

GRAPEVINE

SPRING 2018

CHURCH FARM

The farm appears to date back to the 1780s from the evidence of the Land Tax records, when the owner was a Mrs. Eleanor Blagden. There were joint occupiers, James Bartlett Junior and Christopher Matthews.

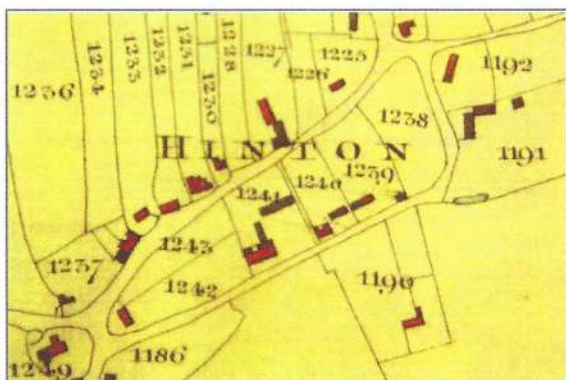
Between 1785 and 1841 the ownership changed several times. Though the occupancy seemed to remain with James Bartlett and Christopher Matthews it is not clear which of these two farmers lived in the house.

In 1804 Simon Taylor was working the smaller part of the farm and in 1821 George Taylor and James Bartlett were occupiers of all the land with the Rev. George Chamberlain named as the owner; he remained the owner until 1860.

In 1822 John Sims took over the occupancy of the larger part of the land from James Bartlett; it was described as 'arable and pasture land'. The smaller part, occupied by George Taylor, was described simply as 'pasture land'.

In 1841 'Widow Sims' (later referred to as Sarah Sims) is shown to occupy the larger part with George Taylor still working the smaller part.

On The Award Map of 1818 (below) the farm is numbered 1190.



The 1842 Tithe map showed the Rev. G. T. Chamberlain as the owner and Sarah Sims as the occupant. The house was identified as plot 54;

consisting of House, outbuildings, garden, orchard, and 'pig barton', just over an acre in full extent.

The other lands consisted of:-

*53 The Lains, pasture, 11 acres, 3 roods, 13 perches
132 The Paddock, pasture, 2 acres, 1 rood, 7 perches
134 Allotment (Hinton Common), arable, 3 acres, 2 roods, 6 perches
135 Lower Windmill Field, pasture, 8 acres, 3 roods, 29 perches
136 Middle Windmill Field, pasture, 6 acres, 3 roods, 7 perches
137 Great Windmill Field, pasture, 16 acres, 3 roods, 27 perches
Total: 51 acres, 2 roods, 8 perches*

The Rev. G. T. Chamberlain was not the vicar of Steeple Ashton but also owned 95 acres at Semington.

Between 1842 and 1923 there were several different owners and occupiers but in 1927 William Newman (Richard and Jeff's Grandfather) took over the occupancy.

About 1939 William's son, Vivian took over the occupancy and ownership of the farm until he retired in the 1960's.



Church Farm in 2011, with late C18 and mid C19 additions

Vivian's grandson, Mark bought and lived in the house for a few years and then sold it to Shaun and Rachel Carr who reside there with their family.

My thanks to Jeff and Marilyn for the loan of The Historic Buildings Study issued when Mark sold the house and to Richard and Joyce for further details.

Audrey Plummer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 17th May, 7:30 pm
Village Hall

Village Hall Trustees and Community Committee
Annual General Meeting (all welcome).

Wednesday 20th June, 10:00 am – 12 noon
4 Peppercorn Orchard

Coffee morning with cake and craft sale, with proceeds going to Nephrotic Syndrome Trust (NEST) in their research for this kidney disease which my granddaughter Lucie has and for which there is no known cure at present. Lucie, aged 11, will be coming over from FRANCE where she lives to help raise some funds. I would be very pleased if you could come to this event and enjoy refreshments and a chat with neighbours.

Carol Clarke

Saturday 7th July – Village Fete (details to follow)

GREAT HINTON BOWLS CLUB

Our January to March session finishes on March 26th.

Our next session will start in September and we would welcome new players. If you are interested please contact:

Sue Smith on 870616 or Ken Young on 870403

ART & CRAFT GROUP

We have been pleased to welcome a new member to our group this term who brings new skills for us to admire – gold work and intricate cross-stitch – and we have also enjoyed having visitors join us occasionally. If you'd like to come even just for a chat and maybe get some inspiration over a cup of coffee that would be just fine.

We meet as usual on a Friday morning from 10 am to 12 noon in the village hall – the two hours seem to go by very quickly as we chat and work. As always we would welcome newcomers, whatever your skill. If you are interested in joining us, just turn up on the day or ring me, Carol Clarke, on 870635.

GREAT HINTON HORSE RACING NIGHT

Saturday 24th March, 7:30 pm
Village Hall

All the fun of Ascot, the thrills and spills of Cheltenham and the excitement of the Derby, all a short stroll from your front door in the Village Hall and at a fraction of the cost (£4.00 entry to cover set-up costs) and all bets limited to £1.00 per bet. The event is a Horse Racing Night run on the tricky and fast '18 stride' track down the centre of the Village Hall with six horses, urged on by their respective owners, to speed on to the finishing line and glory, plus a share of the winnings.



The evening will be run on traditional horse racing lines. There will be six runners for each race and up to eight races (the number of races will depend on how speedily the evening runs) with the first race auction starting at 7.30 p.m.

Each race will follow the same format. Horses will be "auctioned" to determine the owner for the race; the winning owners will share a proportion of the "auction" takings. The "Punters" will be able to place bets on a one or more horses for each race at the 'Tote'; pay-out will be to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in accordance with a formula advertised on the night.

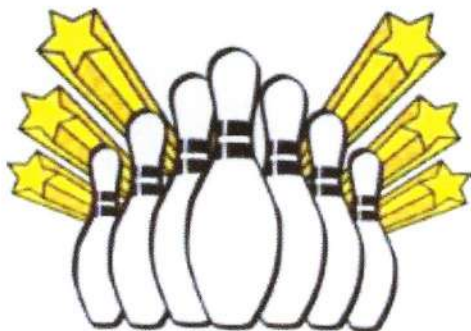
Tickets will be available from 1st March from Graham Holmes (39 Great Hinton), but you can buy one on the night if you are undecided until the last moment. Each ticket will be entered into a raffle and the first three out of the hat will win a prize.

A date for your diaries and get the horse racing dress out for the evening; however, there will not be any "ladies fancy hat" judging but you are very welcome to wear one if you want.

Rachael Lawes

KC CUP 2017 & 2018

The KC Cup for 2017 went to Sue Smith, for the second time, as skittles champion for the year (she won the cup in 2015 for the fun games day with her daughter and son-in-law). The skittles was a very close run competition with only one or two points between the top three or four entrants. They had competed over the year in the hall to score points in normal skittles, 'wrong handed' skittles, a single skittle and then the final was held outside on a traditional wooden skittle alley when once again there was normal skittles but also an attempt at blindfolded skittles! The weather was a little on the damp side in September but the BBQ running alongside was enjoyed by all who managed to make it.



2018 will see the cup awarded to the village quiz champion. There will be various paper quizzes at half time during other events. We have already had a general knowledge sheet and a photo sheet. I am inserting a crossword and sudoku into this copy of the Grapevine which needs to be returned to me (or the village hall post box) by Easter (30th March). Please send them in even if they are not complete as you could still have the most correct answers.

On May 12th there will be an evening called 'Great Hinton does Countdown' and in September we hope to hold a treasure hunt as the final event.

There will be eight or nine different sections to this championship and you will need to have taken part in at least four of them. There will be a chance to catch up on some of the paper quizzes on a day during the summer.

Good luck to everyone.

Sandra

2018 PUB OLYMPICS

An enjoyable evening was had by 28 villagers on 20th January. There were five teams playing traditional pub games - skittles, shove ha'penny, darts, dominoes and table skittles. It was a closely fought competition with prizes for the winners, runners up, losers and for the best individual in each sport.

There was a great deal of concentration used by some of the contestants -



And some dubious scoring by others (mainly from one team - they will know who they are and may get penalised in next year's games!)

But overall it was a fun evening and we raised £115 towards village hall funds.

Sandra

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to all my kind friends and neighbours who gave and continue to give me wonderful support following my recent fall.

I am slowly progressing in the right direction and hope to be back in circulation soon.

Best wishes
Audrey

LADIES CLUB

Every year Ladies Club supports a charity and over the years has raised money for a variety of very good causes. This year is no exception as we are raising money for Julia's House in Devizes. This is the first children's hospice to be opened in Wiltshire in May 2017. In September representatives came along to our meeting to tell us about their work, a compassionate and moving story told beautifully by a volunteer husband and wife. Julia's House is not a typical children's hospice. It provides practical and emotional support for families caring for a child with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition, providing frequent and regular support in their own homes, in the community or at their hospices. Your continued support at our events will be helping them.

We have also welcomed Dawn Lawrence who spoke about 126 endangered species of animals - a sobering thought that so many are in difficulty. Dawn read from her book of poems that celebrate these animals in a humorous and entertaining way and highlighted the importance of protecting them. Proceeds from sales of the book go to the Born Free Foundation.



Workshops are always popular and November's meeting was no exception with Sandra leading us in the art of Iris folding. This resulted in a range of brilliant Christmas cards, all unique. Plenty of preparation beforehand meant that we were all able to produce something we were proud of! These events give us all time to chat and catch up at leisure.

Hopefully most people in the village will at some time have attended the Christmas Carol singing and readings in the village hall led by Carol Clarke every year. It is a wonderful atmosphere and celebrates children and families at this special time of year. This event is followed by the annual Ladies Club Christmas meal open to all ladies in the village and always well attended. Our meal this year was at The Lamb on the Strand where we were treated to a complimentary cocktail on arrival and a 'merry' time ensued!

Nancy Rose lightened a dark evening in January for us with a fascinating insight into the world of animation in the film industry as she explained some of the aspects of puppet making and her role in dressing puppets. Nancy has worked for Aardman and on famous film sets including 'Wallace and Grommet' and 'Chicken Run', bringing models of her work with her.



These days Nancy is developing her own business in hat making and brought samples of some very talented work.

In February during half term, on a wet and rainy afternoon, families, grandchildren and friends got together in the village hall for a skittles match. Most of the children had not played before and enjoyed having a go. Theo gained the highest score for the older children and Georgina proudly won for the youngest. The traditional 'Golly' cup went to Susie who won for the Ladies. Our thanks go to Saskia for making Valentine biscuits for everyone! It was a lively atmosphere and enjoyable afternoon.

At the time of writing we are planning our Food Favourites evening for March 21st. Celebrating a time honoured culture of sharing food with friends we will be bringing along favourite dishes, either bought or home-made, for an evening of food and wine. Partners and friends are welcome.

Di Drinkwater

Ladies Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 8pm in the Village Hall from September till April inclusive.

FROM JONATHON SEED ...



Wiltshire is a beautiful county and our area of Wiltshire is especially beautiful, and we want it to stay that way! Wiltshire Council is heavily involved in a CleanupWilts campaign to help to retain that beauty.

The first stage of the CleanupWilts campaign targeted fly-tipping. The second phase has recently been launched to try to stop people littering, specifically targeting 'food on the go', and reinforcing the message that we are all responsible. If we can change behaviour it should reduce littering and fly tipping.

The Great British Spring Clean has just taken place and I have no doubt that all the volunteers who give up their time to pick up litter must get extremely irritated when their good work is 'trashed' by the thoughtless. Wiltshire Council spends £2.5m a year picking litter; that figure would be far higher were it not for the local community efforts. The Council would far rather the £2.5m be spent on filling potholes and resurfacing roads.

Perhaps if people knew that it takes up to 80 years for a crisp packet to degrade and even paper cups take up to 40 years, they might think about not littering. Recycling a plastic bottle can save enough energy to power a 60w light bulb for 6 hours.

In our rural area most of the litter can only come from being thrown out of car windows. Please don't do this. Just take it home and put it in your bin or recycle it.

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 or you can call on 01380 850696 or keep up with my political activity by liking my Facebook Page called Councillor Jonathon Seed.

Jonathon Seed

Wiltshire Councillor for Summerham & Seend
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PARISH COUNCIL

We continue to meet on a regular basis. There have been a couple of planning issues that have been discussed. Whereas they were not in our parish, they were close and we feel it is important to monitor any development which may affect us even indirectly.

I have an important request which I really hope that one of you may be able to help us with. We have a duty to check annually that the footpaths within our parish are monitored and then any necessary maintenance can be done by the landowner or Wiltshire council. We have maps which clearly show the footpaths for which we are responsible which are not numerous as we only cover a compact area. This could easily be done by someone who regularly walks their dog or enjoys the occasional stroll.



It is not an onerous task but we would be grateful if one of you or a couple of people could take it on. If you would be willing to help, please contact Mrs Burch our Parish Clerk at Barn Cottage. Thank you so much.

Sue Andrew
Chair

FLY TIPPING

Fly tipping has become a major headache for many of us living in the rural community. It is not uncommon to see fly tipping on any of our local beauty spots/bridleways/footpaths. Please report fly tipping on www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting. This form can also be used for reporting blocked footpaths/bridleways etc.

Debbie Scott
Neighbourhood Watch

LUNCH CLUB

We continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month for a delicious meal cooked by a team of members, although I have been out of action since Christmas so all the cooking has been admirably undertaken by Carol and Susie for which many thanks.

We could really do with one or two more cooks so if any of you feel like helping please let us know. I hope to be back in harness in the new season in September.

Our last meeting for this season will be on Thursday 5th April followed by the annual outing in June. We are still looking for somewhere suitable for this year's outing so we let you know details as soon as possible.

We continue to make a profit which is always spent on things for Village Hall. Our latest acquisition is thirty pretty new mugs for the kitchen. We have also paid for Susie do the Health and Hygiene Course Certificate and for me to renew mine as they have to be renewed every three years.

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.

GARDEN LUNCH CLUB!

During the winter months, don't forget that the birds need to eat too! Known as the 'hungry gap', the period from January to April is when most birds (and other wildlife) go hungry as last year's seeds and berries have all gone, and nothing is around to replace them.

As well as making sure your feeders are kept topped up with the usual mixed seed, peanuts and sunflower seeds, you might want to try a few extra tasty snacks too (but please never put out desiccated coconut).



Mealworms – live or dried, full of protein



Fruit - high water content, sugar-rich



Niger seed – high in fat for warmth and energy



Coconut – protein and essential oils



KIOSK LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone who uses and contributes to the Kiosk Library.

When the weather warms a bit Beryl and I will have a sort out and take any books that have been in the kiosk for a while to the Mind Charity shop on Paxcroft. Whilst we have quite a few books stored in the Hall bookcase to replace those we remove, we could do with some more please. As always we only want want books in good clean condition and those that will fit into the shelves. Sadly "Coffee Table" books are too large but know the charity shop would be happy if you took them along, afraid we are not able to offer this service!

As always, keep reading.....!!

Anne and Beryl

GREAT HINTON MEMORIAL HALL

I am pleased to say the hall is being well-used by the village clubs and there have been some successful evening events organised by the Village Community Committee. The Hall (along with the library in the telephone box) is at the heart of our small community so we are grateful for the support which brings in the income to pay the bills.

The largest bill we have to meet every year is the insurance and the premium this year is £530. In line with the guidance of our insurers the trustees agreed that the hall should be revalued for rebuilding costs. Built in 2000 for £120,00 the premium had been indexed linked, and now the professional valuation is £341,000 which includes sums for architect's fees and site clearance. Also included in the premium is "Hirer's Liability" which covers anyone using the hall for claims of up to £2.0m.

Membership of the 100 Club is another way of helping to keep the village hall up and running. Some of you will have been lucky with your winning numbers, but all of you will have contributed to the £900 paid across to the Hall. If you haven't already paid this year's subscription, you will soon be contacted by a "collector" asking you to renew your membership for another 12 months from April. We



are grateful to Rachael Lawes who runs the 100 Club so efficiently.

The charge for using the hall by village clubs and residents is now £7 per hour, having not been increased the last 5 years. Equipment (except anything electrical) can be hired for a small charge. Please contact our bookings secretary Rebecca Locke on 870588.

Every year the hall Trustees and Community Committee have to hold their AGMs and this year they are fixed for Thursday 17 May at 7.30 pm. Please come along – we need you to raise your hand to approve the accounts the keep the Charity Commissioners happy and to have your views and suggestions!

Richard Clarke
Chair of Trustees
870635

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. It's that time of year again when my helpers come knocking on your doors for the annual subscription. They will be carrying spare tickets for all those who wish to purchase another ticket this year. Thank you to everyone for buying a ticket(s), your support is very much appreciated. Thank you also to my helpers for collecting the subscriptions. Good luck to all in 2018/19.

Rachael Lawes

These are the names of the lucky winners since the last edition of the Grapevine:

Month	No.	£20	No.	£15	No.	£12	No.	£10	No.	£8
Aug 2017	82	Dan Lawes	83	Jon Lawes	42	Clive Blake	105	Robert Node	32	Julie Doel
Sept 2017	66	Sandra Crumpler	63	Catherine Cooper	30	Eddie Knight	21	Monica Meade	10	Mike Evans
Oct 2017	36	Ruth Blake	24	Roger Meade	107	Steve Adams	88	L. Unsworth	69	Russell Covey
Nov 2017	74	Steve Locke	67	Andrew Burch	54	Di Norris	113	David Cuff	49	Veronica Francis
Dec 2017	83	Jon Lawes	101	Mike Lawes	52	Gill Verschoyke	46	Richard Newman	104	Min Squibbs
Jan 2018	15	Ken Young	57	Bill Mannings	85	Sue Smith	45	John Putt	91	Steve Mustart
Feb 2018	58	Rosie Souster	108	Andy Saunders	32	Julie Doel	106	Hilary Davis	3	Ian Knight

Christmas bonus £50
Jeff Newman No. 17

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Many local towns are experiencing a high number of burglaries – generally a street at a time.

Motorbikes and push bikes are being targeted as well as outbuildings, sheds, garages etc. Please ensure you secure your outbuildings as this is sometimes enough to deter them.

As always, internet fraud and phone scams are increasingly prevalent. Fraudsters are becoming more and more convincing, but it is always wise to get as much information from them as you can and then call your service providers yourself to verify these details. Do not use any telephone numbers the fraudsters give you and never give your personal information to anyone over the phone.

Hare coursing is becoming a major issue in the Wiltshire countryside. Many farmers and landowners are inundated with trespassers illegally hare coursing which not only destroys their crops but is also carried out by people with little respect for the animals they hunt, the dogs they use and the land owners. Wiltshire's Rural Crime Team has been working with the local farmers, gamekeepers and landowners to implement anti-poaching measures across the county. These include extensive anti-poaching ditching to prevent vehicle access, securing access to land and putting

measures in place to make life difficult for any potential poachers. If you see any suspicious activities on nearby land, please report it on 101 or 999 if the crime is currently in operation.

Please make sure you make a note of any vehicles you feel are suspicious as a registration number or a picture taken on your mobile phone may help the police trace any potential criminals.

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.

Debbie Scott

NHW Area Coordinator

870410

deb.scott@virgin.net



Other useful contact numbers

Emergency Calls	999
Non-emergency Calls	101
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Action Fraud	0300 123 204

DOG THEFT

Dog stealing is also very prolific in many areas throughout the county. Many people have reported dogs being stolen from their kennels/yards or even whilst out walking in the countryside. Be aware that thieves are very proactive and will often stake out an area for dogs they are interested in and then come back at a later time to remove them.

DOG THEFT AWARENESS!

DOG THEFTS ARE MASSIVELY ON THE RISE!

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DOG UNATTENDED AT ANY TIME!

THIEVES ARE:

- WATCHING PUBLIC AREAS WAITING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO STEAL YOUR DOG
- STEALING DOGS LEFT OUTSIDE SHOPS AND LEFT IN CARS
- STEALING DOGS FROM GARDENS, FRONT DRIVES AND KENNELS
- IF YOU KNOW AN ELDERLY PERSON WHO HAS A DOG PLEASE TRY TO WALK WITH THEM
- WATCHING YOU WALK YOUR DOG, THEY MAY FOLLOW YOU HOME
- SNATCHING DOGS WHILE THEY ARE BEING WALKED!

EVERY DOG HAS A VALUE WHETHER IT BE FOR RESALE, RANSOM, BREEDING OR BAITING!



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REMEMBER:

- NEVER LEAVE YOUR DOG OUTSIDE ALONE, EVEN ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY
- DO NOT LET YOUNG CHILDREN WALK YOUR DOG
- IF YOU KNOW AN ELDERLY PERSON WHO HAS A DOG PLEASE TRY TO WALK WITH THEM
- MAKE SURE YOUR DOG IS MICROCHIPPED AND THE DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE
HOWEVER A MICROCHIP WILL NOT GUARANTEE YOUR DOG'S SAFE RETURN IF STOLEN, SO THEFT PREVENTION IS KEY!

WE NEED TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST THESE THIEVES AND MAKE DOG THEFT AS DIFFICULT AS POSSIBLE FOR THEM.

PLEASE DO NOT LET IT BE YOUR BELOVED PET THAT GETS TAKEN.

OUR DOGS PUT ALL THEIR TRUST IN US AND IT IS OUR DUTY TO PROTECT THEM.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT!

