

GRAPES & JUNE

SPRING 1994

THE FIRST GREAT HINTON WHEELBARROW RACE BOXING DAY 1993

Certain competitors, having trained long and hard since the event was proposed by Martyn at the Linnet, were unable to enjoy their Christmas Day lunch in fear that the race would be cancelled because of blizzards.

On the day however weather conditions were perfect, although some wheelbarrows did experience a 'white out' during the early stages of the event.

Half the village assembled on the day in disguises ranging from big game hunters, pirates and village idiots. The remaining villagers watched the proceedings, with the butcher acting as first aid man.

The start was delayed by a steam engine supervised by Martyn who as usual was making more noise than the roller itself.

When scrutineering was complete and competitors breathalysed the competitors lined up with their backs to the pub. Finally the assorted one-wheel vehicles, ranging from leopard barrows to Christmas barrows were pushed over the starting line.

Immediately off to the front of the pack from pole position of course were Crumpler, Crumpler & Crumpler, followed closely by the game hunters, village idiots, waiters and assorted GH kids. An unexpected blizzard temporarily blinded the CC & C on the first downhill stretch and certain expletives were heard as far away as Steeple Ashton.

The Puttbarrow was spotted first trundling up the hill at the end of the first lap, with a white apparition in close pursuit. However, the leaders were knocked sideways (video evidence available) by the pursuers and the decision of the official protest committee is still awaited.

Lying third at the beginning of the second and last lap were the all female team of big game hunters - but they were caught by Doris and son on the post box bend. Derek and grandchildren wobbled into sight and then spectacularly crashed Mansell style into the wall - and a change of driver at the pits was rapidly organised.

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Across the finishing line first came the favourites Crumpler, crumpler & crumpler (they would wouldn't they) and not too far behind came the village idiots (at the end of their first lap) and the children's team.

An excellent 'free lunch' was provided by Martyn and Carol and copious quantities of beer were consumed at the Linnet. After the meal Kevin was presented with the first prize - an involuntary moustache-shave, for charity I believe.

John Proport went one shave further - his whole head was cleared of hair and he has not been seen since - but don't worry, I'm told warmer weather is on its way.

All in all congratulations to everyone who took part and we look forward to a doubling of competitors for the 1994 event.

John Putt

£601 RAISED

Martyn Tilley had the idea for this event and through his efforts and his motivation of others the Wheelbarrow Race raised £601 for the benefit of the Bath Cancer Support Unit. *Special Care Baby Unit*
Congratulations to John Proport who was brave enough to have his head shaved in mid winter and who personally raised a significant part of this figure.

FASTEST TIME DENIED

Photographic evidence is also being studied by the protest committee of the deliberate road block set up by the Pubbarrow and the Village Idiots. The Obscene Publication Act will be part of the scrutineering of wheelbarrow names next year.

LADIES UNIHOC

During the winter we have been playing at Bratton with Edington eagles, and have taken part in 2 tournaments being placed 2nd and 5th.

The summer league is about to start, practice night is Tuesday at Edington, with matches either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. New players of any age required.

The Ladies Unihoc League has been developed to provide ladies of all ages with an outlet to play team sport at a neighbourhood level. Unihoc is a fast, exciting game, which may be played on various sized courts. Each team consists of 3 ladies plus 1 reserve. Time is 5 minutes each way. If you are vaguely interested please contact me.

Min (870634)

SAFARI DINNER

A dinner is to be arranged for the end of May, early June. Previous participants will be contacted direct with a choice of dates. If you have not taken part before please contact Sandra or Kevin who will go through the format (Tel 870906). A thoroughly enjoyable evening to be highly recommended - don't believe me ask others.

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E D I T O R I A L

It's going to be difficult to eclipse the successes in 1993 with the Agony Run, Ladies Club events, Pentathlon victory and the Boxing Day Wheelbarrow race, but I believe we should start with the intention of doing so.

All these village events take a substantial amount of planning and preparation and any additional help will ease the burden that a dedicated band of villagers undertake every year for the benefit of all. Assistance and ideas from teenagers are always welcome.

AGONY RUN - JUNE 12th

The Agony Run was started in 1985 and in the first year raised just over a £1000 with the second running raising a record £2314 for the benefit of the Newman Trust.



This year is the TENTH event and the target should be to make this a record year. The chosen charity is the BATH CANCER SUPPORT UNIT in gratitude for the treatment being given to two villagers at this time. Part of this unit's work sponsors the ongoing development of research for which Bath has a world-wide reputation.

The success of the attractions in 1993 will be extended in 1994, with the Holt Morris men promising to return. Does anyone have any ideas for additional events or attractions?

The date chosen avoids the clash with Father's Day so please invite friends and relatives to Great Hinton for the day to take part and enjoy this fun event. You never know they could go away with one of the super Raffle prizes and a winner's medal.

GLIDER FLIGHT - SEALED BID AUCTION

Keevil School PTA have been given back one of the prizes in their raffle and they have decided to auction this Glider flight with the RAF club who fly from Keevil. If you want to have the opportunity to fly over the village then your bid should be put in an envelope and returned to Keevil School marked 'Melanie Page - Glider flight' by Tuesday 3rd May. Winner to be announced at the PLANT FAYRE to be held on Saturday 7th May at 11.30.

TENNIS LESSONS

Pat Putt is trying to organise tennis lessons at her house and would like to hear from any child or adult wishing to improve their standard of play. Sessions will be arranged depending on the capability of those responding.

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LUCKY 100 CLUB WINNERS

	DECEMBER 93	JANUARY 94	FEBRUARY 94
1st Prize (£13)	Carol Burch	Mrs Mustart	Veronica Frances
2nd Prize (£9)	Cherry Munday	R. Newman	Mr A McCann
3rd Prize (£6)	Jean Hallam	Gill Fennell	Richard Andrew
4th Prize (£5)	Jeff Newman	Kevin Crumpler	Sandra Crumpler

In addition the February Quarterly prize of £16 was won by John Fennell.

The 1994/95 100 Club is now underway with 68 tickets sold which is a drop of 8 from last year. It has been decided to keep the 4 monthly prizes and omit the Quarterly prize.

The first draw took place on March 29th - here are the lucky Prizewinners:

1st Prize (£13) Jackie Hallam 2nd Prize (£9) Jean Propert
3rd Prize (£7) Joe Norrris 4th Prize (£5) Graham Cowdrey

It's still not too late to enter and the ticket price will be reduced according to the number of months remaining. If you are interested contact me at 'The Badgers', Back Lane.

Jean Hallam

MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

Recently I read about a little girl who was very busy drawing a picture at school. Her teacher asked her what she was drawing. 'A picture of God' came the reply. 'But no-one knows what God looks like', said the teacher. 'They will when I have finished', she was told. The events of Holy Week and Easter tell us something of what God is like. His Son, Jesus, dying for us on the Cross shows us the depth of his love, amidst all the baffling situations of this life. In Jesus we see the perfect photograph of God. In His claims we are pointed to the source of our various needs and the goal of our searchings - the Bread of Life, the Way, the Truth and the Life, the Good Shepherd, to name a few. Solutions to the complex problems we face may not be simple, but if we are willing to start with the teaching of Jesus and claim His promises we would be on the right track. In Christian love,

David Hart

SHELTER AND LOVING HOME - URGENTLY REQUIRED

Young, white lady requires a new dwelling (Nothing fancy) surrounded by countryside. Drinking water essential. Dislikes Foxes and Geese. Miss Slit Eye Telephone 870634

HELP THE AGED

Ruby and Sylvia would like to thank all who donated to the recent collection for 'Help the Aged' for which the sum of £50 was raised.

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HALL COMMITTEE

We are now coming up to the 1994 General Meeting of the Hall Committee, and really hope you will come along to either just listen, or hopefully to take part by putting your views and suggestions on how we can improve, or add to our calendar of Village events.

You will have read in the 'GRAPEVINE' about these events, and hopefully have already taken part. Over the last ten years, we have accumulated substantial funds raised from village events, and feel sure you would like to know how much, and how this money is being invested, and for what purpose.

We are a strong committee of fifteen, and hope you will consider joining us, or can think of someone who would agree to being nominated for committee, as we are always looking for new blood with fresh ideas. By the way, our meetings are very informal, and we try to make them good fun.

We are very proud of the village we live in, and hope that by having an effective committee, will strengthen our community spirit and neighbourly communication, with the help of course of the 'GRAPEVINE' newsletter, and our Neighbourhood Watch organisation.

Come and join us for the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 4th May at 8pm at your village hall, and enjoy a drink, snack and a chat immediately afterwards. We look forward to your company.

Mike Truman (Chairman)

VILLAGE PENTATHLON

The village intends to enter this event again in 1994 with the five events being Table Tennis, Touch Rugby, Unihoc, Kwik cricket and Swimming. The competition will run on consecutive Saturdays starting on the 3rd September and ending on the 1st October, with the Swimming event and prizegiving. If you are remotely interested please contact Kevin (870906) or Mike (870607). If sufficient competitors cannot be found in the village then will have to approach an adjoining village. Last year we won the competition with village members and benefited by gaining sports equipment and £500.

UNIHOC EQUIPMENT

A full set of equipment for two teams plus nets was won last year and is available for use in the village. I would stress that this must be used under adult supervision but could be suitable for summer children parties. It is not suitable for the village hall. If you are interested please contact Kevin or Mike.

AGONY RUN T-SHIRTS

Tenth anniversary T shirts are being arranged and will be available from Anne Truman.

OCTOBER EVENT

The Steeple Ashton hall has been tentatively booked for the 14th October for an event. This could be a Barn Dance but the feeling is that another type of function would make a change this year. Ideas to Diane Norris. Full details in the next issue.

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COOKERY CORNER



Carrot Ginger Soup

(Ingredients for 6 servings)

1 1/2 lb. carrots - peeled & sliced
1 1/2 pt. Chicken Stock
1 piece Root ginger - peeled
2 oz. Butter
2 large onions, peeled & sliced
1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger tom
1 1/2 teaspoons grated Orange rind
2 tablespoons Orange Juice
Salt - Black Pepper
Garnish with whipping cream & parsley sprigs

Place carrots, stock & ginger in pan. Bring to boil and then simmer for 20 minutes. Discard ginger. Melt butter in a saucepan, add onions & fry for 3 minutes. Stir in ground ginger. Cook for 1 minute. Stir in orange rind & juice; add carrots and stock. Cover & bring to boil, then simmer for 10 minutes. Puree soup in a blender or processor. Return to pan, season to taste. Reheat and swirl individual helpings with whipping cream and parsley sprigs. Can be made in advance and reheated later. Serve with herb rolls or melba toast.

Anne Truman

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Pat Putt has organised another tournament with proceeds in aid of the Bath Cancer Support unit. Finals night, with a barbecue will be on the 25th June.

KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS

During the Summer Term we are hoping to hold a World War Two Drama Day. Part of the History Curriculum is to study Britain since 1930, and I feel that the 50th Anniversary of D day and the other events of 1994 are too good an opportunity to miss. A Drama Day aims to give the children experience of how it must have felt to live at that time.

Enquiries are being made as to whether we could use part of Keevil Airfield for our venue. We plan to have lots of activities such as; Digging for History lessons, Army drill, how to put out an incendiary etc., etc. We hope to have 'Medals' presented by a visiting dignitary and even an appearance from 'Glen Miller'!!!

Our tentative date is Wednesday 6th July. I am writing this in the hope that there may still be some union jacks, bunting, gas masks etc., in your lofts, and that maybe we could borrow them during the summer term. If anyone lived in Keevil or nearby, during World War Two, we would love to hear from you - again to build up eye witness pictures to bring history alive for the pupils in the School. Maybe you were an evacuee, member of the Armed Forces, Land Army Girl - please contact me at school.

Ernie Wickham has helped develop the football skills of the pupils during the winter and we are all appreciative of his support.

MO LAYCOCK

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CLAIRE MITCHELL AND THE 'GOLD' PROJECT

You may have read in the Wiltshire Times or already know that *Claire Mitchell* of Great Hinton has been selected to take part in the Guiding Overseas Linked with Development project. Claire will be teaching English to a group of Guides in Slovakia. She needs to raise £600 and has already been very active in organising a raffle with a balloon flight as a first prize. A quiz night is planned at the Linnet.

The Hall Committee considered her project at a recent meeting and approved a £50 donation from funds towards her trip.

The Committee will always consider such applications, especially from the younger members of the community, when significant initiative is shown by the applicant. (*An article for the 'Grapevine' is a necessary condition of acceptance. Ed.*)

ANOTHER LOCAL WALK

This is a five mile route but transport can be left at the halfway point where refreshments can be obtained during pub opening hours. The route can be varied to accommodate runners, walkers, bikers or even families with prams (for the latter stick to the roads).

Leave the village towards the Lamb and just after the Manor House, turn left over the stile and head diagonally across the field (015 degrees) into the next field and continue on the heading to the far corner of this field which comes out next to the Putts house. Follow the green lane towards Hiscocks and the main road. Turn right and either cross the road and follow the indicated footpath towards the canal or walk towards the Lamb and take a left hand turn down a tarmac lane. Both ways will lead you to a bungalow after which you turn right over a bridge and past a pond on your right. Walk along the drive to the front of the farmhouse whose outbuildings are covered in old signs, ensuring that you shut the two gates that you must go through to reach the swing bridge over the canal. (*Road users can go out of the village towards the Lamb turning left at the main road and then right.*)

Once across the canal turn right towards Seend. The footpath has been renewed in 1993 and allows easy use by pushchairs etc. Besides any boating activity watch out for wildlife, especially herons, which I have seen on several occasions. Follow the footpath to the road bridge by the 'Barge' inn.

Having been suitably refreshed the way back is largely on roads affording fine views from Seend Head. Turn right after the canal footpath or out of the 'Barge' and continue up the hill past the 'Brewery'. After reaching the top continue for 200 yd and then turn right, shortly after the road descends. This road leads you along the top of Seend Head.

After going down the steep descent proceed through the farmyard by the Mill crossing the river and then going up a small rise along a grass track towards the main road. Turn right and carefully proceed in single file along the main road towards the 'Lamb'. Thirsty again?

I am sure that you can all find your way back from here.

Kevin Crumpler

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GREAT HINTON LADIES CLUB

Our Christmas celebrations got off to a good start with the delicious meal we enjoyed together at the Linnet. The following week, although thwarted by the weather on the allotted night, we managed to get around the village on the following evening to sing carols to our friends and neighbours, raising £70 for the Kidney Foundation.

Our first meeting of 1994 was a brain storming occasion in the form of a 'Trivia Challenge' and then our February get-together offered a chance to savour the delights of British food - cooked by ourselves. This is one occasion when husbands and partners like to be invited!

In March we were given an insight into the origins and varieties of 'Canal Art' when Barbara Thornton from Bulkington came to demonstrate the technique to us. Some members even had an attempt at creating some of the designs. Whilst our efforts were passable it should be noted that in just a day one person would decorate the side of a barge.

If you would like to join us, you'll be sure of a warm welcome. The next meeting will be on September 21st at 8.00pm

In the meantime do not forget the *Ladies Club Village Fete - July 16th* - Audrey's garden in aid of the Kidney Foundation.

SLITEYE

Sliteye, the goose, urgently requires a new home away from other cruel geese. Would make a tame pet. Contact Min (870634)

RIDDLES

Upside down holds nothing,
but if I'm the right way up
the soup stays in.

Push me in the slot
Suddenly I'll get hot
and jump up ready

You made me cold today.
Next week it could be hot
and that would be my lot.

When I am down
I can go up a drainpipe,
but not when I am up

AGONY RUN CO-ORDINATORS

This year the event is being organised by separate groups co-ordinated by the following:

Overall	Kevin Crumpler
Food	Mike & Anne Truman
Raffle prizes	Mike & Anne Truman
Raffle sales	Val & Peter Alker
Publicity	Chris Munday

We need volunteers for *Race Co-ordination* - marshals, start & finish organisation and timekeeping, and *Bottle Stall*.

If you can assist a group or help co-ordinate please contact Kevin. Non running teenagers welcome.

VILLAGE MAP NOTICE BOARD

The Parish Council have donated £25 towards the erection of a notice board to contain the map of the village.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM

This will be held on Thursday 26th May at 8.00pm in the Village hall.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

An interesting article in the Sunday Times (10.4.94) that General Accident are offering special rates for property insurance if the property is in an area is covered by a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

With the holiday season soon to start please inform your co-ordinator if you are going to be away for a while.