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## GREAT HINTON VILLAGE NEWS

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE

WELL DONE GREAT HINTON! We have won the County competition for the Best Kept Village. All the hard work put in by everyone earned us a First Place in the West Wiltshire Competition and we then went on to scoop Top Prize in the whole County. Special congratulations to the sixteen children in the village who were asked to draw or paint a poster depicting aspects of village life. All entrants will receive a small prize with main prizes to the top four entrants. All posters are on exhibition in the Village Hall. The Presentation ceremony for the Best Kept Village Award will take place on October 4th. Please watch Notice Board for further details.

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### AGONY RUN

Another success story for the village. Enthusiasm for our third annual Agony Run was as high as for the first event with 203 runners of all ages taking part in this gruelling 3½ mile run! There is framed photograph of the winners in the Village Hall taken and given to us by Nikki and Don Goodenough. The success of the day must be attributed to the many village helpers who organised and managed the run and to all those who ran the stalls, games and Barbecue, all of which were very profitable. This is how the money came in:-

Entry fees:	£405.50.
Donations:	£ 9.50.
Raffle:	£200.80.
Ice Cream:	£ 17.79.
Cake Stalls:	£ 76.61.
Skittles:	£ 50.85.
Teddy Game:	£ 8.10.
Barbecue:	£198.67.
Sponsor Money to 14.8.87.	£763.00.
	£1,730.82.
Less expenses:	143.21.
Total Profit to date:	£1,587.61.

A cheque for £500.00 has been sent to The Dorothy House Foundation. As you can see £1,000.00 was the Village share of the day's profits to go into our Community Fund to help with a future worthwhile village project. Let's do it again next year!

### LADIES CLUB

We owe our thanks to Audrey Plummer for opening up her garden on 5th September for the Garden Party to begin at 2 o'clock. Please come along and support this next village event which will include: Teas, Ice cream, Cake stall, Bottle Stall, Produce Stall plus many games etc. etc. and, of course, the train will be running! The success of the Garden Party depends on your support in the shapes of cakes for the stall and teas, offerings for the produce stall, bottle stall and raffle prizes. Please be generous, it's going to be a GREAT DAY!

On the same day there will be an Autumn Show in the Village Hall covering all aspects of horticulture from flower arranging to jam making. Please enter as many classes as you can, schedules from Rosemary Mudd if you have lost the one delivered to you. See you there!

### LADIES CLUB:

The next meeting of the Ladies Club takes place on Wednesday, 16th September, in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. with the traditional Bring and Buy evening. We would love to welcome some new members, so please come along and help get the new season off to a flying start.

For our October meeting on the 21st we have been lucky enough to get a professional Cookery Demonstrator on Whole Food Cookery, Miss Young, from Lackham College of Agriculture. Don't miss it!

Bonfire Night: Watch the Notice Board for November 5th details of our annual Celebration. A great night for ALL the family.

The November meeting on the 18th will be a Gourmet Night when everyone is asked to bring a guest to sample culinary delights made by the members and wine for a social get together.

Then suddenly it's Christmas! (help!)

Our Christmas Dinner will be held on the 9th December in The Linnet, so join us then for a Festive evening.

Please support the Ladies Club, it's a great way of keeping in touch and it promises to be a fun year!

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

After a very interesting talk by a Crime Prevention Officer after our last annual Parish Council Meeting, we may soon be able to set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme thanks to Sandy Salmon, Audrey Plummer and Hazel Culverhouse who have all volunteered to act as Co-ordinators. It was unanimously felt that in this dreadful age of crime this would be a very worthwhile project to pursue, especially as there is such a strong caring community spirit in our village. We will keep you informed re developments.

## **WHIST**

After a very successful first season of Whist, we start again on Tuesday 8th September at 7.30 p.m. Come along and join in a fun evening, meet lots of new friends and win one of the many prizes. Far more entertaining than television!

## **SPORT**

If anyone in the village has had any sporting successes recently, please let us know for inclusion in the next Village News. For instance - did you know that Christopher Goodenough has been in Australia (Brisbane) since March gaining further experience in playing Rugby with Brisbane Rugby Club. He has also worked as a Bouncer for a Night Club - both experiences painful! He returns on 6th September in time to celebrate his 21st Birthday and to play for the Bath Rugby Club and his object is to play for the First Fifteen. We wish him Good Luck and will follow his progress with interest.

### Editor's Note:

I suppose I must mention here that Anne scored a Hole-in-One this summer at Kingsdown Golf Club and has received a bottle of J & B Rare Whisky and certificate (Sponsors) as well as a silver brooch, (from Ed!) for her efforts. Sheer fluke!!

#### TABLE TENNIS TALK:

It will soon be the start of the Table Tennis season. This will be the fifth consecutive year that Great Hinton have entered teams into the West Wilts Table Tennis League. Even though the Club is relatively young it has already enjoyed quite a bit of success. Last season Great Hinton 'A' were promoted to Division One, whilst the 'B' team won their League's Knockout cup. a third team will compete next year, making Great Hinton one of the largest clubs in the League. Anyone who feels that they could play competitively in one of the teams should please contact Stuart Wickham on Keevil 870202.

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#### 100 CLUB:

The winners of the August Draw were as follows: First : Olive Ainger, Second: Rod Evans, Third: Joanne Norris, Fourth: Diane Norris. It could be YOU next month!!

## **GENERAL NEWS**

#### HIRE OF THE VILLAGE HALL:

As you can see the refurbished Village Hall is proving to be a popular meeting place for many events and activities. Recently a five week Arts Workshop for the young artists of the village has been held there. This was a follow on from the recent successful Children's Poster Competition. It is hoped to hold a Mother and Toddlers Group starting in September - for details phone Pat Putt on 870214.

Should you wish to book the Hall for your own private function please contact Bill Barker on 870131.

#### DEPARTING VILLAGERS:

There have been several changes in the village over the past few months.

Ruth and Nevill Giddings left to farm in Chapmanslade in early summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kidner of Tarrant Cottage have moved to Wales.

Sally and Rod Evans have just moved to Hilperton. We hope they will still use the Linnet as their local(!) and would like to thank them for contributing their time and efforts to village activities whilst they lived at Thornhill Cottage.

We shall be saying goodbye to the Ovens family of Back Lane.

We know everyone in the village extends good wishes to all those mentioned above for their future happiness and success in their new homes.

#### NEW VILLAGERS:

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all those who have moved to the village recently. As you can see there is plenty going on in our community, so please come and join us whenever you can.

We are sad to report the death of Minnie Crew, formerly Licencee of the Lamb on the Strand for many years, who passed away on 10th August, 1987, aged 79 years. She will be remembered by many villagers.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

I hope you have enjoyed reading the first Great Hinton Newsheet, which will be referred to as the 'Grapevine'. It is intended to strengthen the already close-knit village community and to keep everyone in the picture re Village 'Goings on'. To be successful I must rely on your support in 'Feeding me the Lines' so if you have any newsy information that you think will make interesting reading, please let me have it for the Winter Issue by 15th NOVEMBER LATEST.

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

This will be held in The Linnet Car park at 4.15 p.m. Sunday, October 4th, when dignitaries from the Council for the Protection of Rural England, Representatives from Wiltshire County and District Councils and, of course, the Press, will be in attendance for the Official Presentation of the Winner's Shield. Immediately after prizes for the Children's Poster Competition will be awarded in the Village Hall where light refreshments will be served.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT CEREMONY and make it a memorable EVENT.

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LADIES CLUB GARDEN PARTY ON 5th SEPTEMBER.

It has been agreed that all monies raised by the above Garden Party will be sent to the Hungerford Appeal.  
PLEASE SUPPORT US AND MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO SEND A LARGE CHEQUE.

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Good wishes for a speedy recovery to Rosemary Mudd who recently broke her ankle.

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