

# GRAPEVINE

Summer 1991

## GREAT HINTON VILLAGE NEWS

### AGONY RUN



### 1991

Water, Water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink.....

Well, almost - however at the last minute a volunteer was found to man the Agony Hill drink station for the Seventh Great Hinton Agony Run held on yet another very wet June Sunday.

151 runners registered on the day, including 27 villagers. Chris Tweedie did not quite manage to gain first position again and was narrowly beaten by P. Rodgers (13 min.42 sec.)

Caroline Dinwoodie was the first lady home in 17 min.16 sec. just one second outside the ladies' record set in 1987. Records set this year were in the Boys under 10 by James Earney (19 min.16 sec.), the Boys 10-12 by Chris Rutherford (16 min.35 sec.) and finally by Russell Crumpler who took the fastest villager spot in 17 min.40 sec., beating John Hallam's 1988 time by 6 seconds. An extremely creditable performance by Ted Jolly (aged 61) in 18 minutes should be an encouragement to all.

Villagers' achievements included Stuart Wickham (19 min 0 sec.) Jeff Newman (19 min.30 sec.), and the female winners were Katy Putt (23 min.46 sec.) followed by Jody Mustart (24 min.31 sec.) and Alison Fennell (26 min.31 sec.)

Support for this year's run was obtained from several local companies, Jeff Newman who kindly sponsored the medals, numerous donations of prizes by villagers and not forgetting all those who braved the weather to help to make this yet another memorable year.

A cheque for £450 will be presented to a representative from the Wiltshire Family Support Group service at the Ladies' Club Fete on 13th July.

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## 100 CLUB

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
1st	Mr. R. Newman	Mrs. J.M. Newman	Mrs. C. Burch
2nd	Mr. J. Putt	Mrs. G. Gibson	Mr. D. Gibbs
3rd	Mr. P. Wickham	Mrs. Gaulton	Miss O'Hare
4th	Mrs. G. Wickham	Mr. V. Squibbs	Mrs. M. Gilbert

Quarterly Prize: Mrs. May Newman

# DISTRICT COUNCIL

Open Government. Since May, the Council has made two significant moves towards greater openness and accountability. First, before each and every Council and Council committee meeting there is a half hour allocated for public question time. Members of the public can table a question to any officer or councillor, provided it is submitted in writing 48 hours before the meeting and that the questioner is present to ask the question. Questions that cannot be dealt with in the time limit allowed will be answered in writing.

Secondly, we have restored the right of Parish representatives to speak at site meetings of the Planning committee. Currently this means that the Parish representative can address the committee at Bradley Road following the (informal) inspection of the site. It is my hope that at a later date we can extend this to allow objectors and others to participate in this process, either on site or at the meeting.

Environmental Action. The officers are investigating a new recycling strategy for West Wiltshire; a recycling centre for every 5000 residents (fewer in village situations) and a pilot scheme for the doorstep collection of recyclable waste.

Concessionary Fares Scheme. A concessionary fares scheme for the elderly and disabled has been approved. Tokens will be available from October up to the value of £16 for a full year, to be redeemed on bus and rail journeys.

Refuse Collection. I hope that the recent industrial action has caused minimal inconvenience. With Waste Management Ltd. now in control, substantial savings will be made in costs. I would welcome your views on how effectively the new company is carrying out its work.

Corporate Plan. The Council has just agreed its four year 'corporate plan', a detailed outline of its intentions and aspirations for its full term. I will be very happy to supply copies to those of you who are interested to see the proposals for housing, environment, leisure, planning etc. contained in this document.

Consultation. Please continue to keep in touch with me about any issues of local concern. I sit on the Planning and Environmental committees, but I will happily refer other problems to the appropriate officers or colleagues.

My surgeries in Great Hinton are from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Village Hall on:

Saturdays July 13th, September 28th, December 14th - or you can telephone me at any time on 830 343.

Adrian Fox. Great Hinton's District Councillor.

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BATH & DISTRICT SPASTIC SOCIETY (TROWBRIDGE BRANCH).

The recent house to house collection for the above collected £39.51.  
My thanks to all who gave so generously.

Sandy Salmon.

# LADIES CLUB

There was a good attendance at the A.G.M. in April. The Secretary reported on a very varied and enjoyable year, adding that a good deal of money had been raised for various local charities during that time.

Dorothy agreed to take on the Chairmanship for the forthcoming year, Cherry is the new Secretary and Val said she was happy to become the new Treasurer. The fete on July 13th was discussed at length, also the trip to Elms Cross Vineyard in Westwood on 4th September - please advise Cherry by mid-August if you and a guest will be going as we have to let the Vineyard have definite numbers by that time. The cost is £2.70 each and it promises to be a fascinating visit - including sampling the wines !

Jessie was in charge of the "Auction" and there was a wide range of goods on offer, and as always we raised much needed cash for funds. New members are always welcome, bring a friend and enjoy our Programme for the next season !

18th September	Mr. Lye "Walking Sticks"
16th October	Mrs. Torne Make-up and Colourings
5th November	Bonfire Night
20th November	Cracker Making by Sue and Anne
11th December	Christmas Dinner
18th December	Carol Singing around the Village
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15th January	Betty Smith "History of Bells"
19th February	Gourmet Night
18th March	Mrs. Slater "Gathering no Moss"
15th April	A.G.M. and Bring and Buy sale

## FETE

The Ladies' Club Fete was held on Saturday 13th July when this year's charity was the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Service. The Chief Ambulance Officer, Mr. Walls, arrived with his wife and small daughter Rachel to open the Fete. He was greeted by an assortment of Doctors and Nurses ! and was presented with a rose and lovely bouquet for his wife by Xanthe Smith. Mr. Walls judged the painting competition, the standard of which was very good, and much to everyone's surprise requested that the paintings be kept and are to go on display at Ambulance Headquarters, and then at Chippenham shopping centre.

We were very lucky with the weather despite grey skies, and the Fete was well attended - many thanks to Audrey Plummer for the use of her beautiful garden. Thanks to everyone's hard work we managed to raise £382, of which two-thirds will go to the much needed service of the Air Ambulance.

### Winners of the Painting Competition

Under 7's	Edward Timms
7 - 12's	Andrew Timms
Over 12's	Jamie Munday

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We have had to say farewell to Graham and Mary Lee, and welcome Tim and Claire who have moved into their old house.

We also welcome Stuart and Diana Timms and family to Peppercorn Orchard.



# BEST KEPT VILLAGE

The results of the West Wiltshire District have just been announced. There were ten entries in the small village category and Great Hinton was judged to be in fourth position. The first four villages with points awarded were as follows :-

1st	Kingston Deverill	88 points
2nd	Bishopstrow	85 "
3rd	Chittoe	82 "
4th	Great Hinton	78 "

It is fair to say our village was a picture this year, a great credit to you all, and I hope you enjoyed competing. It is apparent that the standards are improving and competition is increasing each year. The winners, Kingston Deverill, will go forward to the Countywide competition and I am sure we all wish them every success. You may be interested to know our neighbours Steeple Ashton have once again won the large village category where there were five entries, well done.

Don't be too disappointed folks, there is always 1992. With a little more determination I am sure we can be outright winners once again.

Victor Bush.

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## SPORT

### TABLE TENNIS TALK

Although table tennis takes something of a back seat to cricket, tennis, golf and so on during the summer months, the beginning of the 1991/2 season will soon be upon us. Consequently, it will shortly be time to collect the names of people interested in competing in the West Wilts. Senior or Junior Leagues. It now seems certain that there will be sufficient interest to enter three teams representing Great Hinton in the West Wilts. Table Tennis League next season, although more players would be welcome in order to strengthen the overall squad.

It is hoped that more youngsters will be willing to play in the Junior League, which may possibly allow another full team to compete. Anybody interested in playing at senior, junior or on a non-competitive level can contact me on 870 202. Sunday sessions will begin again in earnest towards the end of September.

Sunday 4th August 9 a.m. - 12 noon is the last summer session for youngsters.

Stuart Wickham.

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### CHARITY APPEALS

My thanks to you all for your generous support to both the Christian Aid and Action Aid collections. The total collected for Christian Aid was £63.12 and for Action Aid £20.60.

Audrey Plummer.

# VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Open A.G.M. was held on April 24th 1991 with the officers, committee members, nine parishioners and the Vicar present.

The Chairman reported on the various activities which had taken place during the year.

The Agony Run had raised £517 for C.L.I.C. and a similar amount for the Hall.

The Barn Dance had been a success and another was planned for October 18th this year.

The Hangover Party run by Jessie and Vic Bush was an enjoyable evening.

Two table tennis teams used the Hall during the winter. Stuart Wickham had started a Sunday Youth Club and Junior table tennis sessions. This had 15 members.

Stuart had also taken on running the 100 Club which now had 85 members.

Whist evenings continued thanks to Richard Andrew and helpers.

The Grapevine continued to be published 3 times a year.

Hall maintenance had been carried out and new fencing will be erected.

Great Hinton came 4th out of 11 entries in a Sports Activity competition run by West Wilts District Council, and won a Petangue set. Is anyone interested in playing this game?

The financial report gave an income of £3302.77 and expenditure of £1998.13.

The 5 retiring members were re-elected and Jillian Fennell was elected as a new member.

Mrs. Doreen Scott from the Trowbridge branch of the Family Support Group gave a talk, as this was the charity chosen for the Agony Run.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Thankfully there is nothing untoward to report in Great Hinton, though we understand that there have been some unpleasant incidents in both Keevil and Steeple Ashton. Please remember to inform your Neighbourhood Watch representative and/or the police if your house will be unoccupied during the summer period.

Be vigilant and report anything suspicious or unusual.

Sandy Salmon.

The mobile Library comes to the Linnet car park at 2.45 p.m. every other Tuesday

# POLICE

Concern was voiced at the Annual Parish Meeting about the speed of vehicles coming through the village.

As a consequence we monitored vehicles for a week in April and found that 2,536 vehicles used the road but only 9 exceeded 30 m.p.h. to a degree where if a speed unit was in force they would be reported.

The average speed of all vehicles was 27.71 m.p.h.

It may be that these statistics do not help in your efforts to press for a 30 m.p.h. limit in the village, but please be assured of my wishes to keep the roads of Great Hinton safe and report to me any incidents of dangerous driving that you witness.

PC 266 Mark Newbery.

# WHIST

Whist begins again on Tuesday September 10th at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall. All welcome. Come and enjoy a light hearted game of cards in a friendly atmosphere. Any volunteers to help with running an evening would be much appreciated.

## BRITISH LEGION SUMMER FETE.

Steeple Ashton and District Branch of the British Legion will be holding their Summer Fete at the Manor, Steeple Ashton on Saturday, August 17th commencing at 2.30 p.m. There will be Punch and Judy, Merry-go-round and many other attractions for children. A wide range of stalls will all contribute to all the fun of the fair.

Your attendance will help to support your local branch of the British Legion and its charitable works.

Chris Salmon.

## The Ultimate Race

Straddling six lanes of tarmac  
Like the ultimate race  
Madness lurking  
Beneath each demon's face  
No champagne or flowers  
For no winners emerge  
If no spoils to be won  
Then why such an urge ?

Rational people  
All turned insane  
Collectively playing  
This dangerous game  
And ten minutes saved  
Is worth risking life  
In this mad world with  
Death and injury rife

Legal limits ignored  
No time for rules  
Only time to stop  
And pity these fools  
No prizes for enjoying  
This deadliest vice  
But failure in trying  
Pays the ultimate price

Stuart Wickham

THE SKIP WILL BE BY THE BUS SHELTER ON MONDAY 22nd JULY