

# The Grapevine Great Hinton

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## VILLAGERS' GENEROSITY EXCEEDS ALL EXPECTATIONS

### Great Hinton Ladies' Club

Our main news is obviously the fete, which was on the 28<sup>th</sup> June in the garden and field of Hillbrow Cottage. The weather was kind to us this year and about 100 adults plus children attended. The fete was opened by the 'Forever Friends' bear and many of the children enjoyed a hug.

Our visiting junior gymnastics team, who train at Radstock, put on a very good performance. They obviously enjoyed performing and it was great to see such young children doing their amazing 'flips' on the special inflated mat.

All our stalls did well and the cake stall made about three times the amount it did last year. The visitors were able to enjoy tea and biscuits and relax under the gazebo watching all that was going on. Rather different from last year in the drizzle!

The children could enjoy all the games, face painting, bouncy castle and pony rides. Debbie Scott must have walked miles taking the children for pony rides! Well done!

Thanks to all who came to support us and a special thanks to all those who helped. We raised £950 for 'Space to Grow,' the campaign for the premature baby unit at RUH.

**Carolyn Haynes**

### Auction of Promises raises £1048

Whilst sipping champagne, eating chocolates and strawberries in a hot tub under the stars, won as highest bidder in the recent Auction of Promises, it was appropriate to focus on the amazing £1,048 raised for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Many thanks to all who offered promises for auction and have generously given their time to make these promises happen. Also to those who bid and bought the items – enjoy.

Other bidders have already enjoyed an authentic Thai dinner, sailing in Poole Harbour, car washes, flowers and many more great promises.

If you made a promise and are wondering what has happened, you should be contacted by the purchaser when they decide to collect the promise, so don't worry.

**Kevin Crumpler**

### Christian Aid Annual Collection

This year we sent £161.76 which was £30 more than last year. Many thanks to all who gave and thank you for your generosity. It makes trudging round the village delivering envelopes and three trips to catch everyone in very worthwhile. **Audrey**

**The Lunch Club** continues to meet on the second Thursday of each month between October and April.

We had a very successful outing in spite of yours truly making a mistake about which pub we ate at five years ago! My mistake turned out to be quite fortuitous as The Red Bull at Malmesbury served excellent meals and The Duke of York had become an Indian restaurant called Spice.

Despite the cold wind the Malmesbury Abbey House gardens were looking beautiful and as it was not a "clothes optional day" no one felt cold or suffered any embarrassment!!

The first lunch of the new season will be on Thursday 9 October. Please put this date in your diary – all members and anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome. **Audrey**

### Art Class (Mondays 2.30pm - 4.30pm)

After a very successful couple of sessions at the Village Hall, I would like to start the Monday Art Class again in September. I am unable to firm up any dates at present as I am waiting to hear when my Hospital appointment for a back operation is going to be. I will contact all ten artists in my class when I have some definite news.

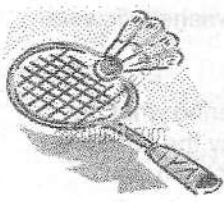
Thank you all who have attended the class so far for your support.

The next session, if I can arrange, it will be even more challenging!!!

**Mike Truman**

Please come to my coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 26th September at 5 Peppercorn Orchard, from 10- 12. Sale of cakes, Phoenix Cards and a Raffle. Everyone welcome!!

**Rebecca Locke**



## BADMINTON

Although it is Summer and our members are going on holiday we will be still meeting on Friday nights providing we can find at least four people to play. This might be an opportunity for those of you who would like to try the game to come along and you would be most welcome. We play for a hour from 8.00pm followed by a warm down and a drink. Give me a ring if you are interested on 870403.

**Ken Young**

## Neighbourhood Watch

Police are concerned about the theft of heating oil and any metal because of their soaring prices. Here's what they suggest you do to reduce the risk of having your oil stolen:

- ❖ Ensure your tank is out of sight so far as is possible, making sure it is not obvious from the road.
- ❖ If necessary camouflage your tank with a shrub or fence panel.
- ❖ Conceal exterior pipework.
- ❖ Keep gates to your property shut at all times and locked when you are not at home.
- ❖ Check your oil level at least once a week and report anything suspicious to the police as soon as possible.
- ❖ Secure your tank in a lock up shed or cage or use a metal cage to protect the tap.
- ❖ Fit a security light with a sensor so that anyone approaching at night is lit up.
- ❖ Let your neighbours know when your are expecting an oil delivery and ask them to advise you if a tanker turns up unexpectedly.
- ❖ Ensure that you have theft of oil covered on your insurance.

If summer arrives, do take care to shut windows when going out - sorry to teach you to suck eggs but we all forget at times.

**David**

**Village hall lettings** Because of the continuing rise in electricity prices serious consideration is being given to increasing the price of £10 per session for villagers which has remained the same since the hall was completed. Feedback and suggestions please to me.

**David**

**Sunflower competition** Would all those who have successfully grown sunflowers and would like to be judged (in August or September) please let me know.

**David Harnott 871196**

## STEEPLE ASHTON CINEMA IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Tickets for 'The Bank Job' (Saturday 4 October) and 'Mamma Mia' (Saturday 15 November) will be on sale immediately after the bank holiday weekend at the Village Shop or from the Ticket Secretary on 870660

More information?? Phone Gill Verschoyle on 870302

Proceeds are in aid of Steeple Ashton Preservation Trust

## Great Hinton Parish Council

### Phone box under threat

The Village phone box is on a BT list of phone boxes in West Wilts that are proposed to be closed. This shocking news was discussed at the Annual Parish meeting at the beginning of June. With just 10 calls being made from the box in a year it was agreed by all that it is highly unlikely that the retention of the box as an active facility can be sustained. The meeting decided that we should fight for its retention as an important piece of street furniture at one of the natural focal points of our village.

It was as result of active campaigning by the Parish Council in the 1930's that the phone box became the first telephone in Great Hinton and one of the first in our area. As time has rolled by and technological change has accelerated in the post war years, use of the phone box has steadily declined, first as households installed their own landlines and more recently with the growth of mobile phones. In some ways it is surprising that it is now being used at all.

This design classic, which first appeared on the streets of Britain in 1936, has been an important part of the Great Hinton street scene for almost 70 years and there is no doubt that if it was removed it would leave something of a void. Whilst we need to accept that the cost of maintaining the equipment cannot be justified, the Parish Council and all present at the Annual Parish Meeting agree that we must fight for the box to be retained and once decommissioned transferred to the ownership of the Parish Council.

We are taking our campaign forward on two fronts, direct lobbying of BT and making an application for it to become a listed structure. If you can help this campaign or have any ideas for a long term use, please contact either me or any of your parish councillors.

### Road Safety

We continue to fight for improved road safety at the Strand and, thanks to the hard work of Mike Dodds, to press for a speed limit on the lane between the crossroads and the foot of Coldharbour.

### Town Planning

We are monitoring very closely the debate about the future growth of Trowbridge. It seems almost certain that the housing development at Hilperton will spread further outwards, towards the A350. What concerns us is how much further outwards? How quickly? And will the growth in population be matched by an increase in the social infrastructure (health, education, etc.)?

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8:00 pm in the Memorial Hall when, as ever, any resident of the Civil Parish is welcome to attend.

**Chris Munday Chairman 870912**

### B.Y.O Evenings

Tuesday evenings at the Linnet are still as popular as ever, attracting on average 10 -12 villagers offering an opportunity to catch up with village news and have a gossip. We meet at about 8.30pm each Tuesday to enjoy an inexpensive evening as you only Buy Your Own drinks. Do come and join us if you can - all are welcome.

### VILLAGE ART CLUB

We will be meeting again at 7.30 every Thursday evening from September. Further details to all members will soon be sent, but more information is available from Carol Clarke on 870635 or Mike Dodd on 870446.



## **GREAT HINTON PARISH - A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE AND ITS PUBLIC FOOTPATHS & BYE-WAYS**

The history of Great Hinton is very difficult to research as it was, up to approximately 130 years ago, always noted as part of the Civil Parish of Steeple Ashton. We have never been linked with Keevil.

From known records Steeple Ashton / Great Hinton / Semington and Southwick were linked from 964 under the ownership of the Benedictine Abbey in Romsey and remained so until the reign of Henry VIII. Just before dissolution by Henry of Catholic places of worship, the ownership passed to Lord Thomas Seymour, who unfortunately was executed for treason in 1549 and all the land reverted to the Crown.

It remained Crown Land for 81 years until in 1630 the lands of Steeple Ashton and Great Hinton passed by purchase into the ownership of the Walter Long Family (Later Lord Long of Wraxall).

As a separate agreement Steeple Ashton Church became owned by Magdalene College in Cambridge and remains its patron to the present day.

The land remained exclusive to the Longs until the latter end of the 1800's when common lands in the area began to be split up into privately owned farms, which can be clearly seen in Great Hinton. This can also be seen by the lack of a large number of older properties in the village. (Very few houses are listed in the village).

Steeple Ashton was in the Middle Ages a township of considerable size with a market once a week. The town was bigger than Trowbridge or any other town in the area at the time which was down to the fact that it was on one of the main coach routes from Bath and the West Country to Salisbury and London.

The market, on the decline of the wool trade in the village in the late 1500's, was moved to Market Lavington and now no longer exists.

Great Hinton being nothing other than an agricultural or factory worker village was never blessed with anything other than footpaths and bye-ways for cattle, with maybe a wider lane leading to Steeple Ashton for use of horse and cart, neither did it warrant a separate C of E Church but we did have two Methodist places of worship. A tin church and a brick built chapel as part of a house both remained until the mid 1960's when they were taken down or renovated as they were no longer used. The village also had a pub which until the late 60's was a very small one bar building with a derelict brewery at one end. This was rebuilt in 1969/70 into its present format.

Great Hinton Parish is much larger than most people imagine and has a very large selection of Public Rights of Way Footpaths - 24 paths & 4 bye-ways.

Under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, Wiltshire County Council undertook a review in 2004 and any path or bye-way registered at that date should not **by law** be blocked or obstructed and right of access can be enforced by the County Foot Paths Officer.

This includes any blocked by hedges or buildings, even if they have planning permission.

To move the line of a footpath can only be agreed by legal means and unfortunately at the cost of the Property or Land Owner. Diversions are not generally allowed until this procedure is completed.

Property and Land Owners are committed to maintain access at all times including providing stiles / gates etc to allow the public free access. There are grants available of 25% from the County for the costs of forming these accesses, and by agreement and arrangement are often installed by the local Ramblers Club.

If electric fencing is used to divide or fence a field, it should be made safe by the owner with measures to allow people to pass without danger by suitable use of plastic sheave and warning tapes, etc.

**It falls to the Parish Council to establish the standard of our Public Footpaths, and this has not been done for a number of years. Bye-ways, fall to the County to check.**

**WE THEREFORE PROPOSE TO HAVE A FUN DAY WALKING THE FOOTPATHS TO THE BOUNDARY OF GREAT HINTON PARISH TO CHECK AND REPORT ON THEIR CONDITION ON :**

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
STARTING FROM THE  
VILLAGE HALL AT 9.30 AM.**

**PLEASE COME ALONG. ALL ARE WELCOME  
INCLUDING DOGS ON LEADS.  
MAPS WILL BE PROVIDED BUT A COMPASS  
COULD BE USEFUL.**

**WE WILL SPLIT THE PATHS INTO GROUPS AND  
FORM TEAMS TO MAKE IT MORE ENJOYABLE  
AND FOR PEOPLE NOT TO HAVE  
TOO FAR TO WALK.**

**The conditions to take into consideration and note are the following:**

- a. Line of Path is still clearly located.
- b. Path is signed by Public Path Signs (Fitted by County or the Rambling Club)
- c. Any obstruction (wire, etc) clearly noted.
- d. Any stiles / gates missing.
- e. Any illegal diversions to be clearly noted.
- f. **ONE thing we can't do when walking the paths is to walk over crops or do any other damage. One of the reasons we have planned this for October is the demise of growth. You should keep to the legal pathway at all times unless it's impossible and this should be noted in your report.**

**The results of the check will be forwarded to the County Foot Path Officer for him to take the required actions.**

**John Fennell**

## KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS

We were delighted to hear the news that one of our ex-pupils had performed extremely well in the Secondary Maths Challenge. This is open to year 7 and 8 pupils and David Vick (yr7) is only the second pupil at Lavington School to ever perform well enough to go forward to the next round. We always love to hear of such successes and I am particularly grateful to Andy Vick who acknowledged our part in David's success. Congratulations to the other Keevil children who achieved Gold, Silver and Bronze too.

The Years 5 and 6 had a fantastic week away on their residential trip in Torquay in May. James, our group leader in Devon, said that he had received lots of positive comments about Keevil School from the leaders of the different activities which is always rewarding to hear. I have also received lots of positive feedback from both pupils and parents, so I hope everyone felt the cost was worth it. On that note I would like to say a big thank you again to everyone who helped with the fundraising activities.

The Year 5 and 6 children have busy rehearsing their summer production "Don't mention the War!" which can best be described as a cross between 'Allo, 'Allo, Dad's Army, Fawlty Towers and The Royle Family! Proceeds this year went to The Royal British Legion, the organisation which provides financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served and are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and their dependants.

We have just had our first of two visits from the new Reception pupils and parents who will be joining us for the new intake in September. They all seemed to enjoy the afternoon and we look forward to seeing them in September when our roll could be the highest ever at 103!

We are complying with the local authority and setting out our school travel plan over the coming months. The purpose of this is to cut down the number of cars coming to and from school and therefore reduce the congestion and increase fitness. This will benefit everyone hopefully, so watch out for further details in the future.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who collects the supermarket vouchers on our behalf (Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury, Nestle box tops, etc.) and would like to ask that you keep collecting as they can go a long way towards equipment for the school. The deadline for Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers is fast approaching so please do not hesitate to post them through the school letter box.

**Jackie Chalk HEADTEACHER**

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

A big thank you to everyone who helped or came along and supported our fundraising events during the spring and summer terms and for those of you who haven't heard, we

raised just over £2,300 at this year's 10K Run! The school fundraising events are now complete for this academic year, but we will be back again in September with more fundraising ideas for the calendar.

If you require further details on any of our activities, please contact Debbie Scott on 01380 870410 or Keevil School on 01380 870376

**Debbie Scott Chair, Friends of Keevil School**

## THANKS TO SANDY

About 20 volunteers and their guests attended a long-service awards ceremony and tea party at Dorothy House back in June.

The annual event is held to say thank you to some of the hundreds of volunteers that contribute so much to the work of Dorothy House, both in the hospice at Winsley and in the charity shops across Bath, Wiltshire and Somerset.

Among the volunteers receiving their 20-year award was Sandy Salmon of Great Hinton, who has worked in the Day Patient Unit and as a driver.

She said: "I started volunteering, at a friend's suggestion, when Dorothy House was still in Bloomfield Road in Bath. It's a wonderful place, and in 20 years of working with the day patients I have never come home feeling miserable. Whatever we as volunteers give the patients, they give so much more back to us."

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## Village Fete supports SPACE TO GROW

Walking into the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) can feel like stepping onto another planet - the environment is probably unlike anything you've experienced. The unit is often busy, with lots of activity, people moving around, and loud beeping monitors - and above all, the unit is extremely cramped making the care of our tiny babies particularly challenging. For the NICU here at the Royal United Hospital, this is only part of the story, which is why the Space to Grow Campaign and The Forever Friends Appeal is raising **£4.7 million** towards a new NICU that will be the first of a new generation of therapeutic healthcare buildings. We aim to build a pioneering holistic NICU that will:

- ❖ Be over double the size of the existing unit
- ❖ Provide a highly beneficial healing and supportive environment for the babies and parents

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DONATIONS

## GREAT HINTON 100 CLUB DRAW WINNERS

	No	£15	No	£12	No	£10	No	£8	No	£5
January	107	S. Adams	42	Clive Blake	24	Tom Meade	89	Carolyn Haynes	68	John Fennell
February	111	D. Scott	4	G. Harnott	115	E. Nicholl	78	Tom Rolls	45	John Putt
March	50	Sylvia Tarrant	86	Mrs C. Munday	68	John Fennell	111	D.Scott	22	Paul Winterburn
April	96	Johnathon Tapper	33	Chris Munday	55	Golly Burston	103	Judy Ramsey	88	L.Unsworth
May	6	G. Field	39	Sheila Jennings	96	Johnathon Tapper	67	Jon Furby	58	Mark Souster
June	67	John Furby	66	Sandra Crumpler	75	Ken Young	36	Ruth Blake	75	Val Austin
July	5	Mike Truman	15	Ken Young	8	Derek Saville	97	Sharon Tapper	94	Dorothy Young

**JUNE £25 BONUS PRIZE: No. 59 HANNAH BROWN**