

GRAPEVINE

Summer 1997



Agony Run & Fun day raises over £2000

This years agony run and fun day has raised £2081.57. All proceeds are going in to the funds for the new village hall.

In late June the population in Bona Vista in Newfoundland was increased by a factor of six when the replica *Matthew* arrived. Shortly before this event the population of Great Hinton also dramatically increased with the staging of the twelfth AGONY RUN.

Despite a change in the course, all 123 runners made it around the 2.76 mile course with S. Roe completing the course in 14 minutes 47 seconds. Our

first villager home was James L'Esteve, three minutes later, with the very creditable time of 17 minutes 46 seconds and was followed by David Parsons (18:23) and Jonathan Francis (18:54).

Rosemary Barber was the first female to finish in a *record time* of 17 minutes 3 seconds beating the old record set by Barbara Leitch (17:15 in 1987). A further two and a half minutes elapsed before Susie Phillips crossed the line. The first female villager was Rachel Jones (23:35) who narrowly beat Xanthe Smith (24:7) with Lisa Parsons (27:7).

The other record time on the day was Josh Robinson (18:26), aged 9, who beat the previous record for this age group held by James Earney (19:16 in 1991). The Robinson family had four members running on the day.

Certificates and medals, if preordered, should have been distributed but are available from Sandra Crumpler.

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Editorial

As you will have noticed, the Grapevine is now being produced in colour. I am now responsible for the production and I hope you like the new look of the Grapevine. I would like to thank Kevin Crumpler for the years of hard work he has put into producing the Grapevine.

Several properties have changed hands and a warm welcome is extended to all newcomers to the village.

If anyone has any articles which may be suitable to be included in a future Grapevine, please drop them in to me at Church Farm or you can contact me on 870040.

Mark Newman

100 Club Winners

	April	May	June
£15	Mary Jones	Richard Andrew	Richard Newman
£10	Graham Keen	Miss O'Hare	Mrs McDonic
£8	Graham Cowdrey	Dorothy Young	Claire Evans
£6	Mrs Mills	Diane Norris	Joe & Hannah
£4	Carolyn Haynes	Mary Jones	Joyce Newman

Ladies Club

The Ladies Club meetings start again on **September 17th** at 8pm in the village hall, when our speaker, Joan Hall, will give a talk on *Period Dolls*.

October 15th will find us busy filling shoe boxes with gifts for the children in Bosnia and Romania for the charity Operation Christmas Child.

On **November 19th** we can learn the art of Aromatherapy from Mrs Hawtin.

Next comes the Christmas meal and also during December we traditionally sing Carols around the village (men are particularly welcome for this!)

Tuesday **January 20th 1998** is skittles night at The Old Crown, Devizes.

A speaker for **February 18th** is being arranged. **March 18th** is the gourmet evening and **April 15th** is the AGM and Bring & Buy.

We look forward to welcoming new members. In the meantime, enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Diane Norris (870519)

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Pentathlon

Yes the Pentathlon is on again this year, and Great Hinton will (hopefully) be entering a team.

The events are the same as last year, with a few changes to age groups along the way. I shall shortly be looking for volunteers or alternatively persuading people that they can swim, run, play hockey etc.!

Saturday 6th September is Unihoc at Hilperton. Ages from under 10 to over 30 needed.

Saturday 13th September is Kwik Cricket at Southwick. Ages from under 10 to over 50.

Saturday 20th September will be the Fun Run at Westwood. Ages from under 13 to over 30.

Saturday 27th September is Basketball at Sutton Veny. A team of 13 and under and 30 and over.

Saturday 4th October, Swimming at Melksham. Ages from under 10 to over 50.

The prize giving, after the swimming will be followed by a disco to celebrate after all the hard work and effort put in by the participants.

Sandra Grumpler

Parish Council News

The Parish Council held its annual Open Parish Meeting on Wednesday 2nd July. In addition to parishioners, the meeting was attended by Mark Newbery (our community policeman), Doug Firmager (our County Councillor) and the Vicar, David Hart.

Chris Munday, as chairman of the Parish Council, briefly outlined the issues which the Parish Council had tackled on behalf of the village during the preceding year. This included: liaison with the highways department and the water company in relation to the new water main works, the never ending problem of hedge cutting, representation on town planning matters, the success of our campaign for a speed limit and the ongoing drive for a reduction to 20mph.

Following 5 years of success in the best kept village competition, we slipped to 4th place this year.

On the financial front, the council tax precept has been kept to last year's level of £650, even though expenditure is currently running at over £700 per annum.

In response to a parishioners suggestion, we will be writing to both the County Council and the new landowner to try and get the hedge on the North side of the narrows cut back. Individuals may wish to express their own concerns on this issue by writing direct to the Area Highway Engineer at Wiltshire County Council, Western Area Highway Office, Lancaster Road, Bowerhill, Melksham.

Another parishioner queried with Mark Newbery whether the police would be taking any speed limit enforcement measures. Mark undertook to liaise with his traffic section colleagues to investigate the extent of the problem and if necessary to take action.

If you have any matters which you think the Parish Council could help with, contact any councillor, who are: Audrey Plummer, Diane Norris (Deputy Chairperson), Pat Putt and Chris and Cherry Munday.

Chris Munday

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Agony Run and Fun Day

The agony run and fun day proved to be very successful. Apart from the money raised, everyone appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves. We have also had several very complimentary comments from non-villagers, about how nice the event was. A big thankyou goes to the Parsons for allowing us the use of their field.

Many thanks go to the people/businesses which donated prizes or money for the event. Thanks also go to everyone involved in helping on the day, and of course to everyone who spent their money.

The villagers' race positions and times are:

Males

James L'Esteve (17:46)
David Parsons (18:23)
Jonathan Francis (18:54)
Jason Parsons (19:10)
Anthony Putt (19:31)
Simon Crumpler (20:12)
Thomas Putt (20:40)
Jeff Newman (22:2)
David Putt (22:4)
Tim Smith (24:7)
Wayne Thomas (24:50)
Colin Crumpler (25:11)
Christopher Burch (25:22)
Andrew Burch (26:29)
David Francis (27:39)
Max Bartholomew (33:6)

Females

Rachel Jones (23:35)
Xanthe Smith (24:7)
Lisa Parsons (27:7)
Ellen Burch (30:5)
Natasha Parsons (31:45)



3755 tickets were sold for the raffle, which ended up with 27 prizes. All were good prizes, with the top four being:

<i>Prize</i>	<i>Won By</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Double Bed	Dimbylow	John Parsons - Airsprung
Microlite Flight	Sandra Crumpler	Keith Lye
Glider Flight	S. Vine	RAF Gliding Club at Keevil
Wooden Garden Seat	Packer	John Putt - Kepak (UK)

The tug-of-war attracted six adult teams and two junior teams. Everyone enjoyed the challenge, and after much straining the team from *The Bell, Broughton Gifford* won the event. The teams included *Jeff and the Dipsticks*, *Noddy's Gang* and the *Alcoholic 8*.

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Some of the Great Hinton ladies finished the tug-of-war by forming a team for a fun pull against the Top Gun and Rod team.



A summary of the money raised by each of the main activities is given below:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Gross Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Profit/Loss</i>
Agony Run	265.00	(98.77)	166.23
Raffle	751.00	(63.45)	687.55
Craft Stalls	60.00		60.00
Tug-Of-War	41.00		41.00
Village Car Boot	204.20		204.20
Barbecue	456.20	(148.27)	307.93
Beer Tent	615.85	(524.70)	91.15
Skittles	57.30		57.30
Bottle Tombola	141.80		141.80
Flower Tombola	42.60		42.60
Cake Stall	129.00		129.00
Coconut Stall	61.85	(18.00)	43.85
Teas	66.00		66.00
Toilet Unit		(164.50)	(164.50)
Sponsor Money	43.00		43.00

Hopefully, next year's Agony Run and Fun Day will be even more enjoyable and successful.

Agony Run Helpers' Evening

Many thanks to Kevin and Sandra for an enjoyable evening, put on for the villagers who helped at the Agony Run and Fun Day.

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Neighbourhood Watch

Fortunately, I have nothing to report in this issue.

As the holiday season is with us, I would urge you all to let either your coordinator or myself know when you are going to be away and where a key to your property may be found in an emergency.

Sandy Salmon (870662)

Recipe

A French-Oriental chicken dish whose reputation is known to some (for 4 people but can be scaled up for bigger occasions!).

Take 750g of *chicken meat* diced into 2" cubes and marinate in 1 *tblsp of Light Soy sauce*, 1 *tblsp Dark Soy Sauce*, 1 *tblsp of Dry Sherry* which has been seasoned with salt & pepper. After 30 minutes in a fridge discard the liquid. Put 3 *tblsp of Olive Oil* in a very hot pan and quickly brown the chicken on all sides and then reduce the heat to cook through for a further 5 minutes. Drain the chicken, leave to one side and leave about 2/3 rds of the oil in the pan.

Prepare 3 *crushed cloves of Garlic*, 2 *tblsp of finely chopped fresh root ginger*, 1 *onion (roughly diced)*, *teaspoon of salt* and 1/2 *teaspoon of ground black pepper* and quickly fry for 1 minute at a high heat and then reduce to cook through for a further 3 minutes.

To the pan add a 750g *tin of tomatoes* (put aside the liquid at this stage), 50g of *stoned black olives* and 300ml of *chicken stock*, *tomato puree (a good squeeze)*. Bring to a simmer and add back the chicken and leave to cook for about 15 minutes. You may have to add some of the *tomato liquid* to maintain a sauce like consistency. Test to see if the chicken is cooked. Finally add about 20 *roughly chopped basil leaves*, 2 *teaspoons of sugar*, and *salt & pepper* to taste. Cook for about 2 minutes. The dish is now ready to serve.

Village Hall Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 16th July.

It would be useful if all members could come prepared to discuss the following:

- **The Agony Run**
 - What were the items that went well ?
 - What additional items would you like to see ?
 - What didn't go as well as planned ?
 - Was the timing correct ?
 - Good & bad stories
 - What was possibly not worth the effort.
- **The Application for the Lottery Fund**
 - How the New Hall could be marketed to local organisations
 - What organisations could be interested ?
 - How do we test this ?

If you played an active role in the Agony Run but are not a Committee Member then please come along and share your views.
