

# GRAPEVINE

## EDITION 1 - 1996

**4th+2nd+5th+2nd+6th=THIRD OVERALL**  
(with a little help from a Joker!)

Great Hinton ended up a very creditable third in this year's Pentathlon with 73 points beaten by Semington with 82 points and Sutton Veny, the winners, with 87 points. Keevil were positioned 9th.

'Thank you' to all who took part in this year's event, especially to the newcomers who supported the team this year. The trophy joins the one for the inaugural event in the Linnet.

The event run down for us and our neighbouring villages was as follows:

*UNILOC* - Semington 1st - Great Hinton 4th - Keevil 8th - Steeple Ashton 11th  
*KWICK CRICKET* - Great Hinton 2nd - Keevil 3rd Semington 4th  
*FUN RUN* - Semington 1st - Great Hinton 5th - Keevil 10th  
*BASKETBALL* - Great Hinton 2nd - Semington 3rd - Keevil 9th  
*SWIMMING* - Great Hinton 6th - Semington 8th - Keevil 9th

There were too many memorable performances for all to be mentioned however the adult team members could take a few lessons from the younger members who demonstrated, with ease, the required skills. No names but one of the village adults even had to sit out 2 minutes (sin binned) in the Basketball.

### POST PENTATHLON BARN DANCE

Pat Doel of Southwick has organised an informal get together for Friday 18th October at Southwick. All competitors welcome as are supporters and friends. There is a live band and caller. Food and drink will be on sale and there is a cost of £2.00 (Adults) and £1.00 (Children) to cover the cost of the musicians.

It would be good to see the village supporting this and tickets/information can be obtained from Sandra (870906)

# GREAT HINTON

## EDITORIAL

The lack of a Grapevine is due to many contributing factors with the main one being the scarcity of material. I have cajoled the few faithful contributors and being in the midst of the annual Inter Village Pentathlon there is enough to warrant an edition.

Perhaps the next edition will include a final report on Anthony Putt's year in the Gambia and Russell Crumpler's recent visit to Malawi and his study trip to Peru, which is about to commence.

The decision to not hold the Agony Run this year gave everyone involved a break from the hectic run up to the event and hopefully everyone should have their batteries recharged for a revival next year. There were a number of enquiries about this year's run from the Running Clubs as the event has a special place on their calendars. The increased emphasis on resolving the fate of the village hall could well provide a focus for the money raising next year.

A number of properties in the village have changed hands and a warm welcome is extended to all the newcomers to the village.

*Kevin Crumpler*

### PARISH COUNCIL

#### Speed Limit

Quietly one day a number of posts appeared in various banks around the village topped by 30 mph speed restriction signs (*At least one of these is known to have changed location slightly!*).

The Parish Council has been in contact with the Highways Department regarding the restricted visibility of some of the signs. If residents have any views on the location of these signs they should contact Chris Munday on 870912.

#### Best Kept Village

For the 5th year in succession Great Hinton

has won the West Wilts small village section and was praised for its efforts in maintaining the village hall and its surroundings.

However at the county level it was the village hall that was judged to let the village down leading to a 4th position in the county.

#### And Finally ....

If there is any issue that you believe the parish Council can help with then any of your Parish Councillors will be pleased to hear from you.

*Chris Munday  
(Chairman of the Parish Council)  
Tel. 870912*



## GREAT HINTON NEWS .....

### MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

I share with you a simple story which I heard several years ago, but which reappeared recently on my 'tear off' calendar'. It accompanies these two quotations from the Bible: 'Draw near to God, early will I seek you.' The story is called, 'Old Simon.'

One evening an English clergyman said to the verger, "Have you noticed the impoverished old man who comes to the church every lunchtime and leaves again almost immediately? I have been watching him from my study window. I must say that I am a bit worried about him. After all there are several things of value in the church. Try to have a word with him!"

The verger caught him the very next day. "I say, what brings you to church?" he asked. "I come here to pray," the old man replied calmly. -- "But, wait a minute! You don't stay long enough for that. You simply walk up to the front, turn round and come out again. What does it all mean?" -- "That's right," the old man went on, "I can't say a lengthy prayer. So I just come every midday and simply say: 'Lord Jesus, here's Simon.' That's all. It's only a short prayer, but I have an idea that He hears me."

Not long after that old Simon was run over by a lorry and admitted to hospital. One day one of the nurses said to him, "You give the impression that you are very happy in spite of all of your pain." -- "Oh yes," he answered, "I have a visitor every day." -- "A visitor? I've never seen anyone here visiting you. When does he or she come?" -- "Everyday at lunchtime. He stands at the end of my bed and say, 'Simon, here's Jesus.'"

Yes, it is not the length of our prayers that is important, it is the sincerity of them.

*In Christian love, David Hart*

### GREAT HINTON HORSE SHOW

For the third year the Great Hinton Horse Show took place, and it was bigger and better than ever. Due to our most generous sponsors, and a great deal of hard work by all the organisers (a big thank you to them all) we were able to arrange more classes which added to a fun as well as successful day.

In the region of £1,000 was raised which will be greatly appreciated by both Keevil and Steeple Ashton Primary Schools.

*Judith Fewings*

### AUTUMN DANCE

This will be held at the Steeple Ashton Village Hall on Saturday 12th October, 8 p.m. to midnight. There will be a live ,six pence, Jazz Band. Ploughman's Supper will be provided but bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets from Diane (Tel. 870519).

## WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE

A warm welcome to Carolyn & Neil Haynes (Thornhill Cottage), Claire & Mike Evans (No. 44), Martin & Belinda (Ashwell Cottage) and Jacki & Mark Fawell (No. 12) who have left already!

100 club 1996/97 (well 70 Club actually - let's have more support next year)

	<i>First prize £12</i>	<i>Second prize £8</i>	<i>Third prize £6</i>	<i>Fourth prize £4</i>
<i>March 96</i>	Mr. P. Doel	Tom Meade	Anne Truman	Jeannie Propert
<i>April 96</i>	Jo Gingell	Mrs A Nicoll	Denise Westall	Chris Morris
<i>May 96</i>	Mrs T Dodd	Julia Doel	Brian (Linnet)	Joyce Newman
<i>June 96</i>	Sam Barker	Jenny Shrivener	Mrs A Nicoll	Julia Doel
<i>July 96</i>	Mr M Slater	Jean Hallam	K Crumpler	Mrs S Mustart
<i>August 96</i>	R Andrew	Min Squibbs	Joe Norris	Joyce Newman
<i>September 1996</i>	Joyce Newman	Sam Barker	Doris Saville	Mrs B Foyle

*Jean ( my name only appears once) Hallam*

## VILLAGE PARTY

Another spectacular success and many thanks to Chris & Cherry who provided the use of their garden for the event. No guesses as to who won the Ladies skittles.

## AGONY RUN 1997

This is likely to coincide with the Ladies Fete next year .... more details in the next issue.

## SAFARI DINNER

The next safari Dinner is on the 9th November and it is still not too late to book a place. Please let Sandra (870906) by the 2nd November at the latest.

## LONDON MARATHON 1996

Many thanks to all the villagers who sponsored me for the 1996 London Marathon which was completed in abnormally hot weather. Your support encouraged me to complete the course and raise £345 for the Chicken Shed Theatre Company, who works with both able and disabled performers.

*Russell Crumpler*

## LADIES CLUB

Forthcoming events - *Harvest Service* 3pm Village Hall (13/10) Produce will be auctioned. *'English Cheeses'* (16/10) - *Scandinavian Tapestry Weaving* (20/11) - *Carol Singing* (16/12) - *Christmas Meal* (18/12) - *Skittles* (14/01) - *Grommet Evening* (19/2) - *Aromatherapy* (19/3) - *AGM* (16/4).

New members always welcome - more information from Diane (870519)