

GRAPES & JUNE

SUMMER 1994

TOTAL RAISED SURPASSES ALL EXPECTATIONS !

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The 10th AGONY RUN finally ended on a memorable night when Bruce Hockin received the final cheque for £2121 on behalf of the Bath Cancer Support Unit.

The traditional support by the local running clubs, especially Avon Valley Runners, resulted in 140 entrants completing the course. 16 year old Robin Karn was the youngest ever race winner in a time of 14 minutes 30 seconds. This was a new record for the Boys 13-16 years age group. Russell Crumpler won the Village Cup (again!).

Despite hectic, last minute, efforts to find a replacement juggler AND Morris Dancers the change in format this year was achieved by Wadworths Brewery kindly allowing their show dray and shire horses to attend the event. The draymen starting their day grooming the horses at 4.00 am.

Many runners made a special effort to raise sponsorship money with Mathew Tilley raising £284.

A Committee decision was taken this year to limit the funds raised for the Village to £500, which will be used to support village events and provide for continued maintenance of the Village Hall. The remainder will accumulate to provide funds that will be eventually needed for a new hall.

WELL DONE EVERYONE !

GREAT HINTON

EDITORIAL

There has been discussion on the future of the Agony Run as the same group of helpers are asked to support the event year on year. We have certainly tapped the 'hidden reserves' this year with the outstanding success of the event. We should recognise that there is nothing wrong with people looking for a rest for a year or two. From one who has spent most of the time in the bar with his computer it is appreciated that some tasks prohibit the full enjoyment of the day.

Some support has already been promised for 1995 and hopefully the newcomers to the village will add their names to the list in the Spring.

Kevin Crumpler

WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE

Despite the slow housing market four families have moved into Great Hinton this year.

Penny and Michael Symington have moved into the Manor House and their initial focus was on organising the wedding for their daughter.

John and Paula Parsons with their children Samantha, Lisa, David, Jason and Natasha plus 6 horses are suitably located at Hillbrow with its adjoining paddock.

Valerie and 'Golly', plus black & white puppy, are busily tackling the garden and decorating of Norton House. Valerie will be giving a talk to the Ladies Club in November on the charity she established and runs to market products produced by the less abled.

The Gingell family with children, Kate and Paul, have moved into Back Street.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

Earlier this year I mentioned in the Parish Newsletter that each house would be receiving a booklet 'From Minus to Plus' from a Christian Organisation. Unfortunately the distribution arrangements failed in a number of areas including Keevil and Great Hinton. However copies are now available and you should receive yours within the next few days. I hope that you will find it useful.

Reading an old edition of the 'Friendship Book' the other evening I came across this verse, which I leave with you to ponder on these warm summer evenings, without further comment.

One word won't tell folk who you are
 You've got to keep on talking;
One step won't take you very far.....
 You've got to keep on walking;
One inch won't make you very tall
 You've got to keep on growing;
One trip to church won't tell you all....
 You've got to keep on going.

With my good wishes and in Christian love, *David Hart*

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LADIES CLUB

The sunny weather on the Fete day was good news for the Kidney Foundation who benefitted by an eventual donation of £350. However their representative was delayed in his trip from Exeter to open the proceedings by the sheer volume of holiday traffic. As this is the Silver Anniversary year the Ladies were dressed up in a silver theme. The competition was for the best decorated 'wellie' and this was won by David James from Keevil.

New ladies are always welcome and there is a full schedule of events arranged into 1995 as follows;

September 21	Beeswax Painting
October 8	Silver Anniversary Lunch
October 19	Air Ambulance
November 5	Bonfire Night
November 16	Dried Flower Arranging
December 14	Christmas Dinner
December 19	Carol Singing around the Village
January 18	Skittles
February 15	The Slovakian 'GOLD' Project - Claire Mitchell
March 15	Gourmet Evening
April 19	AGM, Bring & Buy

Further details can be obtained by contacting *Sandra Crumpler* (870906).

BONFIRE NIGHT

Please remember the 5th of Novemeber Every year trailerloads of combustible materials arrive at the field to build the large bonfire that is a main feature of the evening. As you cut down that hedge, repair that old door, please consider storing any wood for collection in two months time.

WHO IS DAFYDD ROBERTS?

For one day he was almost a star in Great Hinton but was beaten into second place in this year's Agony Run. Dafydd did not stay to collect his T'Shirt, medal and certificate and if anyone knows of his address in South Wales then please let me know.

Kevin Crumpler

CONGRATULATIONS



Thomas George Meade was born on the 31st July and weighed in at 7lb 2oz.

Many congratulations to Debbie & Roger.

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THE BLUSTERY DAY

Howling winds breaking tall towers
And gentle ones disturbing flowers,
Dustbin lids clatter down the lane,
Smelly rubbish goes down the drains.
Great strong winds which whirl around
And small breezes making no sound.
I look at people, they are scared.
I think the wind is like a bear.
I get into bed, the next day comes.
I look out of the window and shout "MUM!"

Colin Crumpler. Age 11

AGONY RUN - 1995

It may seem a little distant but the organisation for the 1995 event has begun with the Hall Committee approving the charity and the date for next year's run. The charity is the Children's Hospice for the South West which has been set up to cater for terminally ill children and is the charity adopted by Bruce Hockin for his charity efforts over the next year.

The run will take place on the 11th June and will be the 11th Agony Run. Bruce Hockin has been approached to start the race and has tentatively promised to attend. It is extremely difficult to add a different dimension to the event every year and ideas would be most welcome, together with any offers of assistance from the new villagers.

ADVERTISING AND 'THE GRAPEVINE'

The 'Grapevine' is funded from Village Funds unlike many other local magazines which rely heavily on advertising, and it is not proposed to change the format. However the Hall Committee are very conscious that there are several local businesses either based in or near the village, or run by individuals living in the locality.

Events like the Agony Run have benefited immensely from these businesses and in the next edition of the Grapevine space will be devoted to free advertising for all local companies and individuals as an appreciation of their goodwill. If you would like to take advantage of this offer please forward artwork to Kevin Crumpler or Mike Truman by the beginning of November. Limited assistance can be provided in typesetting advertisements.

HONEY FOR SALE

1lb. & 1/2lb. jars of honey and cut comb to order. Also small beeswax candles. Orders taken for Xmas - 1lb. jars with Christmas labels.

Min Squibbs, 870634

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THANKS FROM BATH CANCER SUPPORT UNIT

Dear All,

I am writing to you to say a very warm 'thankyou' for the kind donation of £2121. It is very much appreciated and what a wonderful effort!

This money will go towards the achievement of our objectives.

As you know, currently, we are engaged in the provision of a satellite pharmacy which will save patients considerable waiting times and a chemotherapy day ward which will eliminate the feeling of isolation and provide more effective nurse supervision.

In the longer term we shall be working to improve William Budd Ward and its facilities for bone marrow and blood cell treatment.

Thank you, yours sincerely,

Charles Thompson, Chairman, Bath Cancer Support Group

100 CLUB WINNERS

	1st Prize - £13	2nd Prize - £9	3rd prize - £7	4th Prize - £5
March 1994	Miss J Hallam	Mrs J Propert	Mr J Norris	Mr G Cowdrey
April 1994	Mrs S Crumpler	Miss J Doel	Mr G Field	Mrs Felstead
May 1994	Mrs M Ashton	Mrs J Newman	Mrs V Francis	Miss S Tilley
June 1994	Mrs B Ghey	Mr C Foyle	Mrs J Newman	Miss S Tilley
July 1994	Mr D Saville	Mrs V Alker	Miss O'Hare	Mrs C Tilley

PENTATHLON RESULTS

Great Hinton has managed to get the same start as last year with a last placing in the Kwik Cricket. The village was represented by Mark Hallam, Jason & Lisa Parsons, Alex Winterburn, Imogen Newberry, Kevin Crumpler, Mike Truman and Bill Barker.

The last five places were separated by only 43 runs with Great Hinton scoring 674 runs. It is apparent that the main weakness of our side is the absence of a 'big hitter'. Volunteers are better than pressed men!

The Deverills played their joker but were beaten into third place, with Semington coming first followed by North Bradley.

The Rugby team, led by Tim Smith go into action at North Bradley on Saturday 10th September, followed by the Table Tennis, led by Ernie Wickham at Codford on the following Saturday.

Kevin Crumpler

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SLOVAKIA GOLD (GUIDING OVERSEAS LINKED WITH DEVELOPMENT) 1994

Who said teaching would be easy? I went to Slovakia with an open mind, not really knowing what to expect about camp, the people and the customs, but having the confidence that if the Guide Association thought that I could teach then I would.

Camp, the whole purpose of the trip. We arrived at the sight to see tents built and the gate in the process of being erected, all we needed was our pupils. They arrived and were just as nervous as us.

We taught in beautiful woodland surroundings, with the sun out most days. The lessons that we had planned on our training weekends in England went down well, the girls very willing to learn, for them it was an honour to be at camp. I had a few problems on the first couple of days, talking continually in Slovak was one, but when I showed willing to learn some Slovak they saw the fun side to learning English.

The teaching didn't stop in the lessons, we sat at night talking with them, helping them to improve and gaining their confidence in us, not only as teachers but also as friends.

In the afternoons we carried on the theme of the morning if possible, i.e. the day we taught clothes we did a clothes show, the girls had to make clothes on a theme out of bin liners, bags, crepe paper and tin foil. They really used their imagination and the ideas were brilliant. the crafts we did again show how arty they are and how willing they are to try anything. Everything was fun and no problem,; we all commented on the difference between English Guides and Slovak Girl Scouts, the enthusiasm was real.

I hope the Slovaks had as good a time as we did, I learnt a lot. It was an experience that I am very grateful for. The friendships that were made with our patrols showed real warmth. We all worked very hard and had fun as well, it was a very long and tiring three weeks but we helped a lot of people and of that we are all proud.

I would like to thank the village for the donation and support that has been given to me, also Martyn and Carol at the Linnet for the quiz night, without any of this help I would not have raised enough.... Thank you.

Claire Mitchell

(Claire will be giving a talk to the Ladies Club on her trip in February of next year)

RECYCLING BINS

Great Hinton must drink the greatest amount of wine per head judging by the bottles surrounding the full recycling bin this summer. These bins are centrally located within walking distance of most people BUT are on private property, with the kind permission of Martyn. It is only fair that we should all adopt a policy of only leaving recycling materials in the bins and not on the ground. The same applies to plastic bags which are used to take items to the Pub Car Park. It would be a shame to lose this amenity because of the thoughtless actions of a few.

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

For the third year running Great Hinton has won the Small Village category of the Best Kept Village competition for the District. At the County level the village was placed fifth in this category. Diane Norris recently received the certificate on behalf of the village. Keep up the work that goes into making this a well presented village.

MIXED SUMMER FRUIT SALAD



1/4 Pt dry white wine/ or fresh orange juice
1/4 pt water
juice 1 large orange
3 oz. castor sugar
8 oz. fresh strawberries
1 small ogen melon
2 large fresh peaches or nectarines
2 tablespoons fresh chopped mint

Put wine, orange juice, water and sugar into a pan and heat gently until the sugar dissolves. Boil rapidly for 5 minutes until syrupy. Leave to cool.

Hull and halve the strawberries. Dice or ball the melon. Skin, stone & slice the peaches or nectarines. Put all into a serving bowl. Pour over the syrup and mix gently. Sprinkle with chopped mint & serve with thin pouring cream. I sometimes add seedless green grapes. The mint penetrates through if the whole salad is left to chill in the fridge. Very refreshing. *(If the Grapevine had been published a little earlier then this recipe would have been more appropriate...Ed)*

Sandra Crumpler

RED CARD FOR TIM SMITH

Great Hinton improved slightly on their position in the 2nd West Wiltshire Pentathlon by coming seventh out of the ten villages taking part in the Touch Rugby event. Conditions were so muddy that there was a meeting of team captains at lunch time to debate whether to carry on.

Tim Smith was the team captain for the event and his verbal challenges of the referee led to a sending off. It's a good job that this year there are no prizes for the 'Most Sporting Team'. Semington had practised every night for the previous week and were so confident that they played their Joker. However they came eighth. What could Great Hinton have achieved if such dedication had been put in before the match!

Never mind, as Sally Evans kept telling me last year 'It's the taking part that counts'.
(Tim - Can I have the rest of your supply of Vision Express vouchers for the Unihoc referee)

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all those Villagers who achieved another decade. Some were celebrated in style, whilst other members chose to avoid embarrassment by taking off to France.

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

At the end of May we held the Annual Parish Meeting which was very well attended, almost filling the village hall to capacity. We reported to the village on the matters that had concerned the Parish Council in the preceding year; which included the end of our long running campaign for improvements to Stoney Gutter crossroads; as I write work is just starting on site.

Our main concern currently is the state of the village roads in winter and the speed of traffic throughout the year. Our County Councillors have taken up our cause to seek a 20 MPH speed limit. I will let you know how this progresses. We are also in contact with Wessex water about drainage.

If you have any concerns or local issues which you would like your Parish Council to pursue please contact any Parish Councillor or the Clerk to the Council (Carol Burch).

*Chris Munday
(Chairman - Great Hinton Parish Council)*

AGONY RUN -II

Not content with having the main event this year, a special presentation evening was arranged for the 18th July. Charles Thompson, the Chairman of the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group, was so impressed with the efforts of the village that he called in a favour owed to him by Bruce Hockin, the HTV West News anchorman who attended and received a cheque on behalf of the charity.

An auction of four prizes donated by the Whitehall Garden Centre (£50 worth of shrubs), Fred Powell (Load of logs), RAF Gliding Club - Keevil (Glider Flight) and Michael Walden (Sailing trip) took place. Many thanks for your generosity.

A raffle, together with the selling of Bruce Hockin's tie and signed photographs took the total raised on the evening to about £600.

The traction engine which is becoming a familiar sight in the village was in attendance with two other miniature engines.

WELL DONE ERNIE

Ernie Wickham led the table tennis team to a fourth place in the third Pentathlon event; a placing which improved to third later in the evening following a recount of the scores. We are continuing to rise in the overall placings, being part of a group of villages with very similar scores.

The Unihoc team ventures to Kingston Deverill on Saturday 24th and should you happen to be in the neighbourhood come and support you village team. This is the big one when the Great Hinton Joker will be played.