

# THE GRAPEVINE

## GREAT HINTON

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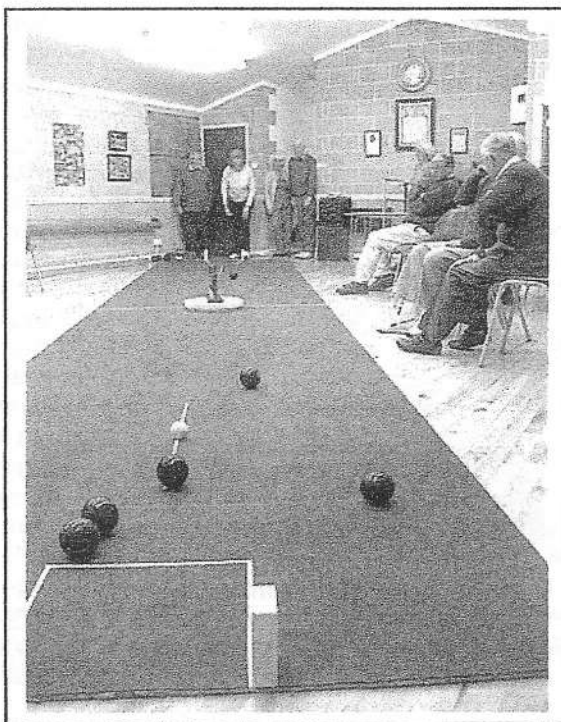
### Village indoor bowling club formed

The response, mainly from the Senior Citizens of the Village, is very encouraging. To date twelve ladies and twelve men have signed up as members of the newly formed Indoor Bowling Club. Apologies to any Senior Villager who has not yet been contacted.

Bowling sessions will start on Monday October 5th through to Monday March 29th next year when there will be afternoon sessions from 2.30-4.30pm, followed by evening sessions from 7.30-9.30pm. The evening sessions will give way to Parish Council Meetings on Monday 9th November and Monday 11th January.

A Bowls "Trials Evening" was held in July when thirteen members practiced their bowling and took part in a friendly match which produced a lot of laughs and proved to be good fun. This gave everyone a chance to begin to understand the rules and etiquette of the game.

The Bowling Green and equipment, including bowls, are very professionally set up and in accordance with the E.C.B.A



Rules (English Carpet Bowls Association). The Club intends to organise a "Singles Knock Out" competition after Christmas, the winner of which will receive an impressive trophy. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

We are indebted to Eddie and Ian Knight for their help installing and stowing away the bowling green mat after use, and to other helpers who have now volunteered. Thanks to Sue Andrews, Eddie Knight and Joe Norris who have agreed to help Mike Truman as an Organising Goup.

We look forward to seeing all members on Monday October 5th.

The number of members may eventually have to be monitored to ensure that everyone gets full value of their membership, but in the meantime The Bowling Club is of course open to any villager and full details are available from Mike Truman at No 38. Tel: No. 870607

or E-mail: michealtruman@btinternet.com (please note spelling)

### THE WESTBURY BYPASS

Wiltshire County Council made a planning application for the building of a 4k long bypass to the east of Westbury with a link road to the Trading Estate. It agreed to give itself planning permission but following local opposition the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government called it in for her decision. A public inquiry followed. The Council argued the road was vital to support the West Wiltshire economy and would provide relief to the historic town. It asserted an improved route along the A350 linking the Midlands with the south coast was required and it would not adversely affect the amenity of the area. The principal opponent to the scheme was the White Horse Alliance comprising Westbury residents and a number of environment organisations, whose arguments were that the road was not necessary and it would cause severe damage to the landscape and adversely affect the wildlife of the area.

The Inspector who held the public inquiry set out in his report his conclusions and recommendation on the planning application. He said the objective in absolute terms of traffic

volumes, the proportion of HGVs and the accident rate are not exceptional for a Primary Route running through a town. Although there would be benefits, these would not be of a degree as to warrant more than moderate harm being created elsewhere. The scheme would do little to encourage modal shift from cars and there is no clear evidence of how it would encourage economic development and in particular sustainable development. It would increase climate change emissions. The scheme would be very damaging to the Wellhead Valley where it could not be mitigated in the short or longer term. Ironically the impacts have been made worse by the measures introduced to address wildlife and public water supplies. There would also be significant, though less severe, harm caused to water meadows, resulting from the construction of a road predicted to serve only moderate traffic flows. He concluded by saying his overall view was that the harms of the proposed scheme would outweigh the benefits and accordingly recommended that planning permission should be refused. The Secretary of State accepted the

recommendation and refused the planning application.

The Council can challenge the decision of the Secretary of State in the High Court but only on a point of law and must do so within six weeks of the date of the decision.

(It has since been confirmed that the Council has decided there are no grounds on which to make an appeal).

**We are indebted to George McDonic for his professional review of the application process and outcome.**

**Safari Dinner – no. 37 – Saturday  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

Time for the second safari of the year – everyone keeps asking when it is, so I assume that it is as popular as ever.

Please let me know by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October whether or not you would like to take part and as usual I will let you know on the Monday or Tuesday your course and number of guests.

If you need more information about how we run this please give me a call.

Sandra 870906

### Great Hinton Village Website

It has been suggested that the village has a website created for it. The content could include advertising for local businesses and services, contact numbers, a blog, pictures and information. The goal is for residents and visitors to have a wealth of information about Great Hinton at their fingertips as well as allowing people to have their say in a readily accessible public forum. We're currently looking for your opinions on the village having a website and ideas and suggestions for its content as well as. At the moment there are no timescales for creating the site but if the response is generally positive, it is the intention to have it in place over the next few months. Please give your comments to David Harnott or any member of the parish council.

### Great Hinton Parish Council

#### More about the telephone box

Your Parish Council held its Annual Parish Meeting back in May. This meeting, that we are required by law to hold, provides the opportunity for residents of the Civil Parish to quiz the Council on the way we spend part of your council tax and to discuss with Councillors the events of the past year and the priorities for the forthcoming financial year.

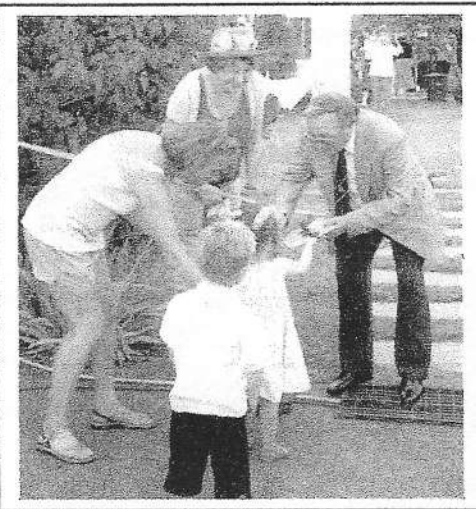
This year the meeting was moderately well attended and the big news was the purchase by the Parish of our historic type VI red telephone box. The meeting unanimously agreed that the phonebox should be brought up to a good state of repair. We have accumulated sufficient money in the financial reserves to fund this work and the meeting was content that the Parish Council funds the project. To this end I will be preparing an outline specification for the work and seeking competitive tenders. Our aim is to overhaul the paintwork, inside and out, and replace perspex panels with proper safety glass and fittings. Does anyone know a signwriter, or feel confident in their artistic abilities, so that we can get the lettering on the top panels refreshed?

Once this overhaul is complete future maintenance will be a lot easier but we still do not have a long list of future uses. The best idea to emerge from the Annual Parish Meeting was to erect a laminated copy of the definitive footpath plan. All other ideas for displays, etc, would be very welcome.

**Chris Munday** Chairman Tel: 870912

### Ladies' Club fete day

Our fete on the 27 June was a great success and we were able to donate £800 to the Alzheimer's Support Group. The fete was opened by Colin Smith who was given a buttonhole by 3 year old Abigail Adams.



It was a lovely hot sunny day and visitors were able to sit under a gazebo and have tea and cakes or ice cream, relaxing and watching all the fun. We were entertained by the Nicola McMillan school of dance. The children obviously enjoyed performing and it was lovely to see such young children doing their dances.

All our stalls did well and Anne's 'Jolly Jars' were as popular as ever! The children could enjoy all the games, bouncy castle and pony rides.

Thanks to all who came to support us and a special thanks to all those who helped, especially Diana, who comes from Steeple Aston every year and sits patiently taking the entrance money.

Our thanks go to Gill and Dom for allowing us to use their garden and field, it is such a lovely venue for our fete.

**Carolyn Haynes**

### Great Hinton Ladies Club

Our charity for the coming year (2009-2010) is the Trowbridge Child Contact Centre and at our first meeting on the 16 September Jeanette Smith will come and tell us about their work. There will also be a 'Bring and Buy' cake and produce stall at this meeting.

On 21 October Michael Pope will give a talk on the filming of 'Larkrise to Candleford' at his farm near Box.

On 18 November we will be holding a workshop to raise money and make items for Barnardos.

Do come along and join us, have a coffee and a chat and enjoy some interesting evenings. New members are always welcome. We meet at 8.00pm every third Wednesday in the village hall from September through to April, with a break over the summer

due to holiday and gardening commitments.

And don't forget our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch at the Linnet on Sunday 27 September. If you have at any time been a member of Great Hinton Ladies you are warmly invited. Please give me a call on 870906. Hope to see you there. **Sandra Crumpler, Chairperson.**

### VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Unfortunately for the year ending March 2009 our expenses in running the hall were £300 greater than the income. Whilst hire prices have been increased in an endeavour to rectify the situation, additional expenses make this doubtful. The cause is an ever increasing statutory burden and an increase in maintenance as the hall ages. We are very good in this village in raising money for outside charities but not so good at supporting the village hall and this will be on our agenda to discuss with the other groups and users. Many thanks to Sue Smith for her weekly work checking the safety of the hall

**David Harnott 871196**

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The email advice seems to be working as there have been a number of instances where I have been able to forward police advice of problems in the area. If you want to know more about this or for me to add your name to my group list please email me on [harnott@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:harnott@tiscali.co.uk) **David**

**GUY FAWKES NIGHT** It is hoped to hold this year's event at the weekend rather than in the week. Do please support it as each year a loss is made because of the cost of insurance.

### THE LINNET

The big day for our favourite landlord and restaurateur Jon Furby is Saturday 17 October when he is getting married. As Neil who knows him well says "Yorkshiremen know how to



party!" and Jon is asking readers of the Grapevine for their understanding of the extra traffic and noise on the day when there will be 200 guests celebrating with Jon and his wife at the Linnet. There will be an evening disco which might last into the wee small hours so please be tolerant of the music on just this one special occasion.

I'm sure we all want to wish Jon and Elaine many happy years with their family in Trowbridge and continued success at the Linnet. **The Editor**



## Lunch Club outing

This year's outing took place on Thursday 25 June when 13 of us had a very pleasant lunch at the Red Lion at Axford. The sun was shining so we were able to eat alfresco.

In the afternoon we visited the Old Mill gardens at Ramsbury. As you go through the door in the wall to the lawn you unexpectedly see the clear waters of The River Avon running right through the extensive garden. There are bridges spanning the river and those who felt more able ambled along the river bank to a wild flower meadow where many monkey orchids were seen growing.

Someone remarked to me that it was the best outing we have had since the lunch club began 10 years ago (especially as cream teas were available under sun umbrellas in the garden!).

We hope to start the lunches on the second Thursday of each month in October. All are welcome, young and old. If there is a cook who could help with a main course or dessert once in a while it would be appreciated if you'd contact me.

**Audrey 870586**

## PUBLIC FOOTPATHS & BYE WAYS GREAT HINTON PARISH

Not much to report on the footpaths of the parish over the summer period, most if not all are passable though you may need to remove the normal spring and summer growth of which there has been plenty this year.

There are still a number of problem areas. Footpaths No GHIN 27/26 have still to be sorted with owners of the land but we are informed by WC that a diversion for Footpath 26 is under consideration and *any amendments or objections have to be lodged by 31<sup>st</sup> August.*

With regard to Footpath GHIN 16, we have had a ruling from the Wiltshire Council that the owner of the field is within the law to allow bulls in the field over the footpath area as they are rare breeds and are in a field with other cows. Therefore they should be of no danger to walkers as long as they "Don't have DOGS with them." County also say "that should anyone be injured by bulls or cows in the field they should sue the owner."

That may not sound satisfactory to footpath users but it appears we can do very little about it other than take out an injunction against the owner for having dangerous animals in field. This would be at considerable cost which the parish council could not afford.

Wiltshire Council have also informed us that Great Hinton Parish is not due for a Repair & Clean-up exercise to stiles etc for another 18 / 24 months. We therefore intend to have another walk of footpaths this October or November. Details to be confirmed.

We now have the enlarged copy of the latest definitive footpath map for Great Hinton issued by Wiltshire Council and it is available to view in the Village Hall.

Reminder: anyone wanting small individual copies of map can obtain one by phoning me on 01380870632

HAPPY WALKING

**John Fennell**

## BADMINTON

As well as playing Badminton on a Friday evening we arrange social occasions and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March saw us meeting together at the Raven Inn at Poulshot for a meal. Thirteen is thought to be unlucky but that was the number of us that sat around the table and a very enjoyable evening was spent together.

We have continued to play throughout the summer months although with smaller numbers as holidays are taken. We have also missed one or two with injuries but we hope to see them back soon.

New players are always welcome so if you are interested give me a ring even if you have not played before.

**Ken 870403**

## 100 CLUB

I floated the idea in the last Grapevine of increasing the 100 Club ticket price. As this is the only fundraising for the village hall and we are facing a further deficit this year it has been decided to increase the annual cost by £3 p.a. (just 25p per month). I hope you will feel able to continue your very loyal support. Prizes will be increased with a top monthly prize of £20. The list of winners for the last 6 months is below with the news that the lucky June £25 winner was Fiona Roxburgh.

**David Harnott**

## 100 Club Winners

	No	£15	No	£12	No	£10	No	£8	No	£5
January	43	Dom Verschoyle	110	Will Scott	6	G. Field	5	Mike Truman	40	Rosie Keith
February	97	Sharon Tapper	55	Golly	56	C. Evans	109	J Adams	23	Mrs Gaulton
March	92	Pat Putt	70	Doris Saville	115	Emma Nicholl	103	Judy Ramsey	111	Debbie Scott
April	76	Rachael Lawes	26	Matt Batten	65	Sue Andrew	109	J Adams	91	Steve Mustart
May	43	Dom Verschoyle	53	Audrey Plummer	6	G. Field	82	Peter Baker	70	Doris Saville
June	93	Elizabeth Newman	26	Matt Batten	16	Di & Roger	47	Mrs Dodd	10	Mike Evans
July	38	Jenny Scrivener	101	Joe Brown	97	Sharon Tapper	80	Sarah Lucas	90	Mary Winterburn



**Locally produced honey for sale**  
gathered from local fields and hedgerows!

Telephone Min in Back Lane on 870634



## Christian Aid collections

Thank you to all who gave so generously. We donated £147.35.

## National Pandemic Flu Service has been launched in England

If you are in England and feel like you may have swine flu, visit the new website at [www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu](http://www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu) or call 0800 1 513 100 (Textphone: 0800 1 513 200).

People who have swine flu symptoms will be given a unique access number and told where their nearest antiviral collection point is. They should then ask a flu friend - a friend or relative who doesn't have swine flu - to go and pick up their antivirals from their nearest antiviral collection point. The flu friend must show their own ID as well as that of the patient.

Swine flu may become a pandemic in the UK over the coming months, so now is the time to choose your 'flu friend'. The national swine flu information leaflet that was delivered to households across the country in May makes reference to people setting up a network of flu friends.

**What is a flu friend?** Flu friends are relatives, neighbours and friends who will collect medicines, food and other supplies for you if you get swine flu, so that you don't have to leave home. This is to help prevent the spread of flu and is explained in a leaflet that was sent to all households in Britain. Flu friends are not friends with flu!

### Why do I need a flu friend / what is their role?

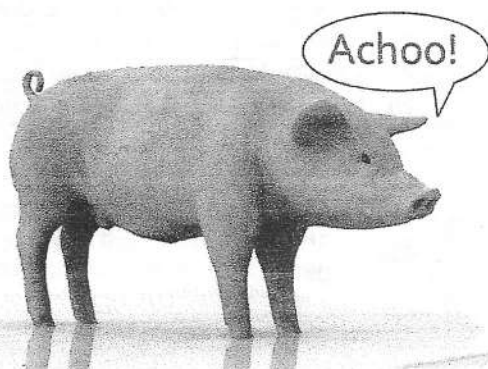
The numbers of cases of swine flu in Britain are relatively few and mild at the moment. From history, it's known that there could be a stronger, more widespread second wave of flu, possibly in the winter. So it is wise to be prepared.

Flu friends could collect medicines, food and other essential supplies for you if you are ill. It is important that you do not do this yourself and stay at home as you may pass the flu virus to others.

**When do I need to get a flu friend?** Now is the time to identify a network of flu friends. There is no way of telling who will catch the flu, so it is important to be aware and to plan ahead.

**Who could be my flu friend?** Neighbours, friends, and relatives who live near to you, who could easily collect your antiviral medication for you and with whom you would be happy to share your personal health details.

In addition, you could consider becoming a 'flu friend' to a vulnerable person, such as the elderly or others who may live alone, in your area.



**If my flu friend comes into contact with me when they collect my identification (ID) or when they deliver my medications or other items, are they at risk of catching flu from me?**

There is a small risk that we will catch flu from sick people by being a 'flu friend'. This can be reduced by keeping at arms length and remember to wash your hands (this is important for the flu patient and the flu friend).

**Remember the Catch it, Bin it, Kill it messages.**

(The flu virus lives for about 24 hours on un-wiped hard surfaces and 15 minutes on soft furnishings).

### What type /forms of ID do I need to give my flu friend and what type of ID do I need to be a flu friend?

Suitable ID includes:

Passport

Full driving licence

Utility bill (not less than 6 months)

Building society / national savings book

Credit card/debit card

Credit card statement (not older than 6 months)

Parent held record (red book)

NHS card

Pension/benefit book

**Does a flu friend need identification (ID)?** A flu friend will need identification to collect your medicine on your behalf to ensure that you get your medicine. The identification they will need is listed above.

**Do I need to pass any information to people about my flu friend?** Yes - you will need their first and last name in order to collect antiviral medication from a pharmacy (antiviral collection point when open in the future) on their behalf.

(If more people need treating with antiviral medication for flu, then the PCT will open a number of places around the county which will be known as antiviral collection points (ACP). These will be in place of pharmacies).

**If my flu friend collects my prescription do they need to pay for it?** No, the antiviral medicine to treat those suffering with influenza A H1N1 (swine flu) is free.

### What should I do now?

- ❖ Identify your 'flu friends' and check that they are happy to help you. Make a list of them with their telephone numbers.
- ❖ Make sure you know where your ID (passport, driving licence etc) is easily located in case your flu friend needs to collect medicines for you.
- ❖ Think about neighbours who may live alone or family members that might need help and offer to be their 'flu friend'

### What are the symptoms of swine flu?

The symptoms of swine flu in people are expected to be similar to the symptoms of regular human seasonal flu and include fever (a high body temperature of 38°C/100.4°F or over), fatigue, lack of appetite and coughing. Some people with swine flu have also reported runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.