

# GRAPES

**XMAS ISSUE 1993**

## **PENTATHLON WINNERS**

You will all have heard by now that Great Hinton are the Inter Village Pentathlon champions, but how did this come about.

The original invitation to enter the competition was rejected by the Hall Committee but pursued by Kevin. Adults and children alike were persuaded to enter, and on September 4th the Kwik cricket team, led by Mike Truman, made their first appearance. The youngster who bowled everyone out in the first over deserved his 'man of the match' award. Last place.

Undeterred Min led the enthusiastic Unihoc team into action the next week, and Kevin gambled the Joker on the collective talents of the team. The round robin event was played with a special Unihoc rink imported from Sweden. Oliver Smith managed to score several penalty goals, and Great Hinton won (24 goals) with Edington (16 goals) in second place. Now Great Hinton were second in the overall table.

In the next event, Touch Rugby, mixed teams of male and female, young and old(er), battled all day to score as many tries as possible in a rugby game with a difference - no scrums and forward passing allowed. Well done to Xanthe and Imogen who were dwarfed by some of the opposition. Silver medals and mini rugby balls to the children, then placed Great Hinton in first place overall.

With rumours of County Table Tennis players, plus the rivalry with Keevil, our chances of retaining first place were considered slim. Ernie Wickham, Anthony and Simon played excellently, narrowly losing out to Keevil (360 pts to 354 pts), who won a Table Tennis table from Leekes. Still in first place.

Doris & Derek Saville joined the swimming squad to represent the over 60's and together with a determined performance from all of the team, Great Hinton gained bronze medal position.

The team collected individual gold medals and a host of sports goods at the awards ceremony, plus a cheque for £500 which has been banked with the Village Hall funds.

**Well done team, and many thanks to all the supporters.**

# GREAT HINTON

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# EDITORIAL

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A Merry Xmas to all readers!

1993 has been most successful for the Village with all the events being well supported and generating well appreciated contributions to local charities. Many thanks to all the helpers and sponsors. One event remains on the calendar with an inaugural wheelbarrow race on Boxing Day in aid of the Special Care Baby Unit, Bath. Please volunteer your services to marshall etc to Martyn at the Linnet.

Don't just 'skim off the cream' but take part and you will enjoy village life even more.

## AGONY RUN 1994

The date for next year's run is the 12th June 1994. This avoids clashing with father's day. If you have any ideas to make this a special 10th Anniversary event then please contact Mike Truman.

More details next year. Sponsors most welcome.



## VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

I expect you sometimes wonder what the village Hall Committee is up to these days, and I am sure it must seem like a closed shop to those of you who are not involved.

The Committee is very much aware that year in, year out the same members are re-elected, as no new nominations or offers to serve are received. It is understood that you may be a little shy, or may already be too busy to come forward, which is of course understood.

The Committee meetings are always relaxed and good fun, and at the same time dealing with the yearly programme, all of which you can read about in the Grapevine. You have probably noticed that most of the contributions to the Grapevine are by Committee members, and this seems wrong to me.

There over 200 people in the village, and at the moment only about 20 people or less contribute. I am sure there is a wealth of untapped talent amongst you, and you would be welcomed enthusiastically if you are able to come forward with an article for the Grapevine. Alternatively you could offer to serve on the Committee when I can assure you of a very rewarding time; after all Great Hinton has proved to the Best at many things including -

**The Best Kept Village**

**The Best Sports team entered in the Inter Village Pentathlon**

**The Best Fun Run ( raising thousands for charity)**

Just think how many more achievements there could be with more villagers taking part.

Please contact me for a chat if you like.....

*Mike Truman, 39 Great Hinton (Chairman , Village Hall Committee)*



# Great Hinton Village News .....



## CRANBERRY DREAM DESSERT

### Base:

2oz. butter  
4oz. digestive biscuits roughly crushed  
1 teasp. ground ginger

### Filling:

6oz. full fat cream cheese  
3oz. castor sugar  
1 tablesp. powdered gelatine  
(dissolved in 4 tablesp. hot water  
and allowed to cool slightly)  
1/2 pt. double cream lightly whipped  
1/2 x 350g jar Cranberry Sauce

### Topping: (optional)

1/2 x 350g jar Cranberry Sauce  
1/4 pt. double cream whipped

Melt butter in pan, stir in biscuits and ground ginger.

Line base of greased loose-bottomed 7" tin.

Soften cream cheese in large bowl. Stir in sugar & prepared gelatine, fold in cream & cranberry sauce.

Spread mixture on biscuit base & leave in fridge until completely set.

Remove from tin & top with remaining cranberry sauce & decorate with whipped cream.

Can be frozen for up to 2 months.

*Audrey Plummer*

## SKITTLES

The Ladies club November meeting was at the 'Old Crown' in Devizes which saw the ladies and their husbands battling for supremacy at skittles.

The Ladies prize was won by Jean Hallam who was winning from her first ball. John Putt pipped Mike Truman to win the Mens prize. A lovely cauliflower was won by Carol Clarke for the lowest score. Despite well meaning advice she refused to use this instead of the traditional balls. After a hearty ploughpersons a nail biting game of killer was won by Richard Clarke.

*Sandra Crumpler*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

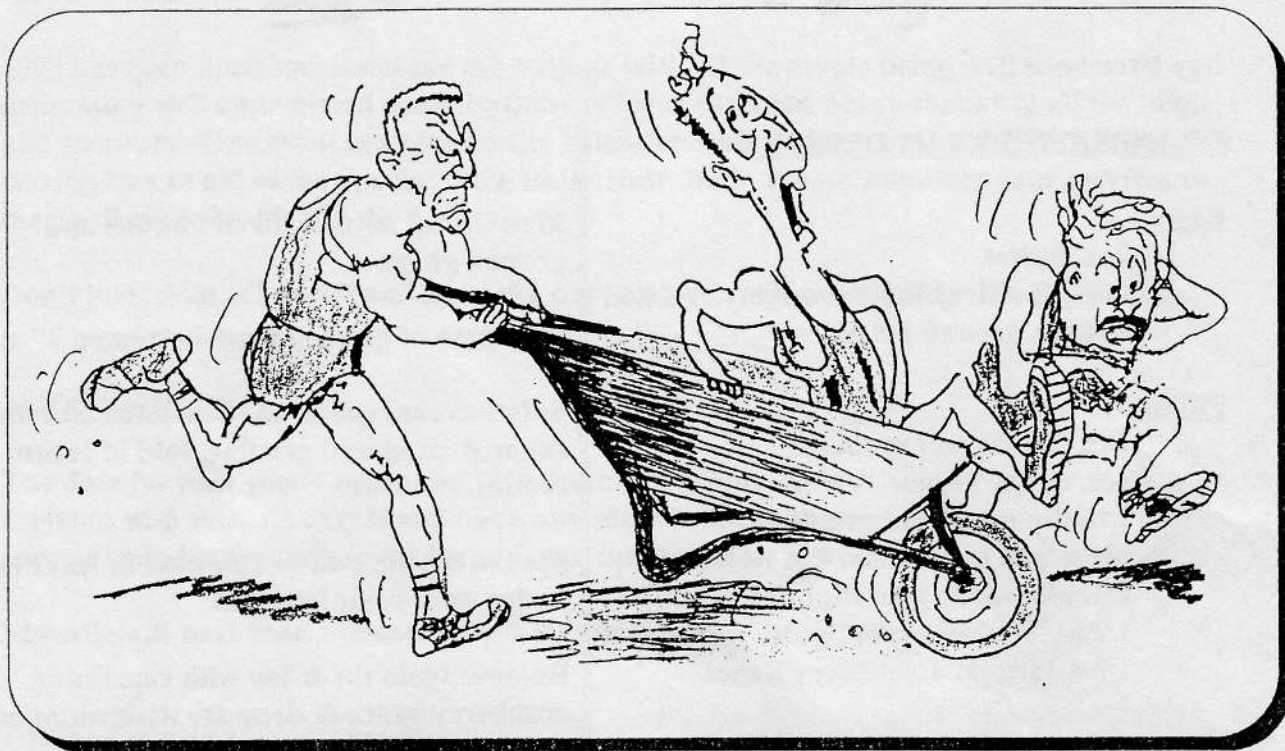
There is now an area co-ordinated scheme for the Neighbourhood Watch and Great Hinton is joined with Steeple Ashton. Our new area co-ordinator is Mr. Roberts at dark Lane, Steeple Ashton. I attended the area meeting at Trowbridge police station in November and am happy to report that there were no incidents for our area.

Please be vigilant during the festive season and report anything suspicious to your co-ordinator on 870662 as we have done in the past.

*Very Happy Xmas from Chris & Sandy Salmon*

# *Great Hinton Village News .....*

## **BOXING DAY - WHEELBARROW RACE**



As announced in the last edition there will be a winter race event in the village on Boxing Day starting at 11.30am from the Linnet car park. All the proceeds going to the 'Special Care Baby Unit' at the Royal United Hospital in Bath. This event is being organised by Martyn Tilley of the Linnet, who is providing a buffet lunch after the event.

### **Teams:**

Teams will consist of three people, with each one pushing a team member for a third of each circuit. All teams to have a name. Cycle helmets are advisable for protection. Entrance fees £5.00 per team, with entry forms available from the Linnet.

### **Wheelbarrows:**

There will be scrutineering of all vehicles at 11.00am in the front car park of The Linnet. Percy Thrower approved wheelbarrows only. This means no castor wheels, unicycles, sack trucks, roller skates, skate boards or ropes for assistance.

Competitors are encouraged to decorate their vehicles, and dress themselves in fancy dress.

### **Course:**

This will consist of two laps around the village, via Main Street and Back Lane with three nominated changeover points on each lap.

### **Help wanted:**

Help will be required to provide course marshals and to assist in erecting bunting etc. There will be a bumper raffle and any donations for prizes would be most welcome. Please contact Martyn at the Linnet if you can help.

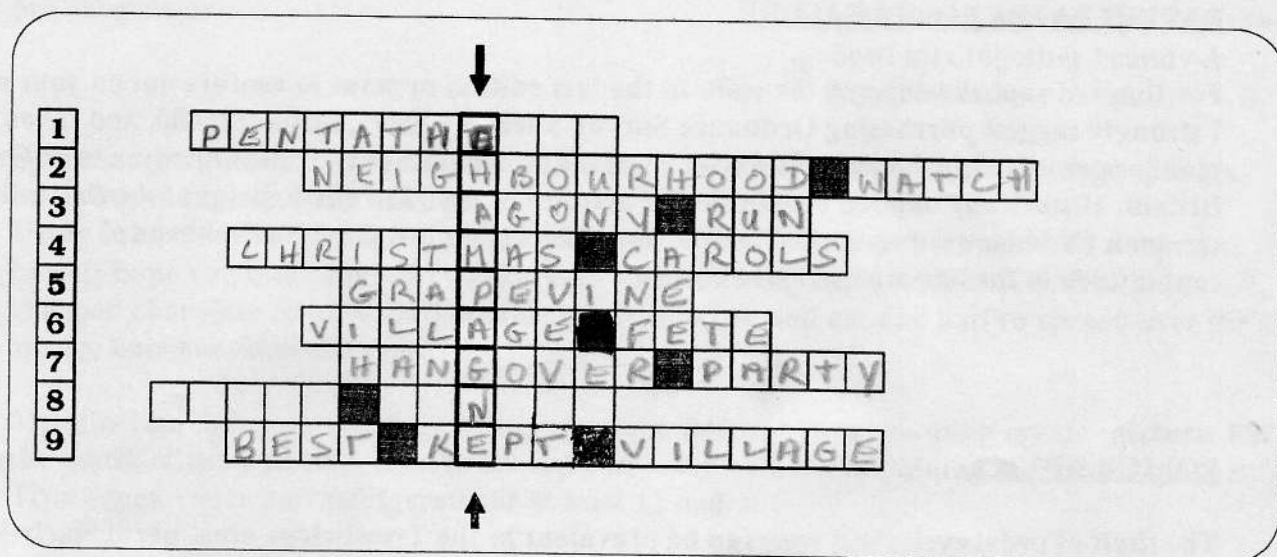


# Great Hinton Village News .....



## XMAS PUZZLE

Entries to be handed in at the Hangover Party, with a maximum of two per household. Mike promises a prize to the lucky winner. (Children - your parents can hand over your entry at the party for you).



### Clues:

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|---|----------------------|
| 1. Annual game of chance                    | 2. Be on your guard  |
| 3. Seems like a marathon                    | 4. Festive melodies  |
| 5. News and views                           | 6. Garden Party      |
| 7. Knees up                                 | 8. Played over a net |
| 9. Do what you can to keep it spik and span |                      |

## UNIHOC LADIES TEAM

Following the success in the recent Pentathlon, Min is trying to arrange a ladies team. Age no limit. Min hopes to enter the summer league starting in May, but in the meantime we have been invited to join in with Edington on Tuesday evenings for an hour in term time.

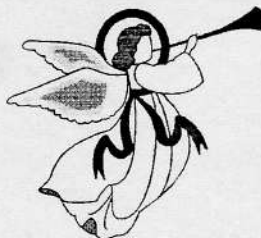
Come on support Min by contacting her on 870634.

## UNIHOC KIT

As part of the prizes won in the Pentathlon the Village now has a complete Unihoc set including goals, balls and sticks for two teams. If you would like to borrow this then please contact Kevin (870906) or Mike on (870607).

# Great Hinton Village News .....

## CAROL SINGING (or hear Carol sing)



This will take place on Monday, 20th December 1993 with everyone meeting at the Linnet at 6.30. This year the collection is in aid of the Kidney Foundation.

Children most welcome. Please give generously.

*Carol Clarke*

## PARISH PATHS FOR PLEASURE

For those of you who enjoyed the walk in the last edition or want to venture out on your own I strongly suggest purchasing Ordnance Survey Sheet ST 85/95, Scale 1:25000, and if you plan longer journeys then also ST86/96. Both maps are part of the Pathfinder series of Great Britain. Historically minded people should acquire Sheet 77 of the Reprint of the first edition one inch Ordnance Survey, which offers some intriguing insights into the shape of our countryside in the late nineteenth century.

*Chris Munday*

## POLICE ADVICE

The theft of pedal cycles still seems to be prevalent in the Trowbridge area, particularly from garden sheds and garages. You would be well advised to lock your cycles up even when they are in secure sheds.

Parking will always be a problem in Great Hinton and I would ask all residents to take care where they park, it is so easy to block someone's access and obstruct the narrow lanes.

*Mark Newbery PC266*

## LUCKY 100 CLUB WINNERS

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
1st Prize (£13)	Mrs. S.Squibbs	Mrs. M.Ashton	Cherry Munday
2nd Prize (£9)	Mr. R.Shipman	Paul Winterburn	Kevin Crumpler
3rd Prize (£6)	Nicholas Godden	Mrs. Nicoll	Jane Cooper
4th Prize (£5)	Joanna Barker	Veronica Francis	Jessie Bush

In addition the quarterly prize of £16 was won by Min Squibbs, and the bumper Xmas Bonus of £30 was won by Sandra Crumpler.

Remember to buy tickets for 1994 early next year!

*Jean Hallam*

# Great Hinton Village News .....

## COOKERY CORNER

### Tipsy Cake (an alternative Xmas Pud)

2oz blanched almonds  
2oz hazel nuts  
3 tbsp brandy  
2 tbsp orange liqueur  
2 tbsp cherry or almond liqueur  
12 trifle sponges or madeira cake  
5oz plain chocolate  
15fl.oz double cream  
1oz Cocoa powder  
5oz icing sugar



Spread almonds and hazel nuts out separately on a tray & toast in the oven at 200 degrees for 5 mins. until golden.

Transfer the hazel nuts to a tea towel and rub off the skins whilst warm. Spread all the nuts out to cool for 5 mins then chop roughly.

Line a 2.5 pint pudding basin with damp muslin. In a separate bowl mix together brandy & liqueurs and set aside.

Split the sponges in half. Sprinkle with brandy and line the basin with moistened sponges, reserving enough to cover the top.

Using a sharp knife chop 3oz of the chocolate into small pieces and set aside. In a separate bowl (I hope you have enough) whip cream with 4oz icing sugar until stiff & fold in the chopped chocolate & nuts. Divide the mixture into two and use one half to spread over the sponge lining in an even layer.

Melt the remaining chocolate; cool slightly, then fold into the remaining cream mixture. Fill the centre of the pudding, level to the top and cover with the remaining moistened sponges. Trim edges, cover and refrigerate for at least 12 hours.

To serve. Uncover, invert a flat serving dish over the basin and turn upside down. Carefully remove the muslin. Serve cold, dusted with remaining icing sugar and cocoa powder.

*Min Squibbs*

## JOKES BY OLIVER



What can you do if you get locked out of the house?

*Sing until you get the right key*

Doctor. Did you drink your medicine after you bath?

Patient: After drinking the bath, I didn't have room for the medicine.

Silly Sammy: I'm glad I wasn't born in France.

Sally: Why ?

Silly Sammy: I can't speak French.

*Oliver Smith*



# *Great Hinton Village News .....*

## AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR PARISH COUNCIL

What is Great Hinton Parish Council and what does it do? Having recently been elected as Chair of our Parish Council these are questions which I felt I should fully know the answer to.

The question of what is relatively simple. It is the most basic level of local government in the village and the council, along with all other English Parish councils will celebrate its centenary in 1994. What does it do is not quite so easily answered. Briefly the council has statutory powers to raise money through the council tax to provide local amenities. However as our village has no playing fields or street lighting this expenditure is very limited. More importantly we can put forward representation to the District and County Councils in an effort to persuade them to recognise local concerns and problems.

If you have any issue you wish the Parish Council to pursue please contact either myself or any of my fellow councillors (Ivor Davies, Audrey Plummer, Val Austin or Di Norris).

*Chris Munday*

## WARTIME CHRISTMAS MEMORIES



As Christmas approaches and I see the shops stuffed of toys, games, books etc. etc. I can't help but think back to my childhood Christmas's during the war years when there was very little for parents to buy. Instead families made a lot of presents and, luckily for us, (I was the youngest of five children) Mum was very good at both knitting and sewing. I treasured the large sewing box she made for me, it was covered in dress material and somehow she'd managed to fill it with cottons, scissors etc. Dad was not very good at D.I.Y. but one year he made a huge wooden warship for my brother.

We'd spend hours making cards, trimmings and gifts for each other. (no T.V. to watch and only a crackly wireless!). It was always the custom to make elaborate paper hats to be worn at Christmas lunchtime - my older sisters were very good at this and we had marvellous concoctions! Mum's was always the best and for some reason Dad always had a Tommy Cooper type fez!

One year the Sunday School which all the local children attended, persuaded the Mums to make golliwogs for the children - these were knitted and it was Mum's job to knit the curly hair! I was sworn to secrecy and on the day of the party the large Christmas tree was completely covered with golliwogs! (It wasn't a banned word in those days!)

Like my grandchildren today, we got excited about Christmas weeks in advance and the lumpy bulging stocking at the foot of the bed was the best bit. If possible it contained that rare treat an orange, plus nuts and always a small piece of coal for good luck! We had homemade toffee and sickly peppermint creams - made by my sisters and collected armfuls of holly and mistletoe from the woods. In the evening of Christmas day we all gathered at Gran's house for a huge cold supper, games and singing. Uncle Harold was a brilliant pianist and we younger children were allowed to stay up late for once!



Lovely happy memories and I hope today's children will look back on their more commercial Christmas with as much pleasure.

*Anne Truman*



# *Great Hinton Village News .....*

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

'The Prince of Peace' - is one of the titles given to Jesus. In this age of ever increasing noise and violence, perhaps words themselves bring some kind of solace. You may recall how on one occasion Jesus and his disciples were in a small fishing boat, which was being tossed about alarmingly. The disciples understandably were becoming very fearful and woke Jesus to ask for help. Jesus stood up in the boat and addressed the wind and waves - 'Peace, be still' - and there was a great calm. This same Jesus - unseen, yet ever near through His Spirit, will come into our troubled lives and bring His peace, if we are willing to ask Him. This was why He came into our world on that first Christmas Day. The reason why our world is in such turmoil is that He has been ignored. He waits patiently to be asked to help - to be a friend, a saviour, our 'Prince of Peace'.

The invitation must come from us.

A peaceful and joyful Christmas to you and your families,

*David Hart*

## HONEY FOR SALE

Min has the following products for sale:

1 lb. jars (with/without Xmas labels), 1/2 lb. jars and cut comb

Please call at Hillview Croft, Back Lane or call 870634

## CHILDREN'S COOKERY CORNER

*Something special for Christmas*

**CHOCOLATE CRISPY PUDDINGS** (makes 12-15)

(Please make sure an adult helps you to melt the chocolate)

8oz cooking chocolate  
2 oz Rice Krispies  
2oz sultanas or raisins  
1 oz chopped peel or chopped cherries  
8 tablespoons of icing sugar  
Cherries and angelica to decorate  
Cake cases and cling film



Melt the chocolate in a basin over hot water or in the microwave (ADULT HELP HERE). Stir in the Krispies, sultanas chopped cherries. Place 1 heaped tablespoon onto a piece of cling film (approx. 20cm X 20cm). Wrap cling film around and form a ball shape, twisting the cling film at the top. Leave to set. Repeat until mixture is used. remove cling film and place balls smooth side up in the cake cases. Mix the icing sugar with 4-6 teaspoons of water. Put 1 teaspoon of the mix onto each pud. Decorate with a small piece of cherry and angelica to represent holly. Now try and leave them until Christmas

*Sandra Crumpler*

# ***Great Hinton Village News .....***

## **GEESE FOR SALE**

Oven ready geese for Christmas and New Year. Weight 9 - 12 lb approx. £2.20 per lb.  
Phone Min 870634

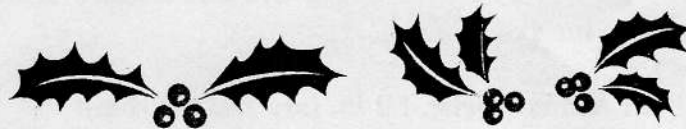
## **SWIMMING IN THE PENTATHLON**

We started with an ordinary swimming race. It was a long way but I swam as fast as I could. I think Great Hinton were the last. Next we swam through the hoops. The hoops were wobbling about so it was very hard to get through them.

The next race was to get on a raft and float to the other end. Oliver and I were on the raft and Peter and Alison pushed us along. It was fun.

Doris and Derek were on the raft on the way back. They were pushed by Anthony and Katy. Some of the other people in the other teams fell off the raft. We were very happy when we were third and we won bronze medals.

*Xanthe Smith (Great Hinton's youngest Pentathlon competitor - Ed.)*



## **DAFFODILS**

Many thanks to Mike, Peter and Bill for planting daffodils round the tree bases at the west entrance to the village - they should make a fine display in the Spring.

## **HANGOVER PARTY**

We have all enjoyed the parties organised by Vic over the past few years, and in 1994 the tradition will be continued with Chris Munday taking over as Master of Ceremonies. Ideas for games to Chris please.

The party will be held on Friday, 14th January starting at 8pm, with tickets available from Mike Truman in the New Year.

*(Minute 12 - Village Hall Committee meeting, 3rd Nov. .... Chris you should attend meetings !).*

## **POPPY APPEAL**

My thanks to you all for giving generously to the above collection which resulted in the sum of £71.39 being raised.

*Sandy Salmon*



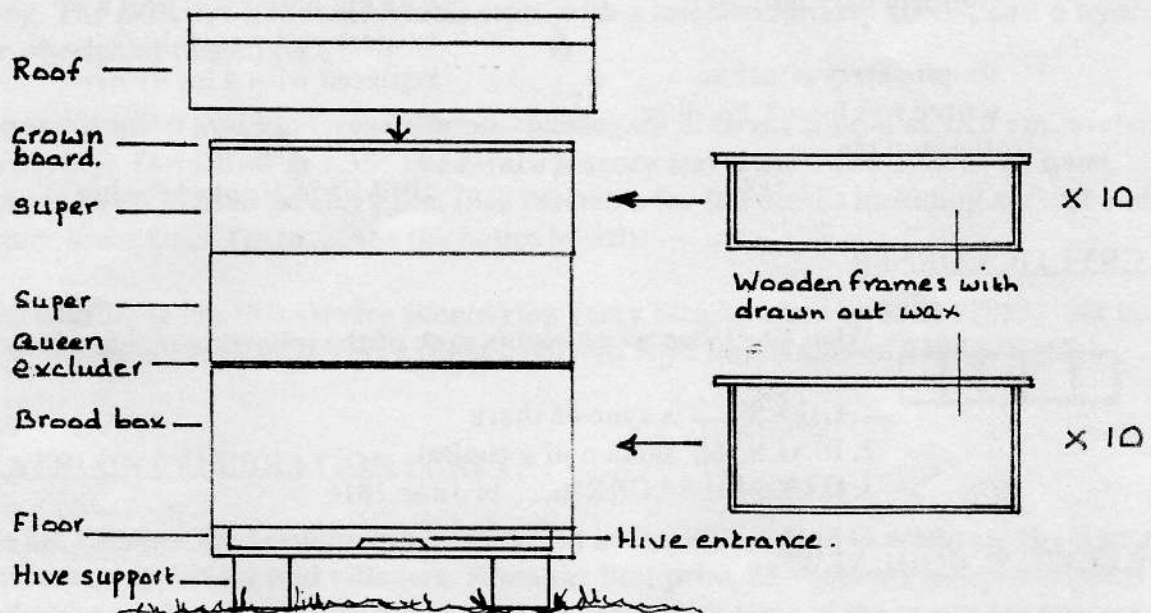
# Great Hinton Village News .....

## PRODUCED IN GREAT HINTON

"When you next make some honey, I'll have some" I've been asked - but I don't. I only 'market' it for the bees.

So 'hive to bread' this is what happens. The bees collect nectar from trees and plants. This becomes honey when the bees have added their enzymes which cause the higher sugars to invert. There is 38% of fructose, 31% glucose and 17% water in the average honey.

The honey, surplus to their requirements, is stored in the 'supers' (see diagram). The drawn out wax cells are filled. When the honey has no more than 17% water, and only then will the bees cap or wax over the open ends to seal the honey. The number of supers depends on how much the bees are gathering. When the beekeeper thinks the time is ready to gather the honey, the supers are removed to the bee proof room.



Here the frames are removed and uncapped (the wax sliced off with a long bladed knife). Then they are put in an extractor - an expensive piece of equipment which is a large plastic drum with a metal cage to hold approximately nine frames. The metal cage is spun out to the drum walls and collected at the bottom where there is a tap.

It is then strained into another tapped container and left to settle. Later it is bottled into jars.

The colour, taste and texture depends on what the bees have collected. Around here there are the yellow old seed rape fields. This produces a very pale honey which granulates very quickly - even in the hive. Hopefully the beekeeper manages to extract and bottle it before this happens. In the jars it can be warmed back into a spreadable and usable state.

*Min Squibbs*

Honey for sale: 1lb. and 1/2 lb. jars with or without "A present for Christmas" labels. Also cut comb available. Contact Min on 870634

# Great Hinton Village News .....

## BONFIRE NIGHT



Many thanks to all those who helped build the bonfire especially Malcolm for the use of his tractor, trailer and time. Thank you Diane & Joe for the use of the field and providing the lighting, and all the ladies for cooking the food. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

The guy competition was won by Charlotte Propert, 2nd place was Matthew Propert and 3rd place was Colin Crumpler.

## VILLAGE HALL

It is by the sink in the kitchen and users of the Hall will have noticed it.

Despite every effort no source was found. Possibly the stop tap....



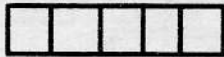
## ... THE SOLUTION

.....Bill applied a patch.

The old boiler was also a suspect and was duly replaced with a lovely new one.

Bill 'Drip Hunter' Barker

## CRYPTIC CORNER



What five letter word begins each of the following words or phrases?

1. GILLS ..... a type of shark
2. DIALS ..... section of a capital
3. OAK MASSACRE ..... in June 1816

## KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS

With one Half Term behind me I brace myself for Christmas at Keevil School! Our children are working extremely hard, as usual; and we shall soon begin work on the Music Hall Evening. Christmas is a super time for children and we'd very much like the 'Village' to join in our celebrations.

Dates to remember:

Wednesday 15th December at 7pm - Victorian Music Hall - children and adults gathered at the Keevil Village Hall - if you could come dressed Victorian Style, we'd be thrilled - but modern clothes welcome if not!!

Tuesday 21st December at 7pm - A Christingle Service at St.Leonard's Church. Please join with us in an evening of Carols and Music - hopefully an evening to remember! Everyone is most welcome to come and have coffee and mince-pies afterwards in the School Hall.

Remember the saying "Have a happy month with every mince pie" ? Start it off with us at Keevil School on the 21st! A very Happy Christmas to you all

Mo Laycock



# *Great Hinton Village News .....*

## HAIRLESS ON BOXING DAY

John Probert has volunteered to have his head shaved in aid of the SCBU charity at the Wheelbarrow event on Boxing Day.

Well done John...Please sponsor him.



## WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE

Mary & Graham Lee have returned to the village to a property which offers better parking and garage facilities.

## SEEND SHUTTLE

The Seend Shuttle community bus now travels from Seend to Trowbridge every Friday morning. The mini bus has comfortable seats, with a low step for easy access, and a hydraulic lift for wheelchair passengers.

On request it will travel via Great Hinton - picking up in Great Hinton at 9.20 am, arriving at Trowbridge Town Hall at 9.35. The return journey leaves the Town Hall at 12 noon, arriving at Great Hinton at 12.15 pm. (See timetable for full details including arrival and departure times from Tesco..... see the notice board)

Anyone wishing to use this service should ring Terry Sleightholme on 0380 828203 not later than the previous evening. If Terry is not available, try Peter Wallis on 0380 828757.

## PENTATHLON CELEBRATION PARTY

On the 8th October the team members gathered in the Village Hall to celebrate their success with parents, supporters and villagers. From the first prize, £5 vouchers for sports goods were given to all the children who took part, together with some of the sports equipment prizes.

The village won a Unihoc set, 5 rugby balls, pitch markers, table tennis bats & nets and swimming vouchers.

Thanks must go to Sally Evans, at Wet Wiltshire District Council, who organised the event and Leekes who provided sponsorship. Leekes have agreed to sponsor next year's event and I would like to feel that everyone would like to take part again. Perhaps we will have to have play offs for team places!

## GREAT HINTON MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Well the Ladies have their own club so it's been decided that the men of the village will form a Mountain Rescue team. Whilst it is unlikely that they will be called out, it is essential that all the basic skills are learnt. The first lecture will be held on January 20th in the Linnet at 8pm. The subject will be 'Dealing with the effects of dehydration'.

*Chris Munday*

# *Great Hinton Village News .....*

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Vic Bush, the chairman for the last 10 years, has resigned and Chris Munday has been co-opted and elected as chairman.

A village recycling centre, for paper, glass & aluminium, has been approved for siting in the village and Martyn Tilley has kindly agreed for this to be placed in the rear car park of the Linnet.

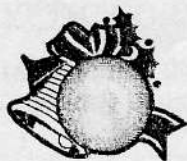
The building of the Semington Crematorium has been delayed.

Representation has been made about the safety of the cross roads at Stony Gutter, where at least one villager has been involved in a road traffic accident.

*Carol Birch ( Clerk to the Parish Council)*

## BARN DANCE

Attendance was down on previous years but the event made a small profit. The profit was reduced by catering for people who had taken tickets, promising to pay on the night, then not turning up.



## POSTER COMPETITION - BOXING DAY WHEEL BARROW RACE

Produce a poster for the wheelbarrow race and you could be a lucky winner. Please use paper at least A4 size, and hand in completed entries to the Linnet by the end of Monday 21st. Put your age on the entry as the prize will be awarded taking into consideration age.

## THE LINNET

Martyn and Carol Tilley wish all their customers a Happy Xmas.

The hours of opening over the Xmas period will be as follows:

Xmas Day - Open 12 - 2 pm.  
Closed - evening

Boxing Day - Wheelbarrow race at  
11.30 am. Buffet lunch  
Closed - evening

Bookings are being taken for dinner on New Year's Eve which promises to be a lively evening starting at 7.30pm. Please book early.

January 1st - Closed - evening



*Martyn and Carol Tilley and family*