

GREAT HINTON VILLAGE NEWS

NEWMAN TRUST

Larkrise School Hydrotherapy Pool Opened

As most of you will be aware, we were lucky enough, and very honoured, to have HRH. Princess Anne officially open the hydrotherapy pool at Larkrise School on 19th May. It was a fitting end to 7½ years of hard work - and worry. Would we ever get the money for the pool, or would inflation always be one step ahead?

The day dawned incredibly bright and sunny, ending at least one worry about what to do if it rained. Still the problem of what to wear was with us all. Just what should one wear to meet a Princess? What about gloves, and what about hats? What a quandary! We did eventually make our decision only to find that we all wore hats and Her Royal Highness did not!



The six family members to be presented had all been briefed beforehand. Curtsy the same time as you shake hands, and call her 'mam' as in 'Sam'. Would we ever remember. (The answer to that is 'sort of').

We seemed to be waiting anxiously in the corridor outside the pool for ages. Someone asked if it was like waiting for the dentist. The answer was a definite no - far worse than that.

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NEWMAN TRUST cont'd

Suddenly we heard 'she's here' and then there she was. Introductions were very quickly made and Princess Anne was asking if we all lived locally. That really threw us. We had anticipated her asking all sorts of questions but not that one. Somehow we managed to stammer an answer between us and then our 'ordeal' was over. We were then able to watch her unveil the plaque and then go into the pool area where she stayed for some time. Lisa was in the pool with two helpers. She was fairly good, but not her usual happy self. The teachers wondered if she had an attack of nerves too.

After this Her Royal Highness toured the school, apparently talking to, or touching each child in the school, which was lovely for them.

All too soon the visit was over, but we all have special memories of a special lady, who is much more slim, attractive and youthful looking than photographs and television make her appear.

It was a lovely day for all of us, especially the children, and a super way to say thank you to all the people who have given so much to the Fund.

I have to admit though that for me the unofficial opening in November (where Marian, widow of my late brother-in-law, cut the ribbon and 'opened' the pool) watched by all the children from the school and some of our friends and neighbours from Gt. Hinton, was even more special. This for me was what it was all about. Something marvellous arising from a tragedy and a very fitting tribute to my brother-in-law John.

Since Lisa has been using the pool her health has improved dramatically. So dramatically in fact that for the first time ever she completed a whole term at school - the winter/spring term at that. Thanks to you all for making the last winter/spring the best Lisa (+1) have had in 16 years.

Marilyn Newman.



As the holiday season is with us again, perhaps it would be a good idea to let your neighbours know you are going away - with dates - then they can be extra vigilant during your absence.

Sandy Salmon.

AGONY RUN

'After weeks of planning the Agony Run, there was still the dreaded unknown factor - was it going to rain? The paper work done and the details all on the computer, the marshalls, time keepers, lead and rear vehicles organised, a 'watering station' in Steeple Ashton, ice cream, cake stall, raffle prizes donated and most of the tickets sold, skittles, children's games, Bar b q, and microphone all arranged, and still we couldn't decide whether or not to put up the scaffolding for the shelters. It wasn't until the day before that it was decided it wasn't going to rain and they were unnecessary - until on the Sunday morning it was pointed out that the cakes needed protection from the sun and a timber structure was hurriedly erected.

166 runners took part, with ages ranging from 5 - 100!! fit and unfit, those determined to do a good time and those just satisfied to have completed the 3 mile course. Before 'the hill' at Ashton Common 'there was a shower from a hosepipe thoughtfully supplied by one resident, and at the top and half way round a watering station, by kind permission of Dr and Mrs. Rendall and manned by Helen Shipman where the runners could have a drink and were cooled by a wet sponge .



Then the runners started arriving back - the winner, Chris Tweedie in a record time of 13 mins 30 secs. (fastest time last year 15 mins 10 secs). All competitors were timed in and in due course to receive a certificate. The first in each category received a cup donated by Bill Irons of the Pub, and presented by Charles Thompson. The Pub by now was open and doing a roaring trade with a queue stretching into the Car Park. Don Goodenough was getting hotter by his Bar B Q turning out hot dogs and hamburgers. Rosemary and Bill Mudd were still trying to fill their buckets with donations of loose change for Bath Cancer Support Group.

Then it was time for the raffle to be drawn. With umpteen prizes, the draw seemed endless. As the draw finished people drifted away and it was time to tidy up, the Agony Run almost finished for another year and only the certificates to be written up and collected. And so, Thank You's all round to those who helped before and on the day to make this another successful Agony Run, enabling £650 to be sent to the Trowbridge Branch of the Bath Cancer Support Group and £197. 71 to village fund.

Results

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Now for the facts:

195 people entered and 166 actually ran.

13 boys and 4 girls aged under 10

22 " " 9 " 10 - 12 yr old.

15 " " 8 " 13 - 16 yr old.

67 Men and 28 ladies.

24 men and 11 ladies - villagers (included in the above)

PRIZE WINNERS

Adult Male	1.	Chris Tweedie	13 mins 30 secs.
	2.	Stuart Anderson	13 mins 53 secs.
	3.	Mark Tweedie	15 mins 32 secs.

Adult Female	1.	Judy Farr	18 mins 55 secs.
	2.	Deb Stockwell	21 mins 30 secs.
	3.	Sarah Davey	22 mins 30 secs.

Boys	13 - 16 yrs.	Tom Frost	17 mins 0 secs.
"	10 - 12 yrs.	Peter Covington	18 mins. 37 secs.
"	Under 10 yrs.	James Earney	20 mins. 02 secs.
"	Under 6 yrs.	Mark Hallam	29 mins. 00 secs.

Girls	13 - 16 yrs.	Donna Sugg	18 mins. 16 secs.
	10 - 12 yrs.	Katy Putt	26 mins. 10 secs.
	Under 10	Alexandra Winterburn	27 mins. 20 secs.

1st Male Villager and 1st Villager - Kevin Crumpler	19 mins. 17 secs.
1st Female Villager	25 mins. 15 secs.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Unfortunately, I have to report that we were not successful this year in winning the West Wiltshire District round of The Best Kept Village competition, and therefore do not qualify for entry into the county wide competition.

I am awaiting confirmation of our actual placing, but believe we were placed fifth out of an entry of ten in the small village category. However, not to be too disappointed. We all recognise ours is still a beautiful well kept village and we will always endeavour to keep it that way.

Another opportunity will arise in 1990 for us to enter and again win the competition.

Congratulations to Kington Deverill and the district winning village, and the best of luck to them in the county wide competition.

Vic Bush.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM.

Fourteen committee members and fourteen parishioners were present at the meeting on wednesday April 26th, in the Village Hall. Apologies were received from four committee members and the minutes for the previous year's meeting were read. The chairman then reported on the last year, referring to the usage of the hall by the various village and private activities. The Agony Run, a successful Barn Dance, the winning of an award in the Village Venture Scheme for the Grapevine and the tree planting were all mentioned. During the year a fire door and a water heater were added to the hall. He reminded those present of the Best Kept Village Competition that had been entered again.

The treasurer passed around copies of the audited accounts which were explained in detail, proposed and passed.

Of the three retiring members, one resigned and the other two were re-elected. Five new members were elected to bring the committee up to full strength. Mr. Vic Bush was re-elected chairman with Diane Norris as Vice Chairman and Jean Hallam as treasurer.

The Chairman spoke of plans for the future, and the need to develop a rebuilding scheme for the hall and asked the meeting for their views. Time and costs for such a project were discussed.

Mrs Jessie Bush spoke of the support required for the running of the whist, and also asked for help with selling Agony Run raffle tickets and for prizes. The Secretary spoke of the possible purchase of refuse bags and some interest was shown. Audrey Plummer announced the date of the Ladies Club fete as July 8.

100 CLUB

APRIL

1st. Mr. G. Noke
2nd. Mrs. S. Smith
3rd. Mr. J. Hallam
4th. Mrs. R. Blake

MAY

1st. Mrs. Ashton
2nd. Mr. R. Ainger
3rd. Mrs. E. Hocking
4th. Mrs. M. Squibbs

JUNE

1st. Mr. G. Noke
2nd. Mr. K. Crumpler
3rd. Mr. Tapsell.
4th. Mrs. C. Burch
5th. Mr. R. Ainger

ITS THOSE DOGS AGAIN!

In the Sunday Times Supplement of June 25th there was a long article on the problem of stray dogs in Bradford (Yorkshire) where dogs constantly foul footpaths and playing fields, children have contracted a disease called toxocariasis which leads to blindness and general debility.

In this village it is not stray dogs, but those exercised by their owners which foul our banks and verges. I am not alone in complaining about the dirty state of the village.

Since writing in the Summer 1988 issue of Grapevine there has been little improvement in the situation. In fact in some areas of the village it has become very unpleasant, particularly on the grassed areas of Back Street.

As I said last year its up to all dog owners, including myself, to keep the village clean and healthy, even if it is a fag when exercising our dogs early in the morning or late at night.

Please, let us make Great Hinton the CLEANEST village in Wiltshire.

Audrey Plummer.

WHIST

A successful whist season concluded on the 23rd May. Thanks to all who have supported us during the winter. We expect to recommence on Tuesday 5th September and hope to see all regulars and any new faces then.

We need some more volunteers to help on the rota PLEASE. The more there are, the less often your turn comes round.

Richard Andrew.

AUTUMN SHOW

SCHEDULE OF ENTRIES

To be held in the Village Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th September.
Doors open to the public at 2 p.m.

Section 1. Open Class

Flowers:

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

Vegetables

7. 6 carrots.
8. 9 runner beans.
9. 6 tomatoes on a plate
10. 5 apples on a plate.
10a. 6 potatoes.

Novelty section

11. Longest runner bean
12. Largest marrow
13. Largest tomato
14. Oddest shaped vegetable.

Children's Section - Open to children up to age 14.

- 15. Garden on a plate
- 16. Animal made from vegetable.
- 17. Model (including kits or lego).
- 18. Poster representing some aspect of Great Hinton.

Flower arranging:

19. Miniature arrangement not to exceed 4½" in height or width
20. All foliage arrangement.
21. An arrangement of 5 flowers with any foliage.

Domestic Section

22. 6 Jam tarts on a plate (open only to children under age
23. 6 shortbread biscuits. of 14).
24. Covered fruit tart.
25. 6 sausage rolls on a plate.
26. Swiss roll.
27. Savoury flan.
28. 1 lb. Jam.
29. 1 lb. Marmalade.

CLASS NO	£	p

Handicraft section

- 30. 1 knitted garment or article.
- 31. 1 soft toy
- 32. 1 crochet article.

CLASS NO	E	P

Please keep this schedule by you for use near the date.
Please enter as many classes as possible to make this a
successful show.

Entry fees 20p each item. Children free.
Prizes for childrens' classes only.
All entries to be handed to Rosemary Mudd, Ashwell Cottage,
by Thursday 7th September, together with correct entry money.
Staging: 9 a.m. - 12 noon on September 9th.
Judging: 12 noon - 2 p.m.

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 jam. 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.

FAME at last!

Did you hear Vic Bush talking about Gt. Hinton on BBC Wiltshire Sound's Weekday Wiltshire. We are not sure of the listener ratings for the five minute interview over the telephone, but know at least two villagers heard it.

Ex Hinton resident Sally Evans, now of the Horse & Groom, Westbury, had a narrow escape the other day. She was attacked by a bee while driving in Trowbridge, and collided with a lamp post. Not only was the accident reported in the 'Western Daily Press', there was a report in 'The Sun' too.

Kevin Crumpler, who raised £600 from sponsorship by running in the London Marathon to buy a wheelchair for road accident victim, David Halton of Crockerton, was pictured with him in the Wiltshire Times.

A couple of months ago, Aimée Stimpson was interviewed on TV by Annie St. John. Aimée's picture of a seaside scene won HTV's weather of the month picture and was shown with the day's early evening weather report.

Polly Stimpson also entered the same competition and had her picture of an underwater scene and frogs also shown on the same programme. Polly and classmates at Keevil School were also involved in BBC's Zig Zag programme for children.

RETIREMENTS

St. Mary's School, recently held their end of term leavers service in Steeple Ashton Church. Not only were a number of children leaving to go to secondary schools, but Mr. Michael Green, the headmaster for over 22 years, was retiring. Three teachers, the chairman of the Governors and representatives for the County Education department and the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education talked of the service he had given to the school. He was presented with a bicycle and a bouquet was given to Mrs. Green. Afterwards at a reception in the Village Hall, further presents awaited him.

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Since the last Grapevine, the vicar, the Rev. Derek Burden has announced his retirement in the Church newsletter. To date he has no further news about his move, but still expects it to be late August or early September.

THE VICAR

I suppose I should be light-hearted for a summer article - but as I thought about writing for 'The Grapevine' on a very hot summer's day (some weeks previous to publication, and the thermometer in the direct sun was reading 131 degrees Fahrenheit 55 degrees Celcius), the word this publication has as a title struck me.

I suppose 'The Grapevine' is, in a sense, a light-hearted title - the implication being that you get to know everything 'by the grapevine' in a village, some good, some bad (but only good things in 'The Grapevine' of course!). Part of the value and distinctiveness of village life is that, on the whole, people do know what's happening to others ('they know which side of the bed you get out of in the morning', I was told by someone when I first arrived in Steeple Ashton 'but that's all part of it'). Of course, knowing what's going on concerning other people can have its malicious side - probably often did in old village days. But as I thought of 'the grapevine' on a very hot June afternoon, I thought of the way a vine's deep roots carry the life giving beneficial sap to all the different, even remotest parts, of the plant, bringing succour and supporting every part of it. And that's village life at its best, isn't it? People get to know what's going on, and are ready all the time to give help and support when and where it's needed - and they do. And long may it continue.

It's not for nothing that Jesus, bearer and proclaimer of God's love, said, 'I am the vine' - it could equally be translated 'I am the grapevine' - the channel of God's sort of supporting love to every part that needs it. That's the sort of grapevine we need to be in a village community, and I'm sure this publication 'The Grapevine' contributes to that. Long may it continue too!

Derek Burden.

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CATHERINE TONNER

May I take this opportunity to thank all the friends and others in the village for their kind support and efforts towards helping Catherine through her short but very difficult illness, and for all their very kind support and sympathy to me and my family on her death.

I would particularly like to thank Pauline Whatley and Derek Burden for their unfailing stints in visiting Catherine at home and for all the others who visited her in hospital.

John Fennell & Family

SPORT TABLE TENNIS

The 1989/90 season drew to a close with a mixed bag of fortunes which had been the picture for much of the season. Great Hinton 'A' missed out on winning the Handicap Cup, narrowly losing to Hilperton 'B' in the final. They did, however, secure second place in Division Two after some fine results towards the end of the season.

The 'B' team also showed some good form during the latter part of the year, but it was not enough to climb out of the second from bottom position in the league and they will have to wait until next year to see if they are relegated.

Regular practice sessions will be held during the summer and anybody who would like to play may contact Stuart Wickham on 870202 after 6 pm.

Stuart Wickham.

POLICE

May I remind you all to make use of Mrs Salmon's Neighbourhood Watch scheme if you are leaving your homes empty when you go away this summer.

Two matters on Road Safety:

To children on bicycles, Great Hinton has narrow lanes and blind corners. Please exercise caution when on your bicycle. Similarly, I note skate boards are very popular. They can also be dangerous to you and other road users if used in the wrong place. Please choose your site carefully.

Secondly, to car users. Some of you take unaccustomly long journeys in the summer holidays. Please be aware of the real risk of tiredness causing road accidents. Break your journey up, even if its only with short stops.

PC 266 Mark Newbery.

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Thank you to all concerned with the raffle at the Agony Run. It was a tremendous success, raising £276.00 which was no doubt due to the wonderful prizes so generously given.

Jessie Bush.

We are sad to report the deaths in April of two villagers, who were farming neighbours of Back Street, Mr. Viv. Newman and Mrs. Keen. They will both be missed by many villagers.

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LADIES CLUB

Following torrential rain the previous day, the Ladies Club were delighted that 8th July turned out to be warm and dry for their annual fete.

Audrey Plummer kindly opened her garden for the afternoon, and the fete was opened by Mr. Brotherton, the Headmaster of Larkrise School, Trowbridge. The stalls included a raffle, books and toys, bric a brac, cakes, tombola, plants and produce, childrens games, guessing games and ice creams. As usual the steam train was very popular with the younger children. There was a fancy dress competition, and some super teas which provided a welcome refreshment. The afternoon ended with a very interesting and energetic Judo display.

Thanks to the generous support given by everyone, a profit of £200.47 was made, which will be used to purchase a 'touch screen' to be used in conjunction with a computer. This will give the children of Larkrise School an opportunity to enjoy a facility which we all take for granted.

The Ladies Club meetings start again on Wednesday 20th September at 8 o'clock in the Village Hall. Audrey is going to tell us more about her trip to Australia and New Zealand.

We hope all members can be there and that we may be able to welcome any new members to join us. We're looking forward to another interesting year with a wide variety of meetings and activities, so please support us.

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Quote - If evolution really works, how come mothers still have only one pair of hands?

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BARN DANCE - FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER. Tickets £4. including ploughmans supper, from Village Hall Committee members. Raffle.

AUTUMN SHOW - SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER. Schedule in this Grapevine. Please support this event.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Graham and Mary Lee and family, who have moved into Briars Cottage.

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ART GROUP (age group 20 upwards)

If you are interested in coming to an Art Group at the Village Hall, please let me know by ringing 870607, or a note through my door at Hillside Cottage. Don't worry if you are not an accomplished artist, as long as you are genuinely interested in taking part.

A decision to go ahead will depend on your response, and you will be notified on the village notice board of any arrangements that have been made with the village hall committee.

Proposed **starting** date Thursday 21st September.

Mike Truman.

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SIGN ON A GATE TO A FARM.

SLOW

FREE RANGE
CHILDREN

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100 CLUB

July Draw:- 1st Mr. K. Young. 2nd Mrs. Nicol
3rd Mrs. Ploog. 4th Mrs. Crumpler.

SUMMER WORDSEARCH.

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FIND THE FOLLOWING
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PICNIC
TAN.

What is round and
badtempered?
A vicious circle

UNSCRAMBLE EACH GROUP OF
LETTER TO MAKE 6 FRUITS

WAP WAP
NAANBA
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ERAP

GONAM
MLUP
RRHCEY
SEBYROERDOE

WHAT DO YOU GET IF A HERD
OF ELEPHANTS TRAMPLES
BATMAN AND ROBIN?
FLATMAN AND RIBBON!

HELP!! Jokes, quizzes
WANTED. ideas etc.

Mary has a little lamb
It leapt around in hops
It gambolled in the road one day
And finished up as chops

Why do cows wear bells?
Their horns don't work!

Why do city businessmen
carry umbrellas?
Umbrellas can't walk.

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