

# GRAPEVINE

## AUTUMN 2017

### FORE STREET FARM

Fore Street Farm, now the home of Steve and Jackie Adams, not forgetting Ben and Abbie, was probably built in the late 17th century.

It was one of many small farms owned by the Longs of Wraxall, a family which dates back to the 16th century. Fore Street Farm was probably built mid to end of the 17th century as one of the many small farms which were leased to various estate workers.

The land which went with the Farm varied through the 19th century but when it came up for sale in 1911 it was described as a 'useful small holding' which apart from the farmhouse had stabling for two horses, a cowshed for seven cows, and two pigsties.



GREAT HINTON VILLAGE.  
Lot 27.

The local directories show that the farm was then held by Mr Worthy Perret, who incidentally was Joe Norris's maternal grandfather, and he had been farming there since 1895.

At some point in the early twentieth century the farm must have been owned by a Mrs Pocock as it was she who donated a plot for the old village hall.

Some later date it was bought by Mr Bill Berrett. When I moved to the village in 1966, Mr Berrett and his daughter, Kath kept a few cows, pigs, sheep chickens and numerous cats! One day we had a visit from a sow which had got out and ended up in our pond!



Kathy lived in the house until she died in 2002, which is when Steve and Jackie bought it and restored and renovated it.



My thanks to Steve and Jackie for letting me borrow the history of their house as issued by the Historic Buildings Survey and to Joe for his local knowledge.

Audrey Plummer



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Saturday 9th September: Village Family BBQ

This will take place at Hillbrow House, the home of Gill and Don Verscholye.

### Saturday 14th October: Bingo Night

Village Hall

### Saturday 4th November: Bonfire Night

The annual bonfire night celebrations will take place as usual in the field behind Hillbrow Cottage.

### Saturday 20th January 2018: Pub Olympics

Village Hall

### Friday 29th September, 11:00 am: Coffee Morning

Unfortunately, this year Rebecca is unable to host her annual coffee morning to raise funds for Cancer Research, so we are going to do it for her.

There will be a bring-and-buy stall and a raffle. Please come along to the village hall and support this very worthwhile event.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Jeannie Probert

**Keep an eye on the board outside the Village Hall for more details of these and other events**

## BEST WISHES

This year we have two of our young villagers going into higher education.

Last year Monty Keith travelled to Adelaide to play cricket while he decided what to do next. He is resuming his education at Cardiff Met university to study Sports Management.

Ben Evans has been awarded a place at the National Star College in Gloucestershire where he will be able to follow his passion for music.

Good wishes go to both Monty and Ben as they embark on this next phase of their education.

## REGULAR EVENTS

### Every Friday evening: Badminton

A group of villagers meet at the Christie Millar Sports Centre on Friday evenings through the year. If you're interested in playing, contact Ken Young on 01380 870403

### Monday 11th September: Short Mat Bowls

There are two groups, meeting 2:30 – 4:00 pm and 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Both groups have vacancies, especially the afternoon group. It's not too energetic, and neither group is too competitive, so come along and join the fun!

### Thursday 7th September: Lunch Club

The Lunch Club resumes in September after the summer break. Meet in the village hall, 12:15 for 12:30 pm.



## ART & CRAFT GROUP

The Group have been meeting throughout Summer to continue with our various projects.

We sew, crochet, knit, paint, stick, paste and last but not least CHAT. If everyone comes we number eight but we would love to have more members for this relaxed group. No instruction given (unless you would like it).

If you would like to join us, we meet on Fridays from 10 to midday, coffee at 11am.

Carol Clarke 870635



## PARISH COUNCIL

The members of the Parish council were re-elected earlier this summer. Mrs Andrew remains as Chairman with Mr Mcdonic as vice chair. We were pleased to see the number of village residents who came to our Annual Open meeting. I am told that in some parishes there are often no parishioners attending which reflects the commitment there is to support the community in Great Hinton. We would welcome even more next year. It's your opportunity to tell us what you feel is important for the year ahead.

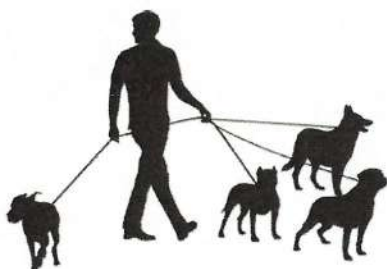
There have been another couple of planning applications for us to consider recently. WCC is no longer going to send copies of applications to us and everything will have to be viewed on line in future. Everyone has this facility so you can see what is being proposed.

S Andrew

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Complaints about dog fouling seem to be on the increase rather than the opposite, with reports of poo on the roadside and grass verges on Peppercorn Orchard, Back Street, and Back Lane. Once again, could all dog owners please make sure you tidy up after your dog and take bags home with you! Also, if you let your dogs out last thing, please make sure they stay on your property, as there have been reports of dogs being seen wandering at night and fouling public space.

There is an on-the-spot fine for dog fouling, and if you refuse to pay it, you can be taken to court and fined up to £1,000.



## AUTUMN BONFIRES

It's Autumn Bonfire Time!! We all love having a bonfire, but depending on when you light yours, everyone else in the village might not love it too!

If you must have a bonfire to burn any waste that



cannot be composted, then it is advisable to follow these simple guidelines which are on the Wiltshire Council website:

- Warn your neighbours – this gives them an opportunity to close windows and doors, remove washing off the line and they are much less likely to complain
- Ideally burn later in the evening when people are less likely to use their gardens
- Only burn dry material to minimize the nuisance of smoke
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres or anything containing plastic, foam or paint
- Avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions - smoke hangs in the air on damp, still days. If it is too windy, smoke blows into neighbours' gardens and windows and across roads
- Avoid burning when air pollution levels in your area are high or very high.
- Keep your fire away from trees, fences and buildings
- Never leave a fire unattended or leave it to smoulder - put it out!

And remember, although bonfires are not against the law, anti-social behaviour is! If you are bothered by smoke from a bonfire before 6:00pm, please report it to Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100 (lines open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday) and ask for the Environmental Protection Team. Only by doing this can we expect the Council to take action against persistent offenders.



## FROM JONATHON SEED ...

The political pace of life slows a little in August but it also gives time to enjoy both our local area and the beautiful county of Wiltshire in which we are privileged to live. I find that summer is also a time to plan political and public activity. This summer I had a slightly less busy schedule which is giving me time to spend even more time in the seven villages of Summerham and Seend. This down-time includes village fetes, village activities, meetings of your Parish Council and of course the odd drink or lunch in a local pub. Wiltshire Council also has a quieter month on August with few public meetings except for the Planning Committees which continue with the monthly schedule.

Wiltshire is a rural gem which is rapidly being discovered by others and I don't need to tell you that there is nowhere more wonderful to live than Wiltshire and it is the job of the Visit Wiltshire team to make sure the world knows about it. They are an independent organisation supported in part by Wiltshire Council and linked to Visit England.

Their website <http://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/> is regarded as one of the best in the country and I recommend a browse through. You may be surprised to find how much there is to enjoy on our doorstep. Of course, our historical treasures and environment feature prominently but there are modern attractions too. As I write, Visit Wiltshire is promoting the many wonderful golf courses in the county. The effort seems to be working. We have about 18 million day visitors each year and nearly 2 million more who stay for at least one night. Tourism contributes about £1.5 billion to the local economy and supports nearly 30,000 jobs in the county, 10% of the total workforce. I happen to be part of that 10% as our main family business is tourist related.

There are always issues being raised in the community and sometimes these attract enough attention to justify a public meeting. I regret that a diary clash prevented me attending this year's Great Hinton Annual Parish meeting which is

always a good opportunity to respond to villagers questions. Generally public meetings are varied and might include how one village has successfully enabled a small housing development on a "rural exception" site, how another has bid for funding and is building a storage shed on community land, or how another has succeeded in having Wiltshire Council land transferred to the Parish Council and many more local community experiences some as simple as how to handle difficult issues and complaints. However what I do find is that I am always able to help and share experience gained in one part of the Council Division with the community in another and this is a useful part of my role as your Councillor.

If you need to contact me I am always happy to help and the easiest way is by e-mail at [jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk) or you can call on 01380 850696 or keep up with my political activity by liking my Facebook Page called Councillor Jonathon Seed.

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## LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club Year ended in June with our annual village Fete. As our chosen charity for last year was Larkrise Community Farm, our theme for the day was "Down on the Farm" and all the ladies made a great effort to dress up and decorate their stalls accordingly! The Fete was officially opened for us by Wendy Self, the farm manager, and Rosie Fell, one of the trustees. Many thanks to Orson who did a great job of presenting Wendy with a beautiful posy, created by Di Drinkwater.

Music was kindly provided throughout the afternoon by Mike - Plenty of "Wurzels" numbers to entertain us, in keeping with the farmyard theme! We were lucky to have our very own pets corner for the children, with a friendly Alpaca from Ashton Alpacas and two gorgeous rabbits from Larkrise Farm! We had some wonderful entries for our children's farm animal masks competition. Well done to all the children who took part - they were all winners in Rosie and Wendy's eyes!

We were really lucky with the weather and were even able to sit outside in the evening for the helpers fish and chip supper, at Rachael and Jon's - a lovely way to round off a busy day!

A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported the fete, both on and around the day, especially Gill and Dom for allowing us to take over their home once again! Together we raised a grand total of £700 with £525 donated to Larkrise Community Farm and £175 donated to the Village Hall Trust.

As outgoing joint chairs, Rachael and I would like to thank everyone for their help and support over the last 3 years and wish the new committee good luck for the coming year.

Rebecca

For more information on Larkrise Community Farm, visit their website:

<http://larkrisefarm.org.uk/index.html>

## LUNCH CLUB

Our annual pub lunch and garden visit fell on a sunny day amidst a week of showers at the end of June when a dozen of us dropped into the Rattlebone Inn at Sherston for lunch. Having had many excellent meals on the first Thursday of the month, we discerning diners gave the cooking and presentation of our choices full marks.

And so on to Whatley Manor where afternoon tea is normally £25. But under the National Garden Scheme we had a cup of tea and a piece of exquisite cake for £3.



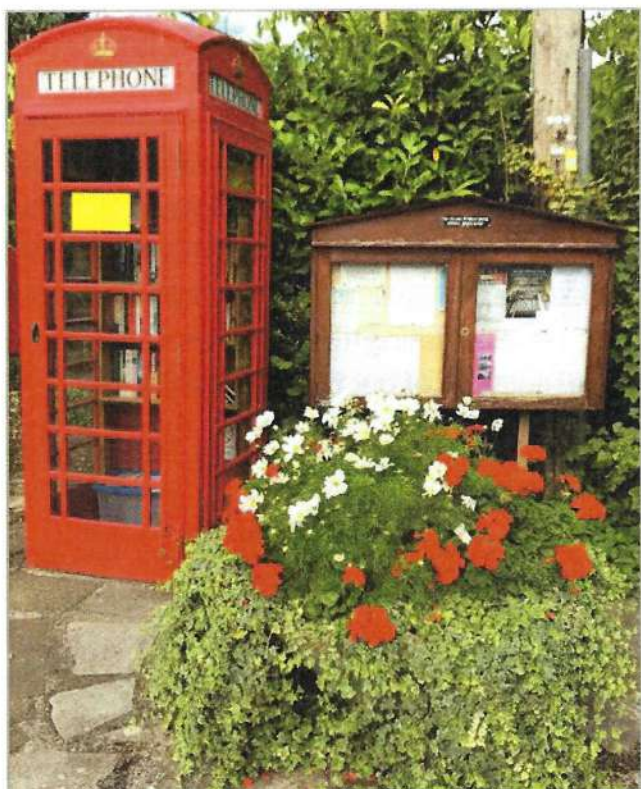
Whatley Manor is a beautifully restored Cotswold manor house hotel and spa which attracts the rich and

famous – amongst whom we were numbered for just a couple of hours as we admired the 12 acres of English country gardens with 26 distinct rooms each with a strong theme based on colour, scent or style. Inspired by the original 1920's plans, the recently restored gardens combine the elegance of a traditional English country house garden with more contemporary touches; including specially commissioned sculpture. If you want to visit you'll have to wait for the next NGS open day or have lunch (3 courses for £24.50) or that tempting afternoon tea!



Lunch Club meets on the first Thursday of each month from September till April. If you'd like to join us, call Audrey on 870586.





## KIOSK LIBRARY

Recently we replaced at least 50 books so there are lots of new titles for you to enjoy!

The Mind Charity shop on Paxcroft were very pleased to have the books we swapped so it's a win/win situation. Thanks to everyone who donates books, please keep them coming, plus if possible some more for young children.

Keep reading ..... !

Anne and Beryl



## VILLAGE FLOWERS

Congratulations and thank you to our two ladies who, with the help of their husbands, have kept the village looking so colourful and bright this summer.

Mary and Keith have tended the pot by the phone box, and Di and Roger have looked after the pots outside the village hall and by the village entrance sign.

## MAKE YOUR GARDEN BEE-FRIENDLY THIS AUTUMN

In autumn, old bumblebee colonies die and newly-mated bumblebee queens find places to hibernate. They may choose a hole in the ground, a compost heap or a spot under piles of autumn leaves. Here are some simple ways you can provide winter homes for bees, as without them we'll have no spring flowers!



**Build a log pile:** Build a log pile or stumpery for foraging bees to take shelter during rain, or as a nesting site for a wide range of solitary bees and bumblebees. Loosely fill spaces between with twigs, moss and leaves.



**Leave some nesting places:** Leave a patch of grass to grow long and don't discourage mice in the garden, as bumblebees like using old mouse holes, bird boxes or thickets of grass to nest in.



**Grow nectar-rich plants:** Grow late-flowering nectar plants such as *Actaea simplex*, asters, colchicum, single-flowered dahlias, Japanese anemones, salvias, sedum, tansy-leaf aster (*Machaeranthera tanacetifolia*) and *Verbena bonariensis*.



## GREAT HINTON MEMORIAL HALL

The AGM was held in May when the chairman, Richard Clarke, gave the report on the hall and its finances.

During the year four village clubs have regularly used the hall – Bowls, Ladies Club, Lunch Club, and Art Club. The Community Committee has used it for very successful social events – particularly memorable were the Pub Olympics and the Bingo Evening. And there was the successful two-day Art Exhibition combined with the photo competition for the KC Cup. The Parish Council uses it for meetings and it is a polling station. We have been lucky to have it used twice last year (and again twice this year) as each time we get £136 in rent for the day. We try and promote the hall as a good venue for family parties and we now make a small charge for the use of equipment taken for home use. You can borrow anything that's moveable!

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 show a surplus of £2470 over expenditure. This is quite exceptional as it includes a bequest of £1000 in memory of Phillip Selwyn-Smith. We asked Susie how Phillip might have wanted it used and she suggested that there should be some heating in the kitchen. As it happened we got a grant of £468 from the Area Board so Phillip's bequest has covered the cost of the heater in the

disabled toilet. The balance will be used to fund future improvements.

The Parish Council has promised a grant of £500 annually for three years and this is reflected in the accounts for the first time. We are grateful for the donations made on top of their hire charge from the Ladies Club (£327) and Lunch Club (£90). The Community Committee made a generous donation of £366 from their accrued funds.

Before taking into account the income from the bequest, donations and grants, the surplus would have been only £187 and this is after the net contribution of £835 from the 100 Club. So we are very grateful to Rachael Lawes for running it and the members for their support in paying the £15 annual subscription.

The net effect is that the total cash resources have increased to £8378 of which £6500 has been earmarked for future significant maintenance costs as they arise.

The hire charge has remained at £6 for the last four years and as costs have increased over this time the trustees consider that it is prudent to increase this to £7 p.h. from 1 January 2017 for village clubs and residents. For non-villagers the charge will be £9 p.h.

To book, call Rebecca on 870588.





## 100 CLUB

The village 100 club is a major source of financing the running costs of the village hall. We have 121 members who pay £15 subscription per year. Around half the income is redistributed as prizes. 5 monthly cash prizes of £20, £15, £12, £10 and £8. There are also two bonus prizes - one in the summer and one at Christmas. Good luck to all members and I look forward to delivering any winnings to you!! Thank you for your continued support.

Rachael Lawes

These are the names of the lucky winners:

|          | No. | £20                | No. | £15           | No. | £12             | No. | £10            | No. | £8           |
|----------|-----|--------------------|-----|---------------|-----|-----------------|-----|----------------|-----|--------------|
| Apr 2017 | 20  | Catherine Kingwell | 2   | Steve Haynes  | 96  | Jonathan Tapper | 101 | Mike Lawes     | 23  | Anna Burston |
| May 2017 | 68  | Yolanda Covey      | 94  | David Francis | 66  | Sandra Crumpler | 81  | Sylvia Baker   | 44  | Matt Long    |
| Jun 2017 | 15  | Ken Young          | 14  | Geoff Ainge   | 88  | L. Unsworth     | 125 | Chloe Saunders | 85  | Sue Smith    |
| Jul 2017 | 44  | Matt Long          | 99  | Joyce Newman  | 42  | Clive Blake     | 30  | Eddie Knight   | 113 | David Cuff   |

Summer bonus £50 Alex Cooper No 51.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you are not already on the NHW mailing list, please consider adding yourself by contacting me on the number/email address below. If you are not receiving the NHW information emails, you are not being alerted to any incidents that are occurring locally or in the nearby towns. Unfortunately, this means I then have to ask the Parish Clerk to use her email list to try and ensure we get any urgent information to you.

There have been two burglaries recently in Steeple Ashton. Both were aimed at elderly residents and involved large amounts of cash being stolen from their houses.

Please beware of anybody 'door knocking' and offering to do work at your premises. These people are charging large amounts of money for cutting back trees, gardening services etc., many of which are not worth it. Unfortunately, you are not aware of the cost until the work has been completed. Payment is then demanded in cash. These people are now aware that you carry large amounts of cash in your house! This recently happened to a pensioner in the village. The advice from

the police is never to agree to work offered by a cold caller. Always source your work through a legitimate source.

Many local towns are experiencing a high number of burglaries – generally a street at a time. Sheds, garages or outbuildings are generally the target as many are left unlocked. Please ensure you lock all your outbuildings as this is sometimes enough to deter them.

As always, internet fraud and phone scams are increasingly prevalent. Never give your details to anybody that has called you for your personal information on the telephone, especially financial matters. If they are from a legitimate source, they won't mind you checking their details and returning their call.

Debbie Scott

NHW Area Coordinator  
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Other useful contact numbers

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| Emergency Calls     | 999           |
| Non-emergency Calls | 101           |
| Crimestoppers       | 0800 555 111  |
| Action Fraud        | 0300 123 2040 |