

GRAPEVINE

XMAS 1994



EVENTS OVER CHRISTMAS

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| Monday 19th | CAROL SINGING |
| Monday 26th | BOXING DAY WHEELBARROW RACE |
| Saturday 31st | FANCY DRESS PARTY TO CHRIS BROWN'S DISCO AT THE LINNET |
| Friday 13th | HANGOVER PARTY |

(Further details on all events inside)

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

GREAT HINTON

Great Hinton Village News

E D I T O R I A L

1994 - a memorable year.

Just before the start of the year on Boxing day 1993 there was the inaugural Wheelbarrow race around the village followed by a the making of a skinhead in the Linnet; all for the benefit of the Special Care Baby Unit at the RUH.

Charity efforts continued with the 10th Agony Run, in aid of the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group, with Martyn Tilley's influence driving us all to new heights, which culminated in the presentation evening attended by Bruce Hockin who has promised to start the 1995 event. I know we are all thankful that Martyn was able to be at that presentation, after all his, and his family's hard work towards the Agony Run.

Ladies Club meetings and celebrations, Safari dinners, several milestone birthdays and another well supported attempt at winning the Pentathlon.

The circle will be completed with the second Wheelbarrow Race on Boxing Day in aid of the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group. (*Martin -a beard shaving ?*)

1994 - a memorable person

In such a short space of time Martyn became influential in everything that took place and was so generous with his time, money and friendship that we are all indebted to him. It was with deep sadness and regret that he lost his fight for life, after a valiant fight and being such an inspiration for all his fellow patients in the RUH.

On behalf of the Villagers of Great Hinton our thoughts will continually be with Carol and the family and Martyn will never be forgotten.

Kevin Crumpler

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I should like to acknowledge and thank Rob Thornton of Bulkington who kindly provided all the printing requirements for the Agony Run free of charge and prints the Grapevine at little cost.



LOTTERY SYNDICATE

If there is enough interest I will be willing to start a village syndicate for the Lottery. If interested contact me on 870906.

Kevin

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Carol, Maureen and family of the Linnet would like to thank everyone who attended Martyn's funeral and also for the many messages of sympathy and continued support on their sad loss. Also for the donations to the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group which now totals over £1800. A tribute in itself.

GREAT HINTON LADIES CLUB

Going from strength to strength. In fact we celebrated 25 years of the club this year. We began our gathering on a high note in September with a visit from Mary Bridges from Westbury who encouraged us to have a go at beeswax painting. We were almost fighting over the hot irons and beeswax, so keen were we to produce a masterpiece like Mary's. Some good attempts were made and we all agreed it was one of the most enjoyable evenings we have had. Mary also produces herbal ointments and cosmetics.

On October 8th we held a 25th Anniversary Lunch for past and present members; a good time of reunions with old friends and delicious food.

We plan to support the Wiltshire Air Support Unit in our fund-raising for the coming year and were pleased to welcome Mr Cox, paramedic, to our October meeting. He showed us some slides of the Unit at work, which reminded us of the valuable service they provide.

Like many others, we enjoyed November 5th, celebrating in the way we usually do in Great Hinton by providing hot soup and bangers (both types!). We were grateful to the menfolk for building and starting the bonfire (*better luck next time Joe ..Ed*) and setting off the fireworks. We had some impressive and realistic entries for the Guy Fawkes competition.

In November we heard of the work of the Countrywide Workshops Charitable Trust from Valerie Wood-Gaiger, who is now resident in the village. In December we will enjoy our annual Christmas dinner together at the Linnet.

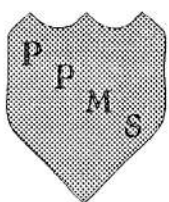
We begin 1995 with a skittles evening on January 18th at the Old Crown, Devizes, an event much enjoyed by the ladies, their partners and friends, though the author of this article is hoping she will not win the booby prize for the lowest score for the third year running!

We are always pleased to welcome new members. Join us on the third Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Carol Clarke (870635)

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Thankfully, there is nothing untoward to report in this issue. P.C. Newbury has asked me to make you aware of 'Door Knockers'. The knockers are people who call at houses usually occupied by more elderly residents - with the aim of either stealing items of value at the time or earmarking them for a return visit.

Please be extra careful as these people have been active in our area.

Chris joins me in wishing you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 1995.

Sandy Salmon

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The developers of the proposed Semington Crematorium joined the November meeting of the Parish Council to explain their latest proposals. The representatives of CML showed us a plan for a scaled down scheme which is of a more traditional design and which has more intensive landscaping.

The crematorium company expect to make a planning application very soon for their new scheme. When the Parish Council receive full details from West Wilts we will be arranging a display of the plans and an open meeting. This will give everyone an opportunity to review the proposals and enable us to reflect villagers' views in our representations to the District Council.

1995 will be the Parish Council's centenary year. In 1985 the village was known simply as Hinton, and if anyone can tell me who made Hinton ..GREAT, I would be pleased to hear from them. To mark our centenary the Parish Council are planning a small project to protect an important part of the village heritage - details will be announced in the New Year.

The Parish Clerk, Carol Burch, will be giving up the post of at the end of March. Anyone willing to take on this role (current salary £300 per annum) please contact me on 870912. If you have any matter that you would like your Parish Council to pursue please come along to our next meeting on 12th January or contact one of your Parish Councillors.

Chris Munday - Chairman (870912)

XMAS TREE SALE



By Malcolm Burch at the Linnet
Car Park
Sunday 18th December from 11.00am
% of profits donated to
Bath Cancer Unit Support Group

HONEY FOR SALE

1/2 lb. and 1 lb. jars of soft set or granulated, light or medium coloured honey, with "A present for Christmas" label on 1 lb. jars if required.

Also cut comb honey and small beeswax candles.

Min 870634

BABY-SITTING

Mature local girl with experience of looking after young children offers baby-sitting at attractive rates.

Samantha Parsons 870302

POPPY APPEAL

My thanks to you all for giving so generously to the Poppy Appeal. The amount collected this year was £76.04.

Sandy Salmon



KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS

As we enter one of the busiest times in the school year, may I remind you of our Nativity, which is to be performed at St. Leonard's Church, Keevil on Tuesday 20th December at 6.30 p.m.. All the children will be taking part in acting and singing the Christmas Story. We promise to have some lovely, new (even humorous!) songs, as well as good old favourites so do try to join us.

Following the evening performance there will be another chance to sip coffee and taste some Christmas fayre back in the school hall. (Please let me know of other children's names for the Christingles).

A look ahead to next Term - The Junior class is going to be studying the Ancient Egyptians! Has anyone visited Egypt and would like to come and talk to us or show us your Treasures? Please contact me if you have any relevant 'gems'.

A Very Happy Christmas to you all - Mo Laycock

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NO PAIN - NO GAIN

The time is 3.30am with the mist slowly rising off the water; the spotlight picking up the faint and ghostly silhouettes of the bridge parapets in the distant. Beneath my feet the engine works a timeless rhythm as my hand clasped to the tiller bar guides my vessel on through the night. Below in the warm security of the boat muffled voices, mixed with the occasional laugh and clinking of glasses, disturbs my concentration. Begrudgingly I continue on 35.5 hours to go.

Bradford on Avon approaches and darkened houses remind me of my bed (DON'T DUCKS SLEEP !!). I turn the boat at the winding-hole with cautious precision, aware my engine may easily annoy but nothing stirs. All about me there is a deathly quiet.

A beaming smile greets me from the darkened hatch access announcing my breakfast is ready. As I enter the galley I am welcomed as 'The All Conquering Hero'. I slide into the armchair with the contentment that I'm doing my bit. The bright lights of the boat take a while to adjust to. As I breath the heady smell of bacon and eggs (The 3rd of five fry ups) a few hot drinks with a bit of whiskey follow. The crew is on a high. Jokes flow, old and new, and all too soon it's my turn to helm again.

As night turned to day the crew plan with awesome aggression the best methods of extracting money from the unsuspecting public. A fish net was attached to a long pole allowing us to entrap towpath users, and boats travelling towards us were banked until they had paid a toll!. Fishermen bought beer from us at £1 per can making us 75 pence per can. This last idea was so successful a hasty trip to NORMAN'S to restock became essential. 3 pm Saturday 26 hours completed 24 hours to go.

Our live broadcast on BBC Wiltshire Sound on Saturday and Sunday brought all and sundry to witness the 'spectacle'. However as day turned to night for the second time our spirits started to wilt as the realisation that we were £350 short of our hopeful target of £1000 became apparent.

Having formed a 'Press Gang' we decided to bend the rules slightly by dropping the 'off' duty crew at Bradford-on-Avon to raid all the pubs and scour the streets for late shoppers. Then realising the motorist was escaping the 'Press Gang' stopped all the traffic by pushing the pedestrian crossing button A very successful method.

Midnight, 15 hours to go... the crew are pleased with the evenings efforts but £75 is still yet to be found. We pair up at the helm for safety as I nearly fall overboard asleep on watch at 1.40am. We are all exhausted and find it hard to entertain ourselves. 'Trivial Pursuit' is suggested and it takes 3 hours to finish as our brains fail to comprehend the questions. It's now 5.30am 9.5 hours to go, even with company at the helm conversation gradually decreases.

The girls from the Clinton Cards shop, having worked all day at the shop and returning to the boat to cook and make copious cups of hot fluid for the four helmsmen all night, lose their feminine looks as a haggard look descends upon them Such devotion!

The last four hours were the longest of all the trip. Our boredom and lack of sleep are getting the better of us.

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A 200 peg fishing match programmed for the river was moved to the canal as high levels of water made fishing impossible fishermen (the boaters friends !!) with their £500 carbon fibre rods across the towpath and canal which raise as if in salute as we approach. their stern faces and tight pockets become a real challenge, but we win through in the end!.

3 hours to go our target of £1000 has been passed, YIPPEE !!

On planning our last leg to finish at Bradford-on-Avon it appears (on a recount) that our total has actually reached £1100 and so we decided to finish with a BANG. Horns blasting from members of the crew, who are starting to come to life, give the appearance that we have just escaped from the 'Funny Farm'.

With people are waving and praising us and champagne at the ready, we cross the line to fireworks and corks popping. We all cuddle and embrace ourselves on a job well done.

WE DID IT! 50 hours non stop; 22 return trips from Bradford-on-Avon to Trowbridge (44 kegs) and over 120 miles.

The final figure raised was £1140.33 and I would like to thank all who sponsored me from Great Hinton and Steeple Ashton to help those 'Children in Need'.

Would I do it again..... Yes! But don't ask me to write about it.

Graham Lee

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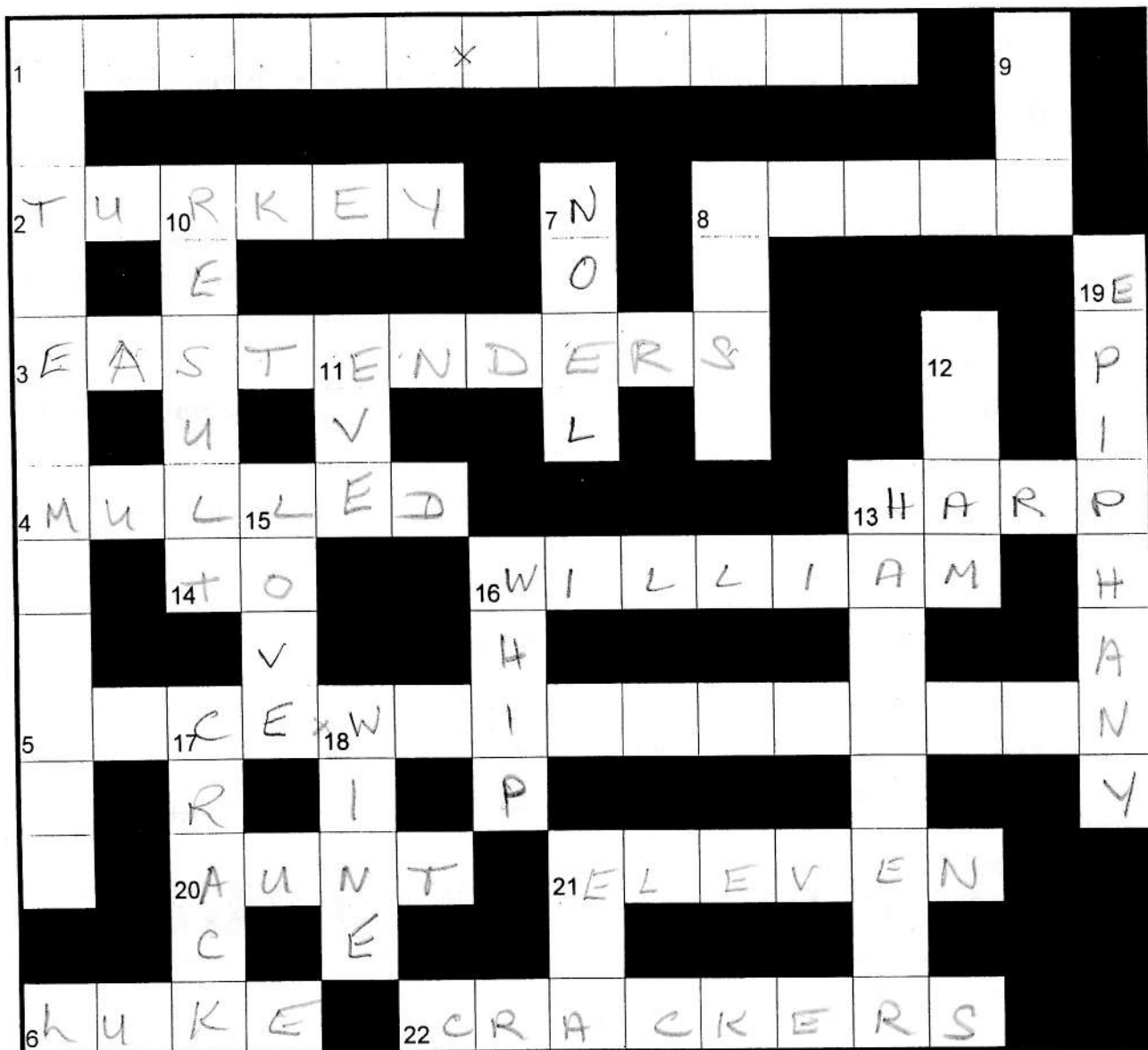
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ACROSS

1. A tipsy topping (6,6)
2. Stuffed at Christmas (6)
3. It was watched by a record 30.15 million viewers on Christmas day 1986 (10)
4. (and 18 Down) Red, warm and spicy (6,4)
5. Richard goes East (4,11)
6. The Nativity story appears in which Gospel.(4)
8. See 13 down (5)
13. A heavenly instrument (4)
14. Where are you going __ ? (2)
16. He was crowned on Christmas Day 1066 (7)
20. She arrives with Uncle. (4)
21. The lords a-leaping (6)
22. Do we all hope to pull them at Christmas? (8)

DOWN

1. Father Xmas's 12 fierce looking companions in South Germany (12)
7. The French word for Christmas (4)
8. You can hang your stocking here (4)
9. What every boy and girl hopes for (3)
10. Hope for a good one when we cook the cake (6)
11. She arrives the night before? (3)
12. Northern drink (4)
13. It's celebrated in January (& 8 across) (8,5)
15. Good King Wenslas did this (4)
16. Should you do this if the cream misbehaves? (4)
17. You do this to your brazils (5)
18. See 4 across
19. January 6th (8)
21. Granny likes this in the afternoon (3)

Many thanks to Sue Smith for this crossword (answers next edition)

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PARISH PATHS WITH A PURPOSE

In years gone by, before we all had our own cars, going to church required some determination as one of the only ways to go was on foot. The path starts at the stile next to Church Farm in back Street, in all but summer wellingtons are strongly recommended.

Start by making the short climb to the gateway in front of you. From the gate carry on in a straight line to the far corner of the field, where you will find a stile and bridge which takes you through the hedgerow. The arrow on the stile points across the field to a gateway which leads into a small field, where rubble and earth tipping has taken place. Follow the track round the edge of this field to the gate onto the Keevil road.

Having entered the field across the road keep the fence on your right and head to the next, very muddy gateway. In the next field keep close to the left hand hedgerow down the hill to another, even muddier gateway. In the next field you start to climb gently uphill, with the tower of St Mary's, Steeple Ashton straight in front. When you reach the corner of the field there is a newly planted copse, which in decades to come will provide our countryside with a small haven for wildlife.

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A choice now confronts you. Straight on for St. Mary's or turn left for St. Lawrence's. I chose left and Keevil.

The next section of the walk is simple; just keep close to the left hand hedgerow as you pass through 3 fields. It was here that I disturbed a variety of small birds, rabbits and a couple of cock pheasants. Looking across to the right there is an excellent view across Keevil airfield. The path now narrows as it passes between the hedge on the left and the ruins of an old brick built agricultural building. Nearly at the church.

In this next field you will soon find a stile on the left taking you into one final field alongside the church graveyard. A short walk across the middle of the field to a recently re-built stile. A wooden bridge takes you across the drainage ditch, one last stile and you have arrived at the church.

If like me, you take this walk at the end of the week you will almost certainly be in no fit state of dress to enter the church but you will have considerable sympathy for those villagers of years gone by who made this, or the journey to St Mary's every Sunday morning.

If you have had enough of field walking you can return to the village by road or, as I did you can take the footpath alongside Keevil Manor (starting at the end of the wall on the Keevil road nearest to Great Hinton) which crosses the fields to the Lamb on the Strand. This a rewarding walk as at the beginning you can enjoy an excellent view of the outstanding Manor House.

The path joins the route of an old, long gone, drove road. Taking this route back makes the whole about 2.5-3 miles by the time you return to Great Hinton. I can think of no better way of enjoying the countryside whilst gaining a little insight into the hardships of country life in the age before the age of the motor car. *(this return walk from Keevil will be covered in more detail in a future edition..Ed)*

A frosty day would be ideal for this walk - STROLLER

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

There is a saying, attributed to an Arctic explorer, Frederick Johnson - 'Worry does not empty tomorrow of its troubles ... it empties today of its strength'. That from a man who faced intense cold, perils from icefloes, the agonies of frostbite and much more. Alongside this we could place some words of St. Peter, 'Cast all your care on God, for He cares for you'. God has shown us His love and care in the sending of his Son, Jesus, that first Christmas time. He came to be our Saviour and to offer us the hope of eternal life. He promises His constant love and care of all who will put their trust in Him. If we are willing to accept His gift we can face the future with confidence, knowing that whatever we have to face He will be there with us.

'Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely Love Divine' and it continues year after year.

A very happy Christmas to you and your family, God bless. David Hart

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PENTATHLON - 1994

We beat Keevil and Steeple Ashton BUT

We didn't do quite so well this year! Not 1st but 7th. This was however an improvement on our position of 10th after the first event (Kwik Cricket). Bearing in mind that we are the smallest village by far to take part, this is still very good. The overall standard of the teams had improved considerably with some teams in serious training in the weeks running up to the event. We came away with a bag of cricket, rugby, foot, hockey and basket balls which we distributed amongst the children who took part, and also some Leekes Vouchers for their Sports Department.

Many thanks to all who took part; who transported participants to various venues from North Bradley to Kingston Deverill, and to those who came to support the teams.

Our best performance was Table Tennis and congratulations to Ernie Wickham, Simon & Colin Crumpler and David Putt, who came third in this event. We will be entering again next year and hopefully; holidays, weddings, illnesses etc. permitting, we will field stronger teams and improve our position.

Our win last year and our 7th position this year means that we have £450 in the "Sports Fund". The Village Hall Committee will consider any approach from children in the village who would like a subsidy to pursue a new sport.

Sandra Crumpler (Team Manager)



CAROL SINGING

Come and join in carol singing around the Village meeting at the Linnet at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 19th December.

The proceeds will be in aid of the 'The Wiltshire Air Ambulance' so please give generously.

Carol Clarke (870635)

HANGOVER PARTY

Chris Munday and Graham Lee will be organising the traditional Village Hangover Party on the 13th January in the Village Hall. This popular event will be on a 'first come first served' basis contact either of them early to avoid disappointment.



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100 CLUB WINNERS

	First £13	Second £9	Third £7	Fourth £5
August 94	R.Andrew	M.Tilley	JohnHallam	Roger Meade
September 94	Mrs J.Gingell	Ken Young	G.Miles	Jeff Newman
October 94	Doris Saville	Joe Norris	Mrs D.Young	R.Andrew
November 94	Mrs Baxter	R.Newman	Jeff Newman	Mrs. Felstead

Christmas Bonus Prizes:

Mrs. B.Ghey & Mr. F. Gotolee



A CHRISTMAS RECIPE: TIRAMISU

A quick method to make this light Italian trifle - with a little help from Tesco's!! Nice for Christmas day tea time! (can be made the day before)

Ingredients:



4oz Sponge fingers
5 fluid oz Black Coffee (strong instant will do)
5 Tablespoons Tia Maria (or Avaretto liqueur)
500 gm. carton fresh Tesco (or M&S) Custard
10 oz carton MASCARPONE cheese
10 oz. whipping cream - lightly whipped
1 oz Flaked almonds
1-2 tablespoons cocoa powder OR Milk Flake bar

Arrange sponge fingers in bottom of a deep glass dish. Pour over coffee (cooled) and Tia Maria. Allow to stand for 10 minutes.

In a separate bowl add custard to cheese and beat together until smooth. Spread on top of the sponge fingers and chill for 2 hours.

Lightly whip cream, spread over cheese mixture. Sprinkle on flaked almonds. Dust with cocoa or for a sweeter taste crumble on milk flake instead.

Chill for at least another hour.

(Note: I have not tried freezing this pudding)



Anne Truman

FOR THOSE TENNIS FREAKS

'TENNIS GIRL' cocktail: 1 part Scotch, 2 parts Dry Vermouth, plus a dash of lime. Add crushed ice and shake well and strain into a cocktail glass.



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WHEELBARROW RACE

Support the next Village event by entering a team in the Boxing Day (26th December) race. Entry fee £5 for teams of three. One wheeled wheelbarrow only.

Will the Cheetah team win again?

Will John (*the Flour grader*) turn the opposition white with fear?

Buffet & fun at the Linnet after the race.

100 CLUB 1995

Every ticket paid for in February will be entered into a draw for a day's hire of a canal boat kindly provided by Graham Lee. *Many thanks, Graham*

XMAS COCKTAILS FOR THE ENTHUIAST

You do not need a cocktail shaker, use any suitable container filled with the ingredients and crushed ice, which should be strained off on serving.

FISHERMEN
(*Especially Roger who
is economical with
the truth!*)

"FIBBER MCGEE"

1 part sweet vermouth
3 parts dry gin
1 part grapefruit juice
2 dashes Angostura bitters

GOLFERS

"SPECIAL ROUGH"

1 part apple brandy
1 part brandy
1 dash Pernod

FOOTBALLERS

"WEMBLEY II"

2 parts dry gin
1 part dry vermouth
2 dashes apple brandy
1 dash apricot brandy

?????????

**"BETWEEN THE
SHEETS"**

1 part Cointreau
1 part brandy
1 part light rum
1 part lemon or lime juice

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BUFFET (£1.00 Charity donation)

RAFFLE (Prizes gratefully accepted)

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

FANCY DRESS PARTY

CHRIS BROWN'S DISCO

FREE BUFFET

8.00 p.m. onwards

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Closed in the evening

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