

GRAPEVINE

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GREAT HINTON VILLAGE NEWS

4TH AGONY RUN

The day dawned bright and sunny - just as the weather men had predicted. After having had some rainfall on the preceding days we were still unsure how long the sun would last so just to be on the safe side Malcolm, Paul and Joe built the scaffold and tarpaulin shelter. The cake stall took advantage of this and set up inside but the raffle stall would have none of this and set up outside! The loudspeakers and amplifier were placed in position and wired up - the man at Stag Music had shown me in the shop how simple it was to connect but somehow nothing seemed to fit on that morning, however, at last success - we got sound and volume and that little problem was over.

Next to fix up a shelter for the barbecue and string the start and finish banner across the road, get tables and chairs from the hall - Roy tore the ham strings in one leg whilst doing this but kept on hobbling about for the rest of the day - make a note to ask the younger men of the village to do this work next year!

The Ladies were now in full swing and Sue on Cakes, Madeleine, Helen preparing the children's and then time-keeping, Min Don was meanwhile getting brought up the base for were setting it up. Bruce and Ron went off was now established on everybody that the Lin-with competitors and George helped to get seem to be as many as Gilbert's and Mr. Padgetts approaching time for the on ahead to have the fun of The starter's flag dropped and thin ones, less thin ones - now there keepers take position to start recording them coming back - 15 minutes 10 seconds was the first back this year and the various winners were:



Olive, Ruby and Sharon on raffle, Joan Lynn and Jane on ice-cream, Sandra and games, Diane and Jean on registration preparing orange squash. his barbecue lit. Jeff had for skittles and Ken and Dorothy Road marshalls, Brian, Malcolm, to their road junctions. Rod the microphone and assuring net would soon be open! Cars watchers were turning up and them parked - somehow there didnt last year and parking arranged at wasn't needed. Now it was 'off', Maurice and Sophia had gone the runners passing them later on. they were off, large ones, small ones

is a ten minute or so lull before the time-

Under 10	Kelly Grant	24.51	Max Almond	20.45.
10 - 12	Donna Sugg.	18.01	Gary Grant	18.39.
13 - 16	Jayne Yates	22.55	DAvid Ponting	17.06
Adults 1.	Judy Farr	18.27	Darren Wrintmore	15.10
2.	Sally Evans	20.23	John Burbidge	15.15
3.	Beverly Wheatley	20.31	Phillip Mitchell	15.25
1st Villager:	Vicki Newman	24.01	John Hallam	17.46
			(also winner of the Newman Cup for the second time)	
Youngest competitor:	Tom Posner.	68.00.	Jonathan Francis.	
Fancy Dress:	Carolyn Pook.			
Wheelchair (electric)	Maurice Leary.			
Wheelchair (manual)	Darren Hodges - Rachel Cullen (pushing).			

Agony Run report continued.....

Kevin, who took over the job Mark did last year, recording it on computer as the entries were received, now entered the times to output the complete list of everybody.

Prizes were presented by Mr. Richard Read of the Trowbridge Saturday Club for Mentally Handicapped Adults, Sally having found the correct trophy for each winner - this because she had chosen and bought them with Bill Iron's money.

Net Profit for the day was £867.81. £600 has been sent to the Saturday Club. Balance to Hall funds - see report below.

This report has tried to show how many villagers were involved on the day and, if not helping, then running, giving raffle prizes, buying raffle tickets and, we hope, having some enjoyment on the day.

Bill Barker.

Agony Run Financial Report by Jean Hallam:

Expenses:

Prizes:	9.32.
Public address system.	20.00.
Insurance.	10.00.
Race numbers.	10.40.
Sundries.	1.00.
Printing - Hinton Press.	35.00.
St. John's Ambulance.	10.00.
Ice-cream and squash.	15.69.

£130.66.

Deposits:

Entry fees.	288.50.
Barbecue.	213.18.
Raffle.	237.40.
Cakes.	56.40.
Skittles.	39.60.
Children's games.	12.30.
Ice-creams.	28.00.
Donation.	2.00.
Sponsor money.	121.09.

£998.47.

Less expenses: 130.66.

Profit. £867.81.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT:

At last everyone should have received their final folders with all the details of the above. If anyone has been left out please contact me on Keevil 870662 and I will deliver your copy.

I have a number of 'helmet' stickers left so if anyone wants to renew theirs when they get 'tatty' after much window cleaning!! - please let me know.

Later in the year we plan a 'Neighbourhood Watch' meeting in the Village Hall when the Police will be there to answer any queries you may have.

My thanks to all the 'co-ordinators' who delivered the folders to you all.

Sandy Salmon.



THE VICAR

It's nice to be pleasantly startled.

That's what I was when I opened a letter from Madeline Welsh containing a cheque which was the 'donation' from Great Hinton Fete to St. Mary's Church.

As you will recollect from the last 'Grapevine', I had been told that a donation was to be made to the Church from the Fete, and I much appreciated that thought. But Great Hinton is small and its Fete is not a big affair, and I thought "I expect it will be perhaps ten or twenty pounds, and it will be very kind of them".

Imagine therefore my surprise when I saw that the cheque from the Fete was for £200! That's not a 'donation' but a very handsome gift, and we at St. Mary's are very grateful indeed for it, and it really is most kind of you all at Great Hinton to have made this gift. (perhaps we should start a Great Hinton Church Building Fund after all!).

I thought the Fete was a very happy and enjoyable occasion - and thank goodness the weather held out as it did, though I fear the people packing things up afterwards must have got rather wet.

Thank you all once again.

Derek Burden.

100 CLUB

The 100 Club draw continues to take place the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Hall and before the Whist in the winter months.

The winners for the last six months were:

March.

1st. Mr. B. Irons.
2nd. Mr. B. Gotelee.
3rd. Mr. B. Barker.
4th. Mrs. P. Dew.
5th. Mr. Tapsell.

April.

1st. Mr. H. Gaulton.
2nd. Mrs. L. Ghey.
3rd. Mrs. E. Padgett.
4th. Mrs. M. Winterburn.

May.

1st. Mrs. Hiscock.
2nd. Mr. R. Newman.
3rd. Mr. E. Knight.
4th. Mrs. J. Hallam.

June.

1st. Mr. G. Noke.
2nd. Mrs. A. Truman.
3rd. Mrs. S. Salmon.
4th. Mrs. E. Padgett,
5th. Mrs. Dodd.

July.

1st. Mrs. R. Blake.
2nd. Mr. M. Welsh.
3rd. Mr. J. Fennell.
4th. Mrs. M. Squibbs.

August.

1st. Mr. R. Andrew.
2nd. Mrs. D. Norris.
3rd. Mrs. W. Propert.
4th. Mrs. D.M. Newman.

F O R S A L E:

Child's Desk - good condition.....£18.00.

Keevil 870634.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Tickets are now on sale for the "Hoe Down" Dance to be held in Steeple Ashton Village Hall on Friday, 14th October from 8 p.m. - they are limited so get yours now from Diane Norris. We have booked a caller with live music so it promises to be a fun evening - Ploughman's supper included - bring your own drinks.

WILTSHIRE VILLAGE VENTURES COMPETITION, 1988.

This is a competition sponsored by Shell U.K. Ltd. and organised by the Community Council for Wiltshire and is a scheme to encourage and support self-help projects undertaken by voluntary groups and organisations in Wiltshire. We were given a list of suggested projects which ranged from "establishing a Drama Group" to "Clearing and re-stocking a pond or stream" and included "Producing a local Community Newsheet", so we thought we would have a crack at that as we have now produced four issues of the 'Grapevine' and these have been sent as our entry for the competition.

The results will be known in the Autumn and cash prizes will be presented at a presentation buffet. Let's wish ourselves Luck!

WHIST DRIVES:

These start again on Tuesday 6th September in the Hall at 7.30 and we look forward to another successful and enjoyable season. New players always welcome. Lots of super prizes to be won and there's a raffle every week. Tea or coffee and biscuits served in the interval - much more fun than watching the box!

Anne Truman.

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LADIES CLUB

The Fete on 16th July was a great success and as you will have seen in the Vicar's notes we were able to send a donation of £200 to St. Mary's Church. Thanks to all the helpers and the supporters and of course to Audrey for letting us use her lovely garden once again.

The date of the Autumn Show is almost here - Saturday 10th September - and we're hoping for lots of entries in all the various classes - please get in touch with Rosemary Mudd or Sue Andrew if you've lost the schedule that was included in the last Grapevine. Please try and have your entry form to either Rosemary or Sue by Thursday 8th September. We'd like to make this, our second Show, even more successful than last year and hope the children will enter their various classes too. Items for the Show to be brought to the Hall on the Saturday morning - doors open to public from 2 p.m.

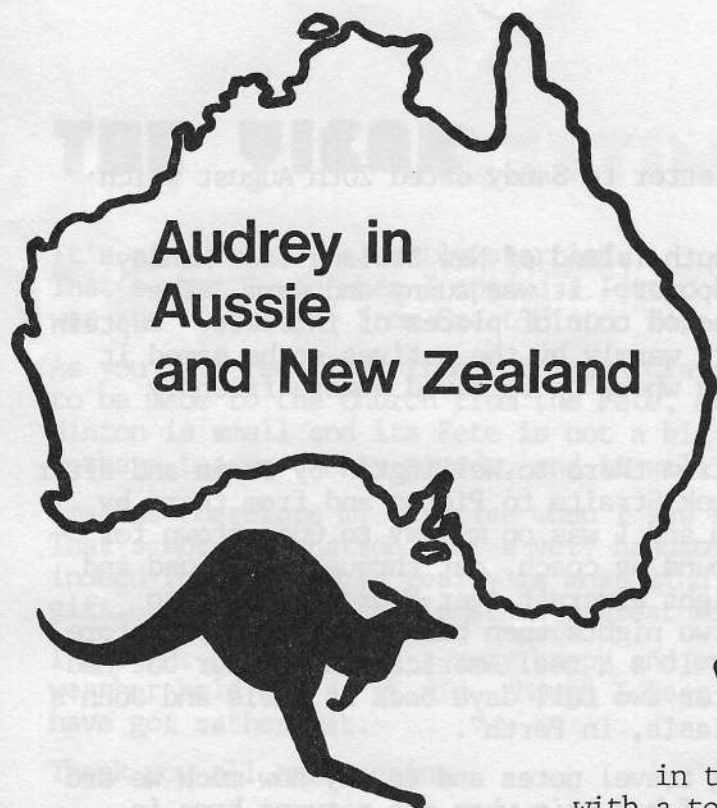
Our first meeting of the new season is on Wednesday, 21st September in the Hall and will be a Bring & Buy and general chat about the winter programme - we've lined up some very interesting meetings and would like to welcome any new members to join us. It's a lovely way to keep in touch with the ladies of the village.

Anne Truman.

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Congratulations and best wishes for the future to Phillip and Anna Wickham who got married on June 18th, 1988.

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Audrey in Aussie and New Zealand

As most of you will know Audrey Plummer is on a three month visit with her sister and brother-in-law to relatives in Australia and New Zealand and she has kindly sent us some thoughts of her trip to date, commencing in Brisbane in late July.

"I'm writing this before leaving Australia for New Zealand. We've indeed had a hectic ten days between Queensland and New South Wales. To date we've met 52 of our relations and that's not all by a long chalk! My cousin Gordon and his wife Carol with whom we are at present staying live in a superb low sit brick house (a bungalow to you and me!) It is situated in 2½ acres of scrub (woodland) consisting of various kinds of gum trees with a few pines. There are also wattle trees in abundance (accacias) some of which are in full bloom. Koalas are to be found

in the gum trees at night but in spite of going out with a torch to try and locate some we have been unlucky.

We did find a possum last night so feel somewhat rewarded! There are also wallabies around in the woodland, we saw one on our way home one evening.

Down in New South Wales another of my numerous cousins took us to see kangaroos grazing and they obligingly hopped around for us! We've also visited a wild life sanctuary which housed only animals and birds indigenous to Australia so we roamed amongst kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, wombats and procupines plus dingoes, parrot, cockatoos etc.

Here at Gordon's we are awakened by a dawn chorus of a different sort, the kookaburas do indeed sit in the old gum tree and 'laugh'! There is one bird in particular which intrigues us as he literally sings down the scale, we haven't been able to locate him but love listening to his song. The Billy wagtails are larger than our pied wagtails and wag from side to side, rather than up and down. Magpies are in abundance but are different from our magpies. There is also a yellow robin. Motoring through the border ranges between Queensland and New South Wales we stopped in the rain forest to listen to the bell bird, which really does sound like a bell.

My impression of all the houses we have been in, however small, is one of spaciousness as in each one the living area is completely open plan from kitchen to family room to hall to sitting room to games room, and most houses seem to have a games room.

The weather so far has been beautiful but however hot it is during the day the temperature drops rapidly at night. The sun sets very quickly giving hardly any twilight, it's almost as though someone has switched off a light. The hospitality has been fantastic and everyone seems pleased to see these English cousins - some after 32 years, some for the first time!

We visited Expo '88 managing to see a few pavilions as there were long queues at every one of them, it was all most impressive on a site beside the Brisbane river.

9th August: A hasty note from New Zealand!

This is a fantastic country and we've been through such varying landscapes from native bush to open plains. The bush seems like some primeval forest, there are giant firs and tall trees such as new never see at home, then suddenly there is a roar of rushing water and you come to a rocky clearing with a spectacular waterfall. It's all so overwhelming. We've been to Rotarua to see the geysers and mud-pools - quite unbelievable. One Sunday evening we went to a 'Hangi', a traditional Maori meal followed by Maori dancing and singing, very enjoyable!"

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Audrey continued....

Some later news from Audrey is quoted from a letter to Sandy dated 20th August which brings her trip up to date for us.

"I left Chris and John's for my tour of the South Island of New Zealand last Monday and travelled down to Gisborne for a brief stopover - it was sunny and warm. The Landlord of the Guest House took me on a conducted tour of places of interest. Captain Cook first landed here but was not greeted very warmly by the natives so he named it the Bay of Poverty and sailed round to Tauranga where he received a more friendly welcome so he named that the Bay of Plenty!

From Gisborne I went on to Napier by bus and from there to Wellington by train and after an overnight stop travelled by ferry across Cook Straits to Picton and from there by train to Christchurch. Another overnight stop and I was on my way to Queenstown for two nights, taking in a day trip to Milford Sound by coach, out through the sound and into the Tasman sea by launch, returning by light aircraft over Fiordland back to Queenstown, Am now back in Christchurch for two nights then back to Wellington before returning to Rotorua by plane on Wednesday. It's a real American style tour but had to be done that way to get everything in. After two full days back at Chris and John's I leave for the last bit of my stay in Australasia, in Perth".

I'd like to thank Audrey for these interesting travel notes and to say how much we are all looking forward to hearing about the rest of her trip when she returns home in October. Also to wish her luck on her climb up Ayers Rock, some of us have sponsored her climb in aid of The Dorothy House. We are sending her a copy of this 'Grapevine' just to make her feel a little bit homesick for Great Hinton! - Ed.

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NEWMAN TRUST

The Newman Trust Fund for the Hydrotherapy Pool at Larkrise Special School has now reached it's target of £56,000. The Children in Need Fund donated the final amount required at the time of asking plus an extra £5,000 for a special hoist making a total of £61,000. The pool is due to open in September.

Very many thanks to all who helped raise the money and who gave donations, without you all this would not have been possible.

Thank you all - The Newman Family.

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COOKERY CORNER:

Now that Runner Beans are plentiful here's a recipe for a really delicious chutney - it was given to me by Brenda Hobbs of Stoggy Lane and comes from a old Canadian W.I. Recipe Book. You need:

2lbs Runner beans, chopped $\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces (can be made from frozen beans).	
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs onion - chopped.	1 heaped tablespoon cornflour.
1 tablespoon Tumeric.	1 heaped tablespoon dry mustard.
1 lb Demerara Sugar.	1 lb soft Brown sugar.
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pints vinegar.	

Prepare Beans and onions. Cook Beans in well salted water until tender.

Cook chopped onions in $\frac{1}{2}$ pint vinegar.

Strain beans, add rest of vinegar and cook ten minutes, with onions and dry ingredients mixed to a smooth paste with vinegar.

Add sugars together with rest of ingredients and boil for 15 minutes or more.

Bottle and cover - keep very well.

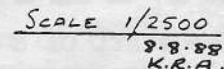
Anne Truman

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TREE PLANTING SCHEME 1988.



See the next issue of the 'Grapevine' for further news of the trees.



We would like to extend a warm welcome to Roger and Lin Mead and family who have moved into 23A, Min and Paul's previous home, and also to Peter and Valerie Alker and family who are now living in Peppercorn Orchard. We hope both families will be happy in their new homes and enjoy our village life. Needless to say we are all delighted that Paul and Min Squibbs and family are still in the village having moved to the old pig farm in Back Lane.

POETRY TO KEEP YOU IN MOTION !

THERE'S NOTHING THE MATTER WITH ME.

There's nothing the matter with me,
I'm as healthy as I can be -
I have arthritis in both of me knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street.
Sleep is denied me night after night
But every morning I find I'm alright.
My memory's failing, my heart's in a spin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

My moral is this, as my tale I unfold
That for you and me who are growing old
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin
Than to let folks know the shape we are in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent
Well, my get up and go, has got up and went.
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin
Of all the grand places, my get up has been.

Old age is golden, I've heard it said
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed
With my ears in the drawer, and my teeth in a cup
My eyes on the table until I wake up.
E're sleep overtakes me, I say to myself
Is there anything else I can put on the shelf.

When I was young, my slippers were red
When I was older, my slippers were blue
But I still could dance the whole night through.
Now I am old, my slippers are black
I walk to the shops, and puff my way back.
I get up each morning and dust off my wits
And pick up the paper and read the obits.
If my name is still missing, I know I'm not dead
So I have a good breakfast, and go back to bed.

by J. Power.

(Thanks to Don Goodenough for this contribution).

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SPORT

The start of a new Table Tennis season is just three weeks away and Great Hinton will be entering two teams, both of which will be playing in Division Two of the West Wilts League. Great Hinton 'A' will consist of Paul Kember, Colin Dimbylow, Richard Culverhouse and Ginny Sherman. They were unable to maintain their position in Division One last year, but will be one of the major contenders for the Division Two title this season. Great Hinton 'B' will be made up of Stuart, Ernie and Phil Wickham and Marc Pardey. They find themselves in Division Two because of a major reshuffling of the League, despite finishing fourth in Division Three last year.

Stuart Wickham.

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