the shelves full of the kind of items you are likely to want, locally produced and fresh - both the things you run out of, like milk, and treats like wine and chocolate. The shop is open every day including 2 hours on Sunday morning. Exact times and the phone number are on the front of the Parish Magazine. So, next time you are setting off to Tesco, stop and think - Steeple Ashton Village Shop will probably have all the items on your list!

Gill Verschoyle

Safari Dinner

The next Safari Dinner (no. 33) will be on Saturday 27th October. Don't forget to put this date into your diary. I'm sure you don't want to miss it. I need to know by Friday 19th October (put this in your diary too) whether or not you will be joining us. I can then spend the weekend scheduling the courses/guests and let you know on Monday/Tuesday (22nd/23rd), which course to prepare and how many guests you are to expect.

As usual, this event is not exclusive and we welcome any newcomers who want to come along. If you give me a call I will gladly tell you everything you need to know. It is always thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, so do give it a try.

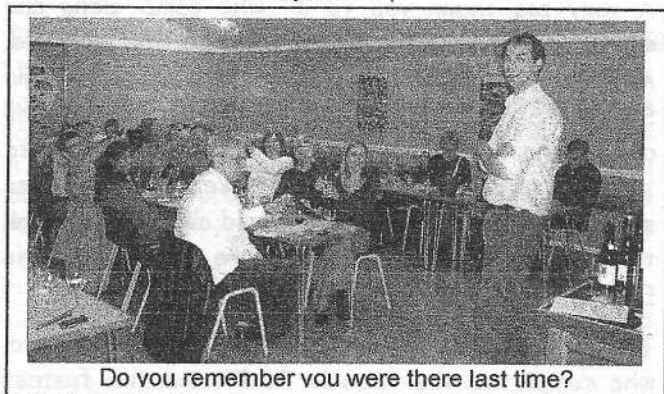
Sandra 870906

ART CLUB Wine, women and song!! Well, not quite - we do have three male members, but if you like the idea of an evening's relaxation painting and sketching with music in the background and a glass of wine half way through, come and join us. It does not matter whether your ability is Picasso or pre-school - you will be welcome. There is no official tuition but we have plenty of books between us and it is a great way to unwind after a busy day. Some of us exhibited and sold paintings at the art exhibition held in the Civic Hall last Easter and though not all our efforts are masterpieces, there is real satisfaction in completing something worth framing. We start again on Thursday, 6th September, 7.30 - 9.30pm in the village hall. If you are interested just turn up, or for further details 'phone Carol Clarke 870635 or Mike Dodd 870446

134 days to Christmas including four, not to be missed, popular evenings in Great Hinton!

The next event on Saturday 6th October will be the **Harvest Supper** in the Village Hall and this features an auction of produce at the end.

Please start saving fence panels, wood, trees, tables, chairs, doors, etc for the **Village Bonfire** to be held in Gill & Dom's field at the top of the village. Collection of materials and the building of the bonfire will take place on the Saturday 3rd November with the event itself being on the Sunday evening. Volunteers would be appreciated. Please contact Kevin (870906) nearer the time if you have suitable material and/or would like to volunteer your help.



Do you remember you were there last time?

The ever-popular series of lectures on **Fine Wines** by Steve Locke will be accompanied by wines from Argentina and Chile on Saturday 10th November. Numbers have to be strictly limited and tickets will be available on a 'first come first served' basis.

To finish the 2007 year of events there will be a **skittles evening** on the 8th December featuring that great way to lose money, called 'Killer'.

Details of all of these events will be posted on the Village Hall notice board.

Sexually discriminated against, unpaid taxi driver! ... Men, do you feel left out at Christmas?

It's about time the men of the village met up one evening for a Christmas dinner at the Linnet. Now we cannot promise strippers or bawdy comedians, but I am sure that we can make this a memorable event because the food will be first class.

Interested? Then please contact Kevin Crumpler or Mike Truman in the first instance.

Hall Bookings

During August the hall is used every Wednesday for junior table tennis organised as usual by Di. Apart from this the hall is sparsely used during the summer months. I have used it for a family evening playing skittles and you would be surprised how good the children are. Please contact me on 871196 for bookings for a cheap night out.

Hall Trust

The recently introduced smoking ban in public spaces has had no effect on the hall because we already had a no smoking policy. As a result the hall decorations still look pretty good. The Trust finances are at present adequate with £2953 in a savings account for future maintenance and £1093 in the current account for day to day expenses. I would like to thank Ken for the

badminton club's donation of £40 to the village hall funds and to Lisa and Ross for £131.42 from a collection made at their house warming.

100 Club draw is as usual on the last Tuesday of the month at the Linnet - do come and join us on this BYO night.

David Harnott

Great Hinton Parish Council

Road Safety - The Strand

It was with great sadness that we learnt of another fatal road accident at The Strand in the last few weeks. The Parish Council has long campaigned for action by the County Council, as the responsible highways authority, to improve road safety around The Lamb and the junction with the road to the village. How many more people must die or be seriously injured before the Council take action?

We strongly believe that there needs to be a speed limit of 40 mph to restrict speed at this dangerous location, yet the Council say that they do not recognise that the area is in any way dangerous. The Council's policy, which we find incomprehensible, is that until there have been 3 fatalities in a 2 year period they do not regard any location as a priority for action. At a location where there have been numerous serious accidents in recent years we find this approach unacceptable.

In the light of this dreadful accident your Parish Council will be renewing our campaign for action by the County Council. As with all such issues however, the more people who make their feelings known to the Council the more impact any campaign will have. As most people in our village have to use this junction very regularly I would ask that as many of you as possible write to the Council to press for urgent action. Together we might just make a difference!

Road Safety - Coldharbour Crossroads

Some months ago a local business erected a new, and much enlarged, advertising sign adjacent to Coldharbour crossroads. Your Parish Council were so concerned by the potential distraction to drivers caused by this sign, coupled with the intrusive nature of the sign in a rural location, we contacted the District Council Planning Department to raise our concerns.

As a consequence the planning enforcement officer conducted an investigation and concluded that this sign requires planning consent, which has resulted in a retrospective planning application being submitted. I would again ask that if you feel strongly on this issue you should write before 15th September to the Planning Department at WWDC quoting the planning reference 07/02468/ADV.

Best Kept Village Competition

In the 2007 competition we were unable to repeat the success of previous years. In the District round of the competition we were placed third, out of four

Parish Council Membership

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Richard Andrew who had given his time and energy to serve you as a Parish Councillor in recent years. Consequently at the election in May there were just four nominations for five vacancies. This meant that Dianne Norris, Mike Dodd, Gill Verschoye and myself were elected unopposed. Subsequently George McDonic volunteered and he is to join as a co-opted member, ensuring that the Parish Council will be at full strength with a range of skills and talent.

Chris Munday Chairman

Tel: 870912

100 Club

These are the names of the lucky winners this year.

	£15	£12	£10	£8	£5
January	Dorothy Young	Sylvia Tarrant	Elizabeth Newman	Mike Symington	Doris Saville
February	P Selwyn Smith	J Franklin	Mike Truman	Emma Nicholl	I M Franklin
March	Mike Truman	Judy Ramsey	Elena Newman	Sheila Jennings	Tom Rolls
April	Jon Furbey	Maureen Cunningham	Neil Harnott	Sandra Crumpler	Ruth Blake
May	I M Franklin	Andy Squibbs	Monica Mead	Derek Saville	Doris Saville
June	Claire Evans	Ken Young	Clive Blake	John Putt	Julie Doel
July	Tim Smith	Mary Winterburn	Helen Shipman	Monica Mead	Sue Smith

KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS

Building News

It has been a bit cramped and noisy, but we are pleased to say that our two new classrooms have been completed and we will be moving into them for the start of the new term in September! Building work then commences on Class 1's classroom which we hope will be finished in the Autumn Term. This extension will provide the necessary space required for our ever-increasing roll. Our intake in September will be 19 which will bring the roll up to 92 and we will for the first time ever be able to offer our new reception class their own classroom which we hope will be a more gentle way to introduce them to life at Keevil School.

Pupils' Achievements

Two of our year 6 boys competed in the finals of the Primary Maths Challenge. This is a national competition which tests children's higher level maths skills. Luke Tyler scored 24 points out of a possible 30 to achieve a bronze award and David Vick scored 26 to obtain a silver award.

Well done to last term's winners of the effort cups. The Infant winner was Emily Purnell, the Lower Junior winner was Stacey James and the Upper Junior winner was Tasmin Cole. The laughter plate awarded in memory of Mrs Laycock was awarded to Josie Barrett!

Very well done to David Vick and Abigail Ritchens who both won medals in swimming at a meet in Salisbury recently. A team of 4 also went to a swimming gala held at Milfield School and their efforts did the school proud. Well done David, Luke, Abigail and Katie.

New Staff

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Miss Louisa Jones, a very experienced teacher who is currently working in The Grove School Trowbridge, to take the Foundation Stage class from September. We also appointed Mrs. Maria O'Brien, who is currently teaching in St Barnabus School, to take the year 3 / 4 children to cover maternity leave.

Jackie Chalk HEADTEACHER

F.O.K.S. (FRIENDS OF KEEVIL SCHOOL)

FUNDS PROVIDED FOR PLAYING FIELD

FOKS raised the funds to re-turf a piece of land behind the church for the use of the children to enjoy sports and play. This is an essential piece of land belonging to the Church of England that Keevil School is able to use for the foreseeable future.

KEEVIL 10k & FAMILY FUN DAY - 3rd June

A very big thank you to all who came along and supported us at the Keevil 10k on the Airfield. Another huge thank you also goes out to our Prime Sponsor, Stephen Graver Ltd. of Steeple Ashton, who came along to the event with his team and awarded the main trophies on our behalf. We had many other sponsors of the event and we would also like to thank them too. Our latest profit figure from the Run is £3,245 - FANTASTIC!!

The fastest male winner Daniel Moore from Bristol who completed the race in 33.17 and the fastest female Suzanne Bartram from Halesowen, who came in at 40.10. All results and pictures of the event are now available on our website www.keevil10k.co.uk.

Debbie Scott Chair, Friends of Keevil School

FOUND

Pair of spectacles found in the Newman's field -

Contact Carolyn Haynes

Set of keys including a car key found at entrance to Peppercom Orchard

Contact John Probert

THE LAST WORD

Recently in the press I've been reading about the loss of thousand of decaying or broken gravestones from churchyards and with them the loss of many interesting and poignant epitaphs that have been recorded over the years. It brought to mind one that my Granny recited to me and my cousins many years ago when we were children. I think it originated from the Evercreech area in Somerset where she was born. It goes :

Here lies I at the Chancel door.

Here lies I because I be poor.

The further in the more they pay,

But here lies I as warm as they.

Perhaps some of you can bring to mind other epitaphs - if so, I'd love to hear them.

Anne Truman

Churchill suggested this epitaph for himself - sadly, it never made his ponderous tomb: I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter.