

THE GRAPEVINE

GREAT HINTON

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Our Village Fete

Ice creams went down very well at the fete on Saturday afternoon 26th June as once again we had fantastic weather. Pirates abounded amongst the children and adult helpers alike. Unfortunately there were no prizes for the adults but well done those of you who went to a lot of effort to dress the part. Jeannette Smith from Trowbridge Child Contact Centre opened the fete after telling the assembled company about the work they do. She was presented with a spray of flowers by Alice Long, our youngest villager.

The dog agility demonstration by Rosemary Banfield was entertaining. Perhaps she should have taken some untrained pets around to see how well they would manage!



An amazing £860 was raised. This along with another £400, which the Ladies Club and the menfolk had raised earlier in the year, has been gratefully received by the charity. The intention is to replace old, tired toys and a start has been made by purchasing a ride-in police car with accessories, a rocking ladybird for the younger children and a play tunnel system.

Thank you to all who helped by lending gazebos, setting up stalls, manning stalls, baking cakes, providing plants and a variety of prizes. A big thank you to Gill and Dom Verschoyle for, once again, allowing us to use their lovely garden at Hillbrow Cottage. Thank you to Audrey for cooking and hosting an evening meal for the helpers. And, of course thank you to all who came to support us, without whom we would have not raised any money.

Sandra Crumpler

Lunch Club

We've had another successful year enjoying many good meals and chats. We are lucky to have several members who are local to the area since childhood and regale us with stories of life in the village and around the area from bygone days.

The outing to The Mill House Berwick St. James proved to be popular. We enjoyed lunch at the local hostelry namely 'The Boot'. After a look around the garden and a walk by the river the owners provided us with afternoon tea; so once again our outing was a success even if the weather was a little cool.

We would still like to welcome new members to the club. As two of our cooks now have other commitments on the

second Thursday of each month we shall in future meet on the first Thursday of the month starting in October.

If you are interested in joining us contact either Richard on 870635 or me on 870586.

Audrey

Harvest Supper

Audrey's Harvest Supper this year will be on Saturday 9th October. All profits this year will go to The Ladies Club charity of the year namely PHAB which is short for Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied and their aim is "making more of life together" by promoting and encouraging people of all abilities to come together on equal terms, and achieve complete inclusion within the wider community.



Phab creates opportunities for children and adults of all abilities to enjoy life together by:

- ❖ Supporting a network of nearly 200 clubs throughout England and Wales for all ages, offering activities and holidays which members can share and enjoy together
- ❖ Promoting and encouraging the self confidence and independence of young people of all abilities through a range of diverse projects
- ❖ Funding special short breaks – inclusive experiences for disabled and non-disabled children and young people to share in a full range of adventurous outdoor activities at fully accessible activity centres offering specialist tuition
- ❖ Providing specially equipped and fully accessible holiday units at an award winning beach site in Dorset at very affordable weekly rates
- ❖ Organising national and regional events for Phab club members and supporters to enjoy together and to promote the Phab philosophy of inclusion

LOST, STOLEN or STRAYED!! On the day of the fete the big teapot was needed but it was nowhere to be found in the village hall. It was very annoying for the refreshment team to have to manage with small pots. So if someone has borrowed it for an occasion will you be kind enough to return it ASAP or let the editor know where it may be found.

DID YOU KNOW that dogs in their wild state never bark. They howl, whine and growl but do not bark. Barking is an acquired habit so take care when they start to howl!

SKITTLES EVENING

Saturday 18th September

8.00 pm

Village Hall

Everyone welcome

Prizes for the best players

£3 per person (pay on the night)

Bring your own drinks and snacks

GREAT HINTON INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

We are pleased to report on our very successful first season (October to March 2010) with a 78% average attendance from 22 playing members. Several friendly competitions have been organised, when the Monday afternoon players have played against the Monday evening players, and enjoyed good competitive fun. We also organised a Singles Knock Out Competition, which was won by Sandra, who walked away with The Champion's Cup. This competition will be run annually.



Presentation of Champion's Cup to Sandra

The 100 Club, which has been operating in the Village for many years, has generated a major part of the income required to maintain and pay for the ever increasing costs associated with the Village Hall, including lighting, heating, alarm and fire prevention equipment, insurances and cleaning costs etc. Until now David Harnott has kept this valuable source of income going, and has raised the membership to one hundred and twelve this year! Thanks to all the villagers who have re-joined. As you will know, 50% of the income is put into the monthly 100 Club Draw

Thanks to the afternoon and evening organising groups who prepare and stow away the Bowling Equipment at each session. Thanks also to Anne for arranging all the refreshments.

We have a strong organising group, and a very high bowling attendance, and can see no reason why the club shouldn't continue indefinitely. We not only enjoy good sociable afternoons and evenings, we also have the satisfaction of knowing that we are making a major contribution to the Trust Committee funding of the Village Hall.

We are a self-funding club, and have decided that our end of season surplus will be carried forward each year under the control of the Bowling Club, to enable the purchase of replacement bowling equipment, as and when it is needed. Donations however, may be made to the Trust Fund, providing we cannot foresee any future bowling equipment expenses.

The next season starts on Monday 20th September
(2.30 - 4.30p.m. and 7.30 - 9.30p.m.)

We are still looking for two additional evening members from Great Hinton, Cold Harbour, Bleet, Stoggy Lane or the Strand. Please ring me for details. Regrettably, it will have to be "First come, first served" as the membership is capped at 24.

Keeneeeeeeeeeeeeeeeep Bowling !!

Mike Truman 870607

to be shared between five lucky villagers each month (see winners list so far this year, below). With more members the prizes were increased in March and an extra June bonus prize of £20 and a December Christmas Bonus prize of £40 is also paid out. The Draw, as always, is made at the Linnet on the last Tuesday of each month at about 8.30p.m., so come and join us if you can.

Thanks David for your stalwart efforts in the past, and I hope that by taking on the duties of the 100 Club, I can maintain the successes you have achieved.

Mike Truman

These are the lucky winners so far this year.

	No.	£15	No.	£12	No.	£10	No.	£8	No.	£5
January	90	Mary Winterburn	113	Alex Nicholls	60	J Brookes	9	T. Cunningham	108	Mrs Mills
February	90	Mary Winterburn	73	Tim Smith	23	Golly Burston	68	John Fennell	98	A & B Adams
		£20		£15		£12		£10		£8
March	**	Not recorded	100	Ross Cornelius		Not recorded	35	Sandy Salmon		Not recorded
April	107	Steve Adams	46	Richard Newman	13	Neil Harnott	3	Ian Knight	102	Carol Clarke
May	66	Sandra Crumpler	24	Tom Meade	50	Sylvia Tarrant	88	L Unsworth	56	Claire Evans
June	100	Ross Cornelius*	64	P Selwyn Smith	57	Bill Mannings	39	Sheila Jennings	101	Joe Browne
July	49	Veronica Francis	115	Emma Nicholls	18	Peter Doel	28	Mark Souster	23	Golly Burston

*Including £20 June Bonus Prize **Prizes were paid but winners' names not recorded

Community Area Network

Wiltshire Council in partnership with the Police, NHS Wiltshire and the Fire and Rescue Service already have a citizens panel of over 3,500 Wiltshire residents that answer surveys 2-3 times a year on important issues. The results are fed back to each organisation so that changes in policies and strategies can be made.

For the first time participation is offered through electronic means and if you want to take part all that is needed is to go to the link below. This will take you to an electronic survey which should take no more than 10 minutes to fill out – once you have finished the survey you click on

submit and that's it. It's entirely free and you decide whether you want to reply or not.

If you take part you will be sent a newsletter telling you what has happened as a result of the surveys.

We abide by the Market Research Societies code of conduct so all your data will be securely held and we won't pass any of your details on to any other organisations without your permission.

If you want to take part go to the link here:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/peoples-voice-survey-july2010.htm

Phil Morgan Research Manager
and Census Liaison Manager Wiltshire Council

"Barking", in English slang, is short for "barking mad". One assumption is that the phrase owes its origin to a mediaeval asylum for the insane which was part of Barking Abbey. In modern parlance we now have the phrase "to be a few stops beyond Barking", or "totally Dagenham" (which is a few stops after Barking on the District Line) meaning to be completely insane. Most probably the origin of the saying comes from the idea that the person referred to is so deranged that he or she barks like a dog, or resembles a mad dog, or one that howls at the full moon.

We meet at 8.00 pm on the third Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall. Our annual subscription is a mere £5, which pays for hall hire, coffee, speakers etc. Meetings are very casual with a break half way through for tea/coffee and a chat and are usually over by 9.45 – 10.00 pm, at the latest. Do come along and meet your fellow villagers. Sandra Crumpler

September 15th	The work of Trowbridge PHAB (Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied Group) + Bring & Buy Cake / Produce Stall
October 20th	Visit to Trowbridge Museum
November 17th	Christmas cake decorations – making models – demo and 'Have-a-go'
December 14th	Carol Singing all proceeds to Trowbridge PHAB (This is on a Tuesday evening)
December 15th	Christmas meal at the Linnet

In 2011 our meetings will include Skittles, First Aid skills, Gourmet meal, AGM + Beetle Drive and on a Saturday in late June our Ladies Club Fete – supporting Trowbridge PHAB

Protect your possessions

Wiltshire Police is dedicated to both preventing crime and apprehending offenders and Smart Water has a proven track record in both these areas of operation. SmartWater is a colourless liquid solution that is simply dabbed onto the uneven surfaces of your valuables. It can be used to code all sorts of items such as jewellery, ornaments, electrical items and even your motor vehicle. Each bottle contains a unique chemical 'code' which is registered to you – conclusively proving ownership. It cannot be easily seen by the naked eye and is almost impossible to remove. The liquid glows under ultraviolet light making it easy for the Police to detect.

The Police use it in undercover operations to catch and convict criminals. Criminals know about SmartWater and fear its power to forensically link them with the scene of a crime. So, by coding your valuables and displaying the SmartWater deterrent signs, you are sending out a powerful warning to any thieves and burglars operating in your area.

Following negotiations with Smart Water Technology Limited (www.smartwater.com), the company have agreed to make Smart Water Property Marking Kits available to Neighbourhood Watch members at a nationally discounted price of £15.00 excluding VAT and postage. This is heavily discounted and to keep down administration costs kits will only be supplied in multiples of 10.

So if you are interested please let Richard Clarke know and if sufficient kits are requested an order will be placed.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

Member Summerham and Seend Division

Summer is drawing to an end and what a dry season it has been. I cannot remember so little rain in one summer and so it is ironic that I have spent much of this summer working on flood alleviation in Wiltshire. I chair the northern half of the county's Operational Flood Working Group and in July I represented Wiltshire Council at the Wessex Water Customer Liaison Panel meeting in Bath as well as attending the National Flood Forum on behalf of the Council in London. This latter meeting was particularly interesting as the Minister responsible for flooding, Richard Benyon MP, used it as an opportunity to announce rare additional government funding for flooding (£2m.) and also to announce that the Government is planning major changes to sewage disposal including the making over of all sewage pipes to the water authorities. Finally, I have also been working on a flood presentation for all the Area Boards and will be delivering this across the county starting in the autumn.

In June I was re-elected as the Chairman of the Melksham Area Board. I was also pleased to see that the deputy Leader of the Council fulfilled his promise to offer the seven parishes

Footpaths

Thank you to all who took part in the footpath walk, you all did a great job. A good few of the footpaths now have new signs and arrows which will help the ramblers we occasionally see with maps in the fields. If any one needs the large scale footpath map with footpath numbers please contact me or view the map in the village hall or soon in our renovated Telephone Box. If any one has any problems with the paths please report the facts to me but apart from that we await the WCC survey (hopefully in Nov/Dec 2010) to assess what they are prepared to carry out in their planned maintenance visit in March 2011.

John Fennell 870632

BADMINTON

Players meet on
Friday evenings
and play at the Bowerhill Sports Centre.

Enquiries to Ken on 870403.

ART CLUB meets on Thursdays in the Village Hall at 7.30. All welcome from beginners to expert (which none of us are!). Contact Mike Dodd on 870446 or Carol Clarke 870635

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.

of Summerham and Seend a formal review concerning their placing in the Melksham Community Area. None of the Parish Councils asked for such a review and so the Division stays in the Melksham Community Area. The Melksham Area Board itself goes from strength to strength and it really is becoming an influential part of our community life. We have recommended to the Council the retention of land for a link between the A350 and the Industrial Estate which will help with industrial regeneration and job creation in the Area. It is also of note that partly as a result of the lead taken by our Area Board, we have come out of the County Leisure Review exceptionally well and that within the next three years we can look forward to a brand new Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool almost certainly adjacent to the new Melksham Oaks School. This location will be very handy for all of the residents of Summerham and Seend.

I am always happy to engage in community projects both small and large and I was delighted that Great Hinton was able to secure a small community grant towards the maintenance of the village telephone box.

Contact JONATHON SEED on 01380 850696 or jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk

Trowbridge Archaeology Group (TAG)

Interested in archaeology? Look no further than TAG, your vibrant local group covering Trowbridge and its surrounding villages. Open to everyone from the armchair follower of Time Team to those with seasons of digs behind them. Nationally known speakers, fascinating field walks, opportunity to become involved in the new Parish Survey Project.

Autumn Programme

Monday September 20th 7.30pm West Ashton Village Hall – Trowbridge Parish Survey Project.

Sunday October 24th 2.30pm Bristol – 'Monks and Bones' – a WALK through Medieval Bristol with Jinx Newley

Monday 29th November 7.30pm West Ashton Village Hall – a TALK by Mike Allen - *Environmental Archaeology* – "What is it? What can it tell us about the lives of our ancestors?"
More Info: Jenny Arkell 01225 782061

Neighbourhood Watch The time has come for me to hand over as N.W coordinator. The job hours are minimal (4 hours a year) plus a couple of chats with Emily when she calls. If you are interested in taking over or have a particular matter you wish the police to concentrate on for a couple of months please let me know.

David Harnott 871196

Our thanks and appreciation go to David Harnott for the years he has run the Memorial Hall Trust Committee and worn many hats – secretary, health and safety, 100 Club and treasurer. With the programme of maintenance and improvements overseen by David, the Hall is in as good a condition as it was when opened 10 years ago. And with prudent budgeting he has ensured that we have reserves to face unforeseen expenses. *Richard Clarke Hall Trust treasurer.*



Questions were asked at the Parish Council AGM about the possibility of reducing the speed limit through the village as we have no street lighting or pavement. As the traffic survey undertaken earlier in the year did not record many motorists exceeding the 30 mph limit County Highways will not be making any changes although many villagers present at the meeting felt that the current limit is too high.

Villagers in Whiteshill and Ruscombe, Gloucestershire, who put up signs urging motorists to slow down to 20 mph have been forced to remove most of them. Their parish council paid £1,000 for 15 "20 is Plenty" signs last August due to road safety fears but villagers have been told by the County Council that the signs cannot be given permission to stay up permanently. Gloucestershire Highways allowed them to stay up temporarily as part of the villagers' anti-speeding campaign, but residents have been told they are not official signs and only two can stay up outside the local primary school as an advisory limit.

A statement from the County Council said: "While we understand people's concerns, the signs cannot stay up on



BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE...

Sometimes a barking dog can drive us barking mad. If it's your dog annoying the neighbours, why not check out the Anti Bark Dog Collar? It is a battery-operated device that uses high-pitched frequencies to teach your dog not to bark. A vibration sensor detects whenever the dog barks then emits a series of very high-pitched tones, which irritate your dog, distracting it from whatever it was focusing on. Reinforce the dog's training with a firm 'No' and it will usually learn to associate barking with the unpleasant noise, which should reduce or even eliminate 'nuisance' barking.

(My apologies to dog owners if I am barking up the wrong tree. Editor.)

"Barking up the wrong tree" originally came from the U.S. in the 19th century when hunting dogs were used to flush out raccoons which took refuge in trees. The allusion is to hunting dogs barking at the bottom of trees where they mistakenly think their quarry is hiding.

Steeple Ashton Films

The new season will be starting on 9th October with 'Letters to Juliet', a lovely feel good movie about Verona, birthplace and home of Shakespeare's Juliet.

The other two dates before Christmas will be Saturday 13th November and Sunday 12th December.

Film nights are always good fun and a great pleasure. We would love more support from Great Hinton - do come along and enjoy a glass of wine, an ice cream and a lovely movie shown in HD on a HUGE screen!! After all, it's not far to Steeple Ashton!

Parish Council Report

Now that the phone box has had its new coat of paint and gold highlights added, it is hoped to put in it the footpath map and a few books for people to borrow and replace with others. Chris Munday is looking into putting up shelves and measuring to find what size map we need. Not much new is happening apart from the ongoing saga of the barn in Stoggy Lane which failed to gain retrospective planning approval. The owners have now applied for a garage there which is going through the consultation and planning process.

Carol Burch Parish Council Secretary

a permanent basis because they are not legal. We have agreed to investigate the possibility of introducing a 20mph limit for the whole of the Whiteshill area, subject to the guidelines being approved by our scrutiny committee."

If you are interested in taking up the challenge to get a reduction in the speed limit through Great Hinton take a look at the website

www.20splentyforus.org.uk.

which is full of information on the DfT's current policy.

20's Plenty For Us was formed in order to campaign for the implementation of 20 mph as the default speed limit on residential roads in the UK. This site aims to provide the arguments for 20's Plenty in a coherent understood form with links to other material that shows how 20's Plenty saves lives and makes very little difference to actual journey times.

In December 2009 the Department for Transport issued revised guidance recommending 20 mph limits for all roads which are primarily residential in nature and into town and city streets where pedestrian and cyclist movements are high, such as around schools, shops, markets, playgrounds and other area which are not part of any major through route. Whilst not specifically addressing rural roads there are useful precedents to build on.