

# GRAPEVINE

Summer 1988

## GREAT HINTON VILLAGE NEWS

SUNDAY 5 JUNE 1988 FOURTH



A RUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

FOURTH GREAT HINTON AGONY RUN ON SUNDAY, 5th JUNE, 1988.

Yet another year has gone by and it is Agony Run time again. 170 people have so far entered for the fun and the agony and we all look forward to a good day. Skittles the Cake Stall, the Raffle, the Barbecue, Ice Cream, some Children's games and the open door of The Linnet together with some sunshine should ensure some fun for everyone. Thank you very much to everybody who is helping.

Trowbridge Saturday Club:

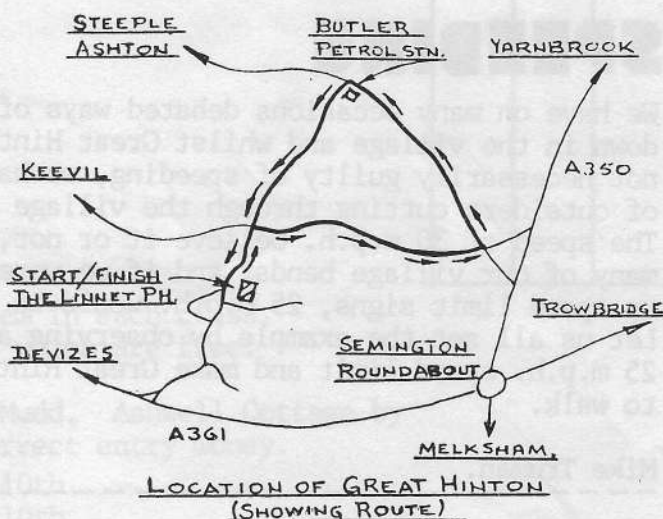
Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Agony Run to raise funds for the Trowbridge Saturday Club. If you haven't already bought a book of tickets, please support this very worthwhile organisation for the mentally handicapped adults in our area. Thank you.

Bill Barker. - - - - -

On Sunday 170 runners will be pounding the lanes around the village with males outnumbering the females 2 : 1. There is encouraging support from the village with 42 villagers running this year. Although 68 under 12's have entered, encouragement should be given to the youngest entrant, two year old Tom Possner. The oldest declared entrant, at 93 years of age is John Putt, although we all know he's FORTY on the 13th August! Even if you do not know the runners if you cheer on David, Darren, Judith and Carolyn then you have a one in nine chance of getting the name right. Support for the run comes from as far as Norfolk (The Hayes family) and Chiltern Downs (the Grant family). Come and join in the fun!  
Kevin Crumpler.

### ODE TO JUNE by Joan Barker.

June is busting out all over  
And the bees have found the clover  
The crazy flight of the Cabbage  
White  
Is a delight  
See the House Martin starting  
The quest for a nest without rest  
Swooping and diving  
Oh so alive in the air  
Hail to June  
Fanfare!



**The Neighbourhood Watch movement works... and how! In one district where there are 300 such schemes – all of them taken very seriously by the residents concerned – only 4% of the burglaries in the area last year took place in homes within the participating communities.**



Let's not be complacent because our village has been more or less untouched by crime. Let us make as sure as we can that we are protected from crime in the future by operating an effective Neighbourhood Watch scheme. From now on this page will be kept free for all Neighbourhood Watch developments, so let's get started by asking what do we have to do to make the scheme work. The answer to that is simply **BE ALERT** to what is going on in the village; in other words all you need is your eyes

and ears. If you see or hear something suspicious, ring the Police on this number: 0249-654455, and remain calm and discreet and that's all you have to do, the Police will do the rest. Do NOT attempt to deal with a suspicious situation yourself, apart from jotting down a description of a strange car, with registration if possible, or a description of a person acting strangely. This will be of enormous help to the Police. To guide us in the organisation of a Great Hinton Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Sandy Salmon is effectively getting things underway and writes:

Audrey Plummer and I had hoped to have firm news on the above but Chippenham Police have still to get in touch with us to arrange a meeting to brief us on co-ordination. It seems the Police Department which deals with Neighbourhood Watch is going through staff changes.

On the plus side we now have a compliment of seven 'Watchers' which should be enough to 'police' the village - our thanks to the volunteers. Hopefully we will all get together in the very near future.

Sandy Salmon.  **SEE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH STOP PRESS**



**DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT!**

## **SPEEDING**

We have on many occasions debated ways of slowing traffic down in the village and whilst Great Hinton drivers are not necessarily guilty of speeding, we have the problem of outsiders cutting through the village at great speed. The speed of 30 m.p.h. believe it or not, is too fast for many of our village bends, and if we were allowed to put up speed limit signs, 25 m.p.h. would be appropriate. Let us all set the example by observing an imaginary 25 m.p.h. speed limit and make Great Hinton a safer place to walk.

Mike Truman.



 **STOP PRESS**

W.P.C. Harvey will be at No. 39 on Wed. 15th June for preliminary meeting with Co-ordinators.



# AUTUMN SHOW

### SCHEDULE OF ENTRIES

To be held in the Village Memorial Hall on Saturday, 10th September, 1988.  
Doors open to public at 2 p.m.

## Section 1. Open Class.

Flowers:

1. 1 H.T. Rose specimen bloom in vase.
2. 3 H.T. Blooms or 3 Floribunda stems in vase,  
any variety or varieties.
3. Dahlia - Vase of 5 blooms, any variety or varieties.
4. Chrysanthemums. Vase of 3 blooms or 3 sprays, any  
variety or varieties.
5. Any foliage pot plant.

Vegetables:

6. 6 carrots.
7. 9 runner beans.
8. 6 Tomatoes on a plate.
9. 5 apples on a plate.

Novelty section:

10. Longest runner bean.
11. Largest marrow:
12. Largest tomato.
13. Largest potato.

Childrens Section - Open to children up to age 14.

14. Garden on a plate.
15. Animal made from vegetable.
16. Tallest weed.
17. Model (including kits or lego).

Flower arranging:

18. All foliage arrangement - space allowed 18" x 18"  
19. Arrangement in a basket - space allowed 2' x 2'.

Domestic section:

20. Victoria Jam sandwich.
21. 6 scones on a plate.
22. Covered fruit tart.
23. 6 sausage rolls on a plate.
24. Savoury flan.
25. 1 lb Jam.
26. 1 lb. Marmalade.
27. 1 bottle red wine - dry.
28. 1 bottle white wine - sweet.

Competitors only allowed to enter one item in each class.

Entry fees 20p, except childrens classes which are free.

Prizes for childrens classes only.

All entries to be handed in to Rosemary Mudd, Ashwell Cottage by Thursday, 8th September together with correct entry money.

Staging: 9 a.m. - 12 noon on September 10th.

Judging : 12 noon - 2 p.m. on September 10th.

Judges to be announced later.

CLASS NO	£	p

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Autumn Show continued...

Handicraft Section:

29. 1 knitted garment or article.
30. 1 soft toy.
31. 1 embroidered article (tapestry included).

Hints for Show:

1. Read schedule very carefully. If the class states 'plate' for instance please use only a plate, otherwise the entry may be N.A.S. or Not as Schedule.
2. Fill Jam or Marmalade Jars to the neck of the jar. Use the circle of waxed paper on the jar. Present it well by cleaning the jar well and affixing a clear, clean label exactly halfway between upper and lower lines on the jar.
3. Vegetables can be made to look attractive with a little parsley. Aim for even sizes.
4. Clear bottles with punted bottom to be used. Air gap wine to cork  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Label clearly.

Please keep this schedule by you for use near the date.  
Enter as many classes as possible so helping to make this a very successful second Show.

Rosemary Mudd.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

## GREAT HINTON LOCAL HISTORY.

Like all the villages and hamlets throughout the British Isles, Great Hinton has developed over a long period of time and in so doing has generated its own history which must, for one reason or another, be of interest to us all.

Quite recently I came across some interesting snippets about our own pub The Linnet which, until more recent time, was known as the New Inn. (Perhaps somebody can tell us how and when the name change came about).

In bygone days the Linnet building was an important part of the local wool and clothing industry; indeed it was a woollen mill and reference is made of the sale in 1845 of two 32 inch carding engines which had been manufactured by Armstrong of Bristol. (I would very much like to know what a 32 in. carding engine looks like). These engines at the New Inn were the property of Stephen Sims who had declined the clothing business. Luckily the main workshop which housed these wonderful machines survived and were to become the brewery of the village public house the New Inn (now The Linnet).

The building was considered to be a perfect example of the smallest type of machinery workshop of two floors plus a loft lighted from either end in the mansard roof. It is a brick construction with stone quoins and stone windows of standard design in two of the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bays, the  $\frac{1}{2}$  in the centre having similar segmented headed windows but of only one light. The building is dated 1816 and bears the initials of Stephen Sims. (Some details from Wiltshire & Somerset Woollen Mills by Kenneth Rogers).

Another noted family associated with Great Hinton was that of the Cogswells who were very very involved with the wool and clothing industry of Avon Vale. Samuel Cogswell died in 1835; he had been born in the last year of the reign of King George II. He lived through the reign of King George III and King George IV and into the reign of King William IV. When he died the girl who was to become Queen Victoria was not quite sixteen years old. This was a fascinating period of history.

One of the sons of the Cogswells, Benjamin, stayed single till 1856 when he married Mary Sims the daughter of the wool carding and spinning master. In 1867 Benjamin was the Landlord of the New Inn; in all probability having been left the property in the will of Stephen Sims. His other occupation during this time was that of village wheelwright, a most important and noble craft in its day. Benjamin Cogswell died in 1878.

(Notes from the publication 'Cogswells and Cloth in Avon VAle').

At about the time of Benjamin and Mary were resident in the New Inn the population of Great Hinton was close on 200 having been recorded as 174 in 1801 and 143 in 1951. (Perhaps one of the younger members of the village could research the numbers of population for the intervening years and bring us up to date with a graph of Great Hinton population). I believe there exists a Tithe Map dated 1840 on which the names of all the occupiers of the houses and dwellings in the village were recorded. Details and information associated with this map would also be a great interest. Our village pump also makes a good topic and its history would, I am sure, make very interesting reading.

Roy Ainger.

# THE VICAR

Someone from Great Hinton who is getting married later this year (and I daresay you all know who it is!) and who, after her marriage is going to be living in an urban area, said to me how much she is going to miss living in a place like Great Hinton - "so small" she said, "that it's like a great big family". And, of course, she's going to miss the attractive rural surroundings of the village too.

"Small" is not always "beautiful" when it comes to communities - they can be poisoned by tensions, enmities, cross-currents of various kinds; or become rather intense with everyone looking over their shoulder to see what other people are thinking of them etc. So, it's a great tribute to a village the size of Great Hinton that someone can so warmly say "it's like a big family". Long may it continue!

And signs of this are the many activities that Great Hinton generates - for all that it's so small. The Agony Run, a Fete, a Flower Show .... and so on.

Incidentally, I understand that a donation is to be given from the Fete to Steeple Ashton Church - that is a gesture which I much appreciate and thank Great Hinton for. (My wife said perhaps we should start a Church Building Fund for Great Hinton to have its own Church - I promptly replied that I'd got enough Services on a Sunday without having a Church at Great Hinton! Sorry!).

I do hope all the events are a great success and have the good weather they need. I shall certainly be at the Fete, because I've been kindly asked to open it! And if I'm not at the others, I wish them well all the same.

Derek Burden.

# TREE PLANTING

In accordance with the national campaign to plant and replace more trees, it was decided at the most recent meeting of the Village Community Committee to take part in the "Tree Planting in Wiltshire Town and Villages" scheme.

This is a financially assisted scheme launched in 1987, is intended to help with the improving and enhancing the present visual qualities of towns and villages and to replace many of the trees lost through old age and disease.

We are limited for suitable sites around the village but the wide verges on the road out of the village towards Steeple Ashton provide a site which can be enjoyed by all.

A village sub-committee has been formed to see the project through and negotiate with the County Authority. To cover all the requirements of the project a donation will be made from village funds.

Roy Ainger.

## BARBECUE TIP.

With the approach of warmer weather - hopefully - many families will be having barbecues. Here's my tip for a yummy instant sweet to follow the steaks and sausages! Whilst you are eating your main course, put large, firm bananas on the hot barbecue, in their skins, leave until black and charred, and serve with lashings of thick cream, ice cream and if you like a sauce made from a mixture of brown sugar, lemon juice and brandy. Quite delicious!

Anne Truman.



## LADIES CLUB

Fifteen members attended the A.G.M. on 20th April and Diane Norris and Madeline Welsh agreed to continue as Treasurer and Secretary for the coming year. After much discussion it was decided to elect a different Chairman for each meeting of the next season - see the list of events recently circulated. If anyone hasn't yet received this list please contact Madeline for their copy. The first meeting will be on 21st September and will be chaired by Rosemary Mudd.

Before that, however, we have the Fete on 16th July and this will be held in Audrey's garden which will mean the railway will be in use for the children - of all ages! There is a Fete meeting in the Hall at 8.p.m. on 5th July - please come and help make the event a huge success. As you will have read in the Vicar's notes we are hoping to give a large donation to the church at Steeple Ashton, so new ideas for stalls, games etc. would be much appreciated. Some of the members have already been allocated jobs, but there are always plenty more to go around! Men very much needed too!

On 10th September, the Ladies Club will be holding their second Autumn Show and it is hoped that everyone will participate in order to make this even more successful than last year. We would like this to become an annual event, so start planting now!

We have a very interesting programme for 1988/89 and would like to extend a warm welcome to any new members who may care to join us. We meet on a very informal basis and it's an ideal way of getting to know the neighbours!

Anne Truman.

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### LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG.

I think there are more dogs in the village now than at anytime since I moved here twenty-two years ago.

At the risk of offending some very supportive friends and neighbours, I feel I have to write a few lines about dogs fouling the banks and walls.

Please, please, please will you all refrain from allowing your dogs to foul other people's banks, walls and verges in our beautiful village.

Being a dog owner myself I expect to clean up after my own dog but, like many other residents I strongly object to having to clear up other dog's faeces from the base of my boundary wall.

Pooper-scoops are now available for purchase from West Wilts District Council. Can I persuade all dog owners to carry one when exercising their dogs round the village. Using a pooper-scoop when your beloved pet offend seems an excellent and easy way of keeping the village clean and at the same time obviates the risk of upsetting fellow residents.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Audrey Plummer.

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## FOOTPATHS

It was a wet start to the day on Saturday, April 16th, but nevertheless fifteen villagers including three children and two dogs, turned up at the village hall for a briefing by Ivor Davies on various village walks. Armed with O/S maps, four groups set off in different directions and fortunately the weather cleared quite soon so we were glad we hadn't chickened out!

Reports describing the condition of the footpaths, obstructions and lack of signing have now been passed to Ivor. It will be necessary to do the same walks again in the near future to put up the 'Footpath Directional Disc signs' in order to make the walks easier to follow. It is also hoped that other walks can be covered on future occasions - everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves on 16th April and perhaps next time more villagers can get involved in this very worthwhile project.

It is the intention of the exercise to submit a full report to the next Parish Council meeting for any action that may be necessary.

Mike Truman.

## LORNE COTTAGE

Have you ever wondered how Lorne Cottage came to be so named? When we first moved in I thought perhaps someone had misspelt "lawn", but a Mrs. Rodway who came one evening to talk to Great Hinton Ladies Club told me this little story.

When the Trowbridge Town Hall was opened in June, 1889, Queen Victoria's daughter Louise Caroline Alberta was invited to perform the opening ceremony. When the time came, however, the poor Princess was ill with chickenpox, so her husband, the Marquis of Lorne, came to Trowbridge and officiated in her absence.

The cottage was quite young then and I presume the owner fancied the name or maybe even fancied the Marquis, and so decided to name it after him.

There's a lovely bit of useless information for you!

Joan Barker.

## GRAPEVINE CHILDRENS SECTION

I really hope that a Children's section can be started in the Grapevine and look forward to receiving contributions for the next issue from our younger villagers. Possible subjects: History of the village, interesting hobbies and collections, jokes, puzzles etc. Let me have any ideas in good time for the next issue. Don't forget, it's your magazine too.

My thanks to all those villagers who have taken the trouble to contribute to this issue; without your help there would be no Grapevine.

Please let me have contributions for the Autumn issue by 15th August latest.

Mike Truman.