

# GRAPEVINE

## AUTUMN 2019

### CRAFTY HINTON!

In the second of our series featuring the work of the Art and Craft Club we visit two of its longest standing members, Audrey Plummer and Anne Truman.

Audrey's early inspiration was her mother, who had always made most of the family's clothes. When Audrey left home to start teaching she realised mum was no longer on hand to help so she bought her first pattern and some fabric and set about making her first ever summer dress. It was a complicated pattern which turned out to be much more successful than she had anticipated, so she continued from there!

Audrey then tried her hand at embroidery and has continued ever since. She likes to use a variety of threads and stitches to give substance and depth to her work as can be seen in the lamp base picture right.



In latter years Audrey made a variety of wedding and bridesmaid dresses for members of her family and daughters of friends.

Audrey has also dabbled (though not very successfully, she says) in painting with water colours. However, if she can create such dramatic scenes as the one below using needle and thread, I think she can be forgiven if she's not quite as accomplished with a paintbrush!

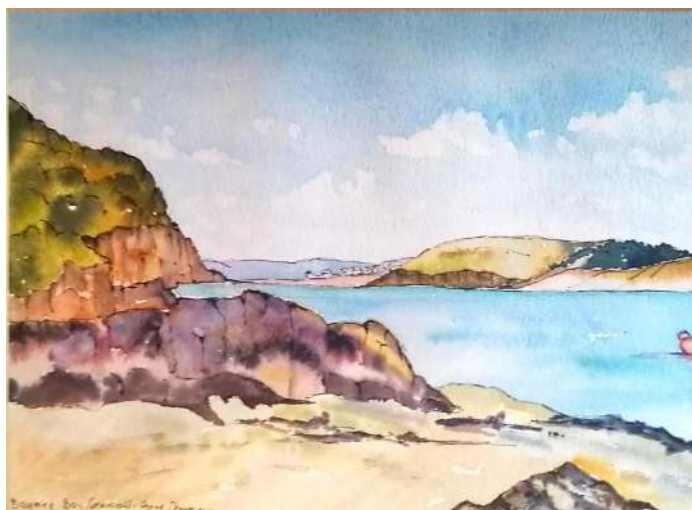


Anne, on the other hand, has been honing her painting skills for over twenty years, originally starting with Audrey at Kay King's group in Steeple Ashton. Then Mike, the artist in the family, started the Art Group in the village, which was well attended and a lot of fun!

Anne's favourite medium is water colours although occasionally she tries acrylics. She mostly paints landscapes and local scenes, including around the village and her beautiful garden.



Anne particularly likes the challenge of seascapes, and uses her own photographs as inspiration.



Sadly Anne doesn't have her helpmate and critic anymore, but knows Mike would be pleased that she's still painting. He certainly left his mark in the village with his superb paintings, as was evident in the very successful exhibitions he and Carol arranged over the years.

Both Anne and Audrey agree that the Art and Craft Club is a very enjoyable way to spend a Friday morning, and everyone is made to feel welcome. There are lots of different things to try, and to quote Audrey's native Norfolk, "We all have a good old mardle (natter), enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, and generally put the world to rights!!"

#### Art and Craft Club

Day – Every Friday throughout the year

Time – 10:00 am to noon

Contact – Carol Clarke 01380 870635

## OTHER REGULAR CLUBS

### Indoor Bowls

Day – Every Monday from September to March

Time – 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Contact – Sue Smith 01380 870616 or Ken Young 01380 870403

Our 11th season started on 9th September and we're looking forward to another fun year of friendly competition! Each year we have a singles knockout competition with the winner of the afternoon group taking on the winner of the evening group in the final. Last season that meant that Barbara and Ken made it to the final, with Ken coming out as the overall winner - well done Ken!



### Ladies Club

Day – Third Wednesday of the Month September to April

Time – 8:00 to 10:00 pm

Contact – Sandra Crumpler 01380 870906

### Lunch Club

Day – First Thursday of the Month September to April

Time – 12.15 to 2:00 pm

Contact – Carol Clarke 01380 870635

From September to April the Lunch Club meets at 12.15 on the first Thursday of the month to enjoy home cooked mains and dessert for just £7. You're welcome to come along and try out the menu (dietary needs accommodated if advised in advance) and enjoy the company of 12 to 20 villagers for an hour or so. Any profit from the lunch is put to the upkeep of the village hall.

### 100 Club

Duration – April to March

Cost – £15.00 per year (NO PART PARTICIPATION)

Draws – Monthly with 5 cash prizes: £20, £15, £12, £10 and £8 plus bonus summer and Christmas prizes

Contact – Rachael Lawes 07717 810938

If you need extra tables and chairs or glasses and crockery for a party, they are available to hire from the village hall for a modest donation. Just contact Rebecca (870588) who also manages hall bookings.

## GREAT HINTON LADIES CLUB

We meet at 8pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from September until April when gardening and holidays take over. We are a very informal group so please come and join us for a coffee/tea, chat and meet your neighbours. Each year we support a charity - local if possible. Our Christmas raffle, the fete, the carol singing and a Bring and Buy all raise funds towards this. For 19/20 we are supporting Trowbridge Museum in their refurbishment. Subs are a mere £8 a year so it won't break the bank.

We hope this year's program is appealing to all. If you need further information, please call Sandra 870906.



### Wednesday September 18th, 8.00 pm

Trowbridge Museum rebuild (this year's charity) and some insight into the history of the local cloth industry

### Saturday October 5th, 12 noon

Golden Anniversary Celebration Buffet for all current and previous members

### Wednesday October 16th, 8.00 pm

'Nursing before Technology' – Dee Roberts

### Wednesday November 20th, 8.00 pm

Craft evening - Christmas tree decorations from felt

### Tuesday December 10th, 7.00pm

Carol singing in the hall with mulled wine and mince pies supporting Trowbridge Museum

### Wednesday December 18th, 7.30 for 8.00 pm

Ladies Christmas Meal - The Lamb on the Strand

Raffle supporting Trowbridge Museum

### Wednesday January 15th, 8.00 pm

Party Food Evening - can be homemade or bought, bring a guest (maybe some entertainment as well TBC)

### Wednesday February 19th, 2.30pm

Skittles for the family- open to all - £1 per person if not a Ladies club member to go to the charity.

### Wednesday March 18th, 8.00 pm

'Going to Blazes' - a lighthearted presentation by retired Chief Fire Officer John Craig - open to non members

### Wednesday April 15th, 8.00 pm

Short Quiz and Bring & Buy supporting Trowbridge Museum



## KC CUP PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Don't forget your competition entries are due to be by the end of October please. I have a retired professional photographer to judge them (he judges the Seend fete competition each year).

The theme is Seasons. Please submit 4 photos one for each season - spring, summer, autumn, winter.



They can be taken over the last 2 years up to autumn 2019 and within an area of approximately 3 mile radius of Great Hinton.

Entry for each set of 4 is £4 per adult (17 yrs+) and £2 per child (16 and under). You can enter as many sets of 4 as you like at the appropriate fee. Name, date and where taken on the back of each photo please.

I am sure that some of you will have forgotten to take at least one of the seasons! In which case you can still enter what you have (same fee!) and there will be a prize for the best photo of each season. The cup, of course, will be for the best set of all four seasons.

There will be a display of all photos, presentation of the KC Cup and prizes on Sunday 24th November in the Hall accompanied by Tea and Cakes at 2pm.

Tea and cake £2 per person, children under 12 free.

All proceeds from the competition and cakes in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Sandra

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Please come to Rebecca's coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, on Thursday 26th September from 9:30 to 11:30 am, at 5 Peppercorn Orchard.



There will be a sale of cakes and a raffle.

Hope to see you there!

Rebecca

Please Note: I will be holding it on the THURSDAY this year rather than the official Friday.

## "GREEK ATLAS BOTH UNFINISHED A SHORT DEER AND PART OF NESTON. FIND THE CALL CENTRE WHERE YOU CAN PICK UP A GOOD BOOK"

Can you solve this clue?

On Sunday, 11th August, our village Kiosk Library was the final clue for the BBC Wiltshire Radio programme 'Clueless'.

It involves the public phoning in when they have solved each of the five cryptic clues which the quizmaster sets. The interviewer and driver follow the directions from the listeners to the correct location or building.

Beryl and Anne were standing by to be interviewed on air about the history of the Kiosk. The duo leapt out of the BBC van with microphone and other sound equipment but sadly due to the listeners' misdirection earlier in the programme, they ran out of time just as they reached Great Hinton! Very disappointing but they did take our photo which went out on Twitter, we were thanked on air and the village was mentioned several times so all the listeners now know where we are!



Anyway we were pleased our little community library was chosen and hope you will all keep using it and donating books. It's started in July 2011 and long may it continue to be successful.

Anne and Beryl







## VILLAGE PICNIC AND GAMES

It was a tad windy on June 8th when some villagers gathered together for a picnic and some fun games afterwards but that didn't stop us enjoying ourselves. The odd chair had to be up-righted and crisp packets retrieved but it wasn't too cold.

After we had eaten there was horseshoe throwing when even the youngest joined in but at a very reduced distance from the pole. Similarly with the welly throwing which did see some strange directional misses!

Unfortunately it was too windy for the goalie game but great fun ensued with the egg catching - pairs needed to throw and catch an egg but each time they were successful they had to step back a pace. Rebecca caught one as it smashed and created a new look t-shirt!

There was a three legged race which Steve and Katy won despite the vast difference in their heights and an impromptu performance from Jacqui's granddaughters.

Many thanks to James and Jacqui Monckton for the use of their field.

## GREAT HINTON VILLAGE FETE

The weather was kind to us on the 6th July - it didn't rain and it wasn't too hot (the Chocoholics stall did not experience melt down as last year!). Everyone enjoyed themselves, ice creams ran out and we were wonderfully entertained by Waffa Powell and her team of belly dancers from Dancing Flavours of Trowbridge. She even managed to persuade some villagers to join in.



Thank you to all who helped in any way, for the raffle prize donations, to everyone who came and spent money and of course to Gill and Dom for once again allowing us the use of their garden. You may have noticed that several of the lady helpers were dressed in pink t-shirts with butterflies printed on them, this was because these were Evie's favourites.

A cheque for £605 was sent to 'Evie's Gift', for which they were extremely grateful, and one for £190 to the Village Hall Trust towards the ongoing cost of running the hall.

## GREAT HINTON PARISH COUNCIL

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to offer our very sincere thanks to Di Drinkwater for all that she has done over the years to maintain our communal flower beds and entrances to the village in such immaculate and attractive order. It's one of those things that we all take for granted until it's not there anymore!

She has also been responsible with Sue Smith for the regular checks that are made to ensure that the defibrillator is always in readiness should it be required. Our very best wishes to both Di and Roger as they start the next adventure and we hope they will enjoy being nearer their family.



We finally received the result regarding the appeal against refusal to allow development of the barn in Back lane. This has again been refused. I believe that the only option left is for the applicants to contact the High Court but we have had no further notice to date.

Sue Andrew

## DORIS SAVILLE

All who knew Doris were as shocked as me to hear the news of her sudden death last Sunday (8th September).

Doris and Derek moved to the village about 1992 or 1993 and immediately became part of village life, being volunteered to help the village to take part in an inter-village pentathlon. Great Hinton won (I think First Prize) which was a monetary prize to be used for helping the children of the village.

From then on both Derek and Doris took a very active part in the life of this village until unfortunately Derek became ill and as time moved on Doris devoted her life to caring for him. I hasten to add they were both in their late eighties and as they both turned into their early nineties life became more and more difficult for Doris as a carer, until it was necessary for Derek to enter a Care Home.

Our stalwart friend carried on looking after herself, but time took its toll and a few weeks ago whilst on holiday with her daughter and son-in-law Doris suffered a heart attack. She recovered sufficiently to return home for a few weeks but sadly succumbed to a second very severe heart attack from which she did not recover consciousness.

I personally shall hold a special place in my heart for all the support which both Doris and Derek gave both to me personally and to the village .



Audrey

The Funeral of Doris Saville will be on Thursday 26th September at Semington Crematorium at 12.15 pm and afterwards at Trowbridge Rugby Club. Family flowers only.

## GREAT HINTON MEMORIAL HALL TRUST

At the AGM in July the chairman Richard Clarke reported on an exceptional surplus of £2208 for the year to last March which includes the last of the three grants of £500 from the Parish Council.

We are grateful for the donation of £227 from the village fete and other events run by the Ladies Club. The Lunch Club was able to make a donation of £75. From various events around Christmas, £132 was given. The donation of £588 from the Community Committee was exceptionally generous. Underpinning our finances is the 100 Club, run by Rachael Lawes and her team of collectors whose efforts have again kept the membership high and handed over the surplus of £840 after paying out prizes of £880.

Maintenance costs of £341 have been limited to servicing the fire alarm system and appliances, the lift and electrical testing.

Our cash balance held in the bank account has increased to £12,270 at the year end. Over the last few years the Trustees have been aiming to build our reserves to £10,000, and feel this has now been achieved with just over £2000 designated as working capital. So our financial position at this moment is sound. However, whilst the level of the reserve for future maintenance looks significant at £10,000 this can quickly be eroded so we intend to continue to build in a surplus to our budgeting and fundraising.

Having tolerated the use of door wedges as a means of convenience to keep open the fire doors, we have decided that although the risk is minimal the doors should be able to close automatically without obstruction in the event of a fire alarm sounding. These have been installed with the cost of £885 being offset with a grant of £600 from Melksham Area Board. During the installation it was realised that a fire bell was needed in the kitchen to trigger the door release so there was an unforeseen extra cost of £216.

In accordance with best practice recommended by the Charity Commission, we have adopted a Safeguarding Policy which sets out the responsibilities of hall users towards children and vulnerable adults and this is on the notice board in the hall. Our recording of data necessarily provided by those booking the hall follows the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation and is not explained on the booking form.

As you can see running the hall is much more than just looking after the building, so we are delighted that Charles Minty has joined the trustees to share the responsibilities we have. At the recent meeting of trustees, it was agreed that the roles of chairman and treasurer which have been combined since Richard took over from David Harnott back in 2010 should be split. Andy Saunders is now the chairman and Richard continues as treasurer.

We will be looking to make further improvements to the hall this year and also planning for a working party towards the end October or early November to tidy up outside the hall – when the weather looks set fair for a Saturday morning Charlie will be asking for volunteers to join the team.

Richard Clarke



BAT WALKS

Back in May a group of villagers gathered at dusk at the Village Hall with the aim of finding out which bats live in and around Great Hinton. After a brief introduction to the various species found in the UK and a bit about bat ecology, everyone was given a special bat detector.

Because bats are only active at night, they navigate and locate their insect prey by echolocation - making high frequency ultrasonic calls and listening for the pattern of returning echoes. These calls are beyond the range of most human ears so we use bat detectors to convert them to audible frequencies.

Bat detectors also make it easier for us to identify different species as each makes a unique call at a specific frequency. And because it's dark when we go bat hunting so we're unlikely to see much, bat detectors also give us an idea of how many bats are active.

Unfortunately, in May we only heard a few faint calls, which was disappointing because it was the right time of the year and the weather was fine. However, there was a party going on and we could hear the music in the background right across the village. And if we could hear it, imagine how disturbing must it have been for the bats with their super sensitive hearing! I'm sure they just waited until the party was over and came out to feed a bit later than usual, but by that time we'd given up and were all tucked up in bed.

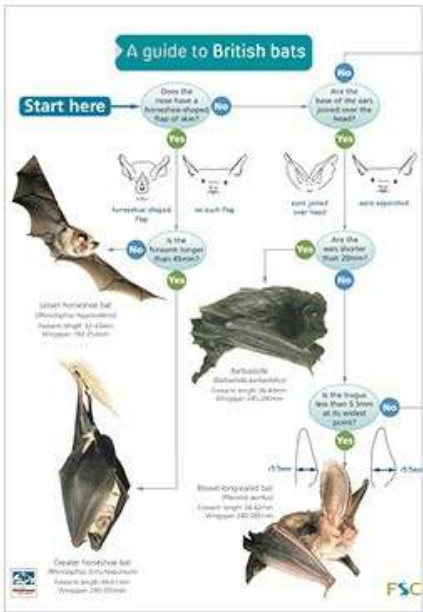


Undeterred, we gave it another go last week, and a smaller group of villagers heard (and saw) dozens of bats mainly under the trees at the front of the Manor House and on up the Narrows. Using our bat detectors we identified these mostly as soprano and common pipistrelles and serotines. We also heard a very loud noctule on Back Street and a distant Daubenton's bat.

We also saw a beautiful full moon rise - thanks to Carol Burch for taking the pictures.

If you'd like to learn more about bats and their calls, visit the Bat Conservation Trust website: <https://www.bats.org.uk/about-bats/what-are-bats/uk-bats> Or order a bat guide from the Field Studies Council: <https://www.field-studies-council.org/publications/pubs/bats-identification-guide.aspx> £3.30 + p&p.

Jemma



100 CLUB

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

	No.	£20	No.	£15	No.	£12	No.	£10	No.	£8
April 2019	87	Nick Hawkins	90	Mary Winterburn	94	David Francis	42	Clive Blake	15	Ken Young
May 2019	112	Maria Kane	29	K. Gorman	97	Sharon Tapper	113	Jacqui Monckton	84	Lisa Cornelius
June 2019	41	Anne Truman	92	J Crease	83	Jon Lawes	4	Min Squibbs	5	Oliver King
July 2019	84	Lisa Cornelius	118	Christine Yates	82	Daniel Lawes	101	Mike Lawes	62	Gill Whatley
Aug 2019	44	Matt Long	36	Ruth Blake	8	Derek Saville	98	Barry Crease	7	Sue Selwyn-Smith
Sept 2019	64	Becky Bailey	45	Shona Hawkins	12	Rebecca Locke	121	Paul Squibbs	114	Paul Ellis

Summer bonus (£50): No. 44 Matt Long

Rachael Lawes 07717 810938