

# GRAPEVINE



**Winter 1997**

## NEW HALL FUNDING UPDATE

Preliminary applications have been made to the County and the Lottery Funding for the new village hall. The decision on the County application will not be made until after April but there has been positive feedback on the project following an on-site visit. In particular the design was felt to make extremely innovative use of the limited space available.

There has been success with the initial stage of the Lottery application and a comprehensive application will be submitted early in January. This will be accompanied by a letter of support from the County. The legal structure of the enterprise has to be a registered charity and assistance is being provided by Martin Cooper in achieving this status. The Charitable Trust will be known as the 'Great Hinton Memorial Hall Trust'.

Our efforts in 1998 will need to focus on applications to smaller sources of funding and of course adding to the £13,000 cash in hand by fund-raising efforts. Following on the successful activities this year when over £2000 was raised, the Hall Committee is already discussing the 1998 Agony Run. The comments made in the Village Survey will help guide the approach and format of this event.



Activities do not have to be on a grand scale and an excellent example was the cake stall at Valerie's Country Wide Workshops Open Day held at the Manor. Cakes and help were provided by the Ladies and as a result £45 was raised. "Thank you -Valerie" for providing this opportunity to generate funds.

If you wish to assist in the planning and organisation then you do not have to be on the Hall Committee to qualify - just enthusiastic!

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## EDITORIAL

Having received a good number of comments about the Grapevine from the village survey, this issue starts to cover some of the articles you requested. I hope to see more of the suggested articles being submitted for the next Grapevine. Therefore, I have included a list of suggested topics/articles towards the back of this issue, along with a deadline date.

I would be very grateful to include any articles you would care to write. If you would like to supply information for an article, but do not want to write it yourself, I would be pleased to hear from you.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

*Mark Newman*



## 100 CLUB WINNERS

	July	August	September	October	November
£15	John Hallam	Paul Winterburn	Gillian Fennell	L. Unsworth	John Norris
£10	Debbie Mead	Mrs Gotelee	Sam Barker	Val Alker	Graham Keen
£8	Mr McCann	Golly Burston	Sharon Day	Claire Evans	Jean Hallam
£6	Mr Gotelee	Derek Saville	Miss O'Hare	Sharon Day	Derek Saville
£4	Eloise Bastone	Mark Newman	Carolyn Haynes	Audrey Plummer	Richard Clarke

£15 Christmas Bonus Prizes - Sharon Day and Paul Winterburn

## LADIES CLUB

The 1997-98 programme got off to a good start in September when Mrs Joan Hall brought her very interesting collection of dolls.

October saw us surrounded by Christmas wrapping paper, shoe boxes and varying gifts. We managed to fill 60 boxes and with 14 more boxes being donated by associates in Manchester, Jean delivered 74 boxes to Mrs Hilary McFall. This year these boxes will be sent to children in Hungary.

In November Mrs Maureen Hawtin demonstrated shoulder and back massage. Later we practised on each other and found it relaxing and soothing.

December 15<sup>th</sup> we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves carol singing in the village.

December 17<sup>th</sup> was our Christmas Dinner. A good time was had by all.

January 20<sup>th</sup> - skittles at the Old Crown, Devizes - husbands invited. This has become a very enjoyable annual event.

*Audrey Plummer*



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### 1998 AGONY RUN

The date has been set for the 14<sup>th</sup> June and the Village Hall Committee is meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> January to start the planning for this event. Whilst committee members contribute towards the organisation it should be remembered that this is a huge task which can be eased by additional volunteers.

If you wish to assist then please turn up for the first meeting which will start at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.



### HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Village Hall in Great Hinton resounded to the hymns celebrating our Harvest Festival on the afternoon of Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. The hall was decorated with many harvest offerings, lovely flowers, corn stooks and fruit and vegetables.

We ploughed the fields and scattered the good seed on the lands with enthusiasm. Once again our thanks go to Mrs Celia Young who ably accompanied us on her keyboard, with the delightful addition of the flute accompaniment of Mr Richard Young.

The Revd. David Hart led us in prayer, and told us an interesting and true story about a little African girl determined to become a Christian when she discovered the Lord was *her* Shepherd, and she succeeded against all opposition.

After more festival hymns and prayers, Chris Munday acted as our persuasive auctioneer and we raised £67, which will be given to Action on Homelessness, based in Trowbridge.

*Joan Barker*

### GREAT HINTON HORSE SHOW, 1997

With over a record one hundred entries, this years show was the most successful to date. Once again Keevil and Steeple Ashton schools received £500 each from the proceeds, which will go towards new equipment and teaching aids.

The weather was ideal, and soon the parking area filled up with cars and assorted horse boxes, causing hurried alternate arrangements. Still we managed to cope and events in all the show rings were well supported, with a steady influx of entries though out the day. As in previous years, it was pleasing to see riders of all ages turn up, on a varied range of horses, partaking in a good natured spirit. (no budding Harvey Smiths yet !)

Many thanks, once again, to our many helpers, both on the day and during the planning stages through out the year. And of course, our sponsors, who without their generous support, this event could not be possible.

*Carol Burch*

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## VILLAGE SURVEY RESULTS

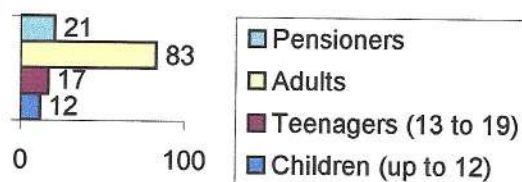
Great Hinton village survey forms were delivered to all houses in the village. Completed surveys were collected in the last weekend of October 1997. Thankyou to everyone who completed the survey. The results are being used to support funding applications for the new hall, as well as allowing us to get a view of peoples interests/needs for the hall, so that we can incorporate facilities for the most popular in to the design.

88 survey forms were delivered. 57 surveys were completed and returned, giving a 65% response rate.

A summary of the information given in response to the questions is detailed in the following sections.

### Number of people in household

Of the households which specified the number of people, the totals for each age group are:



### Number of times hall used in last year

77% of households reported some usage of the hall over the last year.

### Would the new hall be booked for family events ?

Households that would book family events	34	(60%)
Households that would not use the hall for family events	21	(37%)
Households that did not specify which	2	(3%)



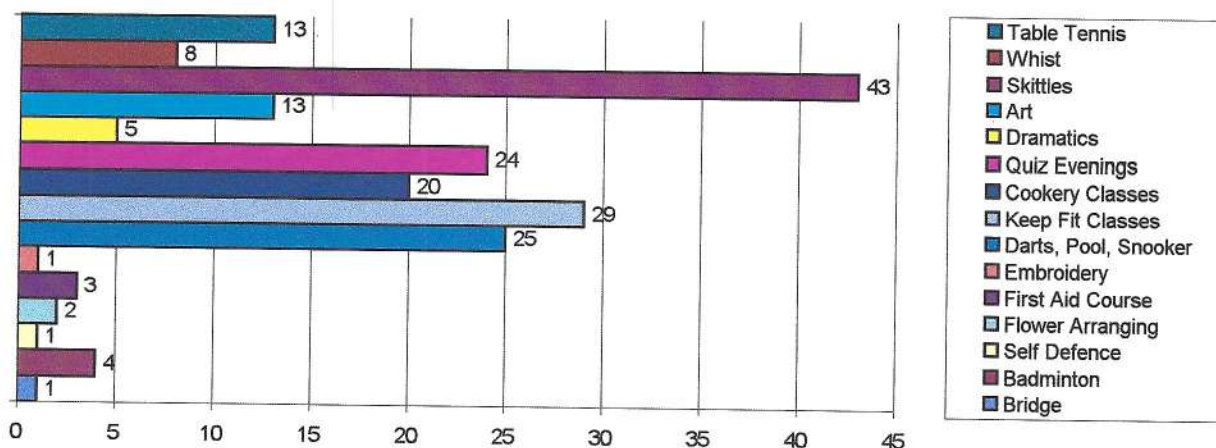
### Households that attend/involved with a club in the locality

Households that attend/involved with club in locality	7	(12%)
Households that are not involved with club in the locality	45	(79%)
Households that did not specify which	5	(9%)

Of the 7 households involved with club in the locality, 6 specified that they could possibly make use of the new hall as an additional/alternative site.

### Clubs households would be interested in joining if they were available in the village

Households were asked to detail which clubs they would be interested in joining, if they were available in the village, by giving the number of people interested for each club.





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### Additional uses that could be located in the new hall involving caring and supporting the local community

The most popular suggestions were for a Toddler group and a Luncheon club for pensioners.

### Other activities that could be suitably located in the new hall

Suggestions for other activities that could be suitably located in the new hall included: Indoor Bowls, Craft Classes, Yoga, Line Dancing and Jumble Sales.

### Grapevine

Households were asked to indicate their level of satisfaction with the production frequency, content and how willing they were to contribute articles.

96% of households were satisfied (or did not specify) with the production frequency and the content.

47% of households were possibly willing to contribute articles.

### Agony Run

46% of households (totalling 49 people) were willing to be actively involved in next year's Agony Run



### What improvements could be made to the Agony Run ?

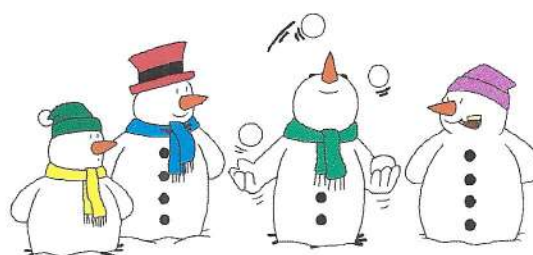
Suggestions included:

- Bring back to centre of village (i.e. The Linnet) and make it more of a fun run. Far too complicated and professional.
- Possibly intervillage 5 a side football (for children). An organiser has volunteered to manage this event if the field venue is available. This event would also attract more adults to other field events and stalls.
- Start and finish should be the same place.
- More helpers.
- Not hold it on Fathers' Day!
- Much improved held in Parsons field, but too spread out, needs more side shows and perhaps a band before the race.
- Attract more runners - get businesses to enter teams and present a Corporate Challenge Cup. Write to firms for entries and sponsorship.
- Condense start/finish area. Clay pigeon shooting. Croquet. Mini golf.
- Separate toddlers run, around main street/back lane.

### Please give any suggestions for other fund raising activities

Suggestions included:

- Treasure Hunt
- Quiz Nights
- Raffles
- Beetle Drive
- Auction Of Promises
- Open Gardens
- Jumble Sales



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### VOICES FOR HOSPICES



Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October was the third triennial Voices for Hospices Day.

This is an international link up of performances of Handel's Messiah, with each hospice benefiting from proceeds collected in their area.

Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to take part. In Bath a practise is held in the afternoon prior to the evening performance. Refreshments are offered to participants between practice and performance.

This year I was asked if I would prepare the sandwiches for 240 singers. Westwood W.I. made cakes, all of which had to be sliced and we were given a stack of cake boxes, all of which had to be constructed !

I asked the members of the Ladies Club if anyone would be willing to help me, and as always a faithful band of helpers arrived in my kitchen on the Saturday morning.

My very grateful thanks go to Anne, Sandra, Hilary and Jean (who joined us when she arrived home from work). We buttered, filled and sliced. We constructed boxes and filled each one with 4 sandwiches, a slice of cake and an apple. We loaded my car and I don't think another box would have fitted in.

A great deal of appreciation of the work involved was expressed by organisers and singers so it was all worth while.

The day was a great success with £7000 being raised for the continuing work of Dorothy House.

*Audrey Plummer*



### BARN DANCE

A Barn dance is planned for the Spring and will be held in Steeple Ashton Village Hall. It is hoped that we can have a go at 'Line Dancing' just for a bit of fun.

Details will be posted on the notice board and notices will be delivered to inform you of the details. Look forward to seeing a good turn out.

Runny honey  
Thick soft set honey

Cut comb, chunk (cut comb surrounded by honey in a jar).  
Runny honey in your favourite jar.  
Bees wax candles and furniture polish.  
Price on application.

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Hill View Croft  
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#### Honey For Sale

1lb jars with  
Wiltshire or "a  
present for Christmas"  
labels £1.75 each





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### WEST WILTS INTER VILLAGE PENTATHLON

This year saw the 5<sup>th</sup> Pentathlon and Great Hinton came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall out of 8 villages. Well done and thank you to all the participants. Special mention goes to our junior basketball team who were way ahead of their nearest rivals and could have won without the help of the adult team! The overall winners yet again were Westwood.

For those of you new to the village, the Pentathlon is organised over 5 consecutive Saturdays in September when around 10 villages compete against each other in 5 sports. The teams are of mixed ages and sexes in order to involve the whole village. The whole idea of the event is fun and promotion of sport within the community and not necessarily serious competition. The sports change slightly from year to year and so far we have participated in touch rugby, table tennis, unihoc, kwik cricket, swimming, basketball, fun run and a sports quiz.

Great Hinton got off to a good start in 1993 coming 1<sup>st</sup> out of 11 villages all of which were much bigger in size than ourselves. Unfortunately some of these villages *caught the bug* and the following year delved deeper into their residents to find stronger sportsmen/women and practised in earnest. Consequently we were only 7<sup>th</sup> in 1994 and again in 1995. We found our talent once more in 1996 and came 3<sup>rd</sup>. All three trophies - 1<sup>st</sup> in 1993, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1996 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1997 are to be found, along with one for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Unihoc in 1993, on display in The Linnet.

I have organised this for the last 4 years and represented Great Hinton on the Pentathlon Committee as well. I am standing down from both of these roles as of now and should anyone wish to take over I am willing to give them any information on past teams, rules, etc. The committee meets 4 or 5 times a year to organise, fund raise, etc. Each event. Each meeting is approximately an hour and a half. The organisation of teams for September requires some badgering of *volunteers* whilst others will come forward quite willingly.

In preparation for the 1998 event there is to be a *taster day* at Leighton Sports Centre, Westbury on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1998 from 10am to 12 noon. Further details later.



*Sandra Crumpler*



### FROSTBITE BLUES (ALSO KNOWN AS THE HANGOVER PARTY)

Chris Munday has retired as 'Master of Challenges' and will join the ranks of contestant in the New Year. Chris's efforts have been greatly appreciated and elements of his successful format will continue.

For those adults who wish to face a different challenge after Christmas and have fun at the same time then the 1998 event will be held on Saturday, 10th January in the village hall. Supper will be included in the ticket price and you should bring your own drinks. Tickets can be obtained from Diane or Jean up to 2 days before the event at a cost of £2.50 per head.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Subuteo European Cup (a.k.a. The Hangover Trophy) can they contact Kevin please.

*(This event will aim to provide a donation to the New Village Hall Funds)*

*Kevin Crumpler*

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## VILLAGE NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome is extended to all people who have recently moved into the village. These include David and Gwen (Bampton House) and Steve and Cathy.



## SAFARI SUPPER

Footsteps could be heard scurrying up and down the road on the evening of October 25<sup>th</sup>. The occasion was the thirteenth Safari Supper which was enjoyed by ten couples and two singles !

Starting with aperitifs at The Linnet, where we were given instructions on where to go for our starters - we progressed through the evening to various courses served by different hosts until we arrived for port and cheese hosted by Golly.

A very enjoyable time was had by all who took part and once again we say a big *Thank you* to Sandra for her brilliant organisation.

We would love to see more people taking part - its great fun and with only one course to prepare for a maximum of six people its not too taxing on one's culinary skills !



*Audrey Plummer*

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Town Planning is the issue that has dominated the Parish Council agenda over the last few months. In considering the response to the draft planning policy the parish councillors found the views expressed, in the parish consultation, to be an invaluable indicator of village opinion. Our thanks to everyone who responded.

There were a small number of people who believed that the village would benefit from some expansion. This was however the minority opinion and there was a clear majority who supported the restriction on development that would come from a tightly drawn village policy limit. The Parish Council have therefore put forward the villagers' views to the District Council and we await the publication of a formal draft policy early in the new year.

Developers proposed the construction of two new houses, fronting Main Street, at New Barn Farm. The Parish Council worked closely with all concerned to try and ensure that the new buildings will have the minimum impact on the village as a whole and the immediate neighbours.

Other issues which have been reviewed include; the continuing problem of hedge cutting (or lack of it) in the Narrow, the Village Hall (the Parish Council are the owners of the land), the speed of through traffic in the village and the council tax precept for 1998,99 (which will be unchanged from this year).

The Parish Council has very few direct powers but is consulted by others on a wide range of local issues, whether by law or voluntarily, and works very closely with our District (Adrian Fox) and County (Doug Firmager) councillors. If you feel that there is any local issue on which we can help or lend our support, please contact any one of your five parish councillors.

*Chris Munday*

*Chairman Great Hinton Parish Council*

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## KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a very busy term here at Keevil School ! We have welcomed three new members of staff and now have 49 pupils - the highest number for several years !

We recently visited Sevington School, which is near Chippenham. It has been put back into Victorian mode and it is possible to take pupils there to experience a Victorian schoolday. All our *scholars* dressed in their right station and knew their place in Society. We even had a Victorian Inspector visit! He had everyone quivering in their shoes - we all knew our spellings that day, even the word *reredos* ! How about that, then! We have some of our work on display at school, as well as lots of photographs. Each pupil became someone from the 1891 Keevil Census - and we have the family photos to prove it ! Please call in at school if you'd like to.

We are still looking for anyone who has a few minutes each week to listen to a few children read. The idea is that the children spend a little time each week, reading to an adult from the community - it really does give our pupils more confidence and helps them enjoy the books that are shared. Please let me know if anyone is interested in helping out.

May I also remind everyone that we have a thriving Mums and Toddler Group, which meets every Monday in the School Hall from 2pm until approximately 4pm. As the children get older, then they are able to get to know other prospective pupils and the Infant surroundings and it makes integration into school a much easier process. We look forward to meeting any new members to the group.

It only remains for me, on behalf of everyone at Keevil School, to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.



## THE TROWBRIDGE CHARITY CARD SHOP

Many people from Great Hinton (10 this year) give their time voluntarily to help staff the Charity Card Shop in Trowbridge each year.

The shop, which opens annually for six weeks before Christmas, has now been operating for 27 years.

A unique feature of the shop is that, thanks to the unpaid and voluntary efforts of its supporters, approximately 98% of the shop turnover is currently forwarded directly to the 30 plus charities which supply their cards.

My thanks to everyone concerned.

*Chris Salmon*



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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I am pleased to report that all has been quiet in our area since the last grapevine was published.

Welcome to everyone who has come to the village in recent months. Many of you I still have to meet but please do not hesitate to ring me should you be leaving your property unoccupied whilst on holiday or if you have any security problems which should be reported to the Police.

The poppy appeal this year raised £62.96. Thankyou for your support.

Chris joins me in wishing you a very happy and trouble-free Christmas.

*Sandy Salmon (870662)*

## 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to Ruby and Les Perrett who have just celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Ruby and Les have lived in Great Hinton for 50 years and have seen many changes that have taken place. As their next door neighbour, I have enjoyed listening to Les over the garden fence reminiscing about days gone by. I have persuaded Les to allow me to tell his stories and recall his memories in an article in the next Grapevine. I can assure you it will be interesting reading.

*Mike Truman*

## GRAPEVINE ARTICLES

Results from the village survey had several suggestions for articles you would like to see. As a result, I am hoping to include articles on the following topics:

- History of the village
- News about residents, e.g. Births, Marriages, Achievements, People moving
- Forthcoming Events
- Local Walks
- Fun articles, quizzes, crosswords, etc.



If you are willing to volunteer information on any of these (or any other) topics, but do not want to write the article yourself, please let me know and I will arrange for someone to do it for you.

If anyone would like to write articles for others, your assistance would be very welcome. Please contact me for further information, or if you have any articles to be included in the next Grapevine, please drop them in to me at Church Farm or telephone 870040. All articles should be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> March 1998.

*Mark Newman*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

December 31<sup>st</sup> Crossword Deadline  
January 10<sup>th</sup> Frostbite Blues  
January 14<sup>th</sup> Agony Run Meeting  
January 20<sup>th</sup> Ladies Club Skittles

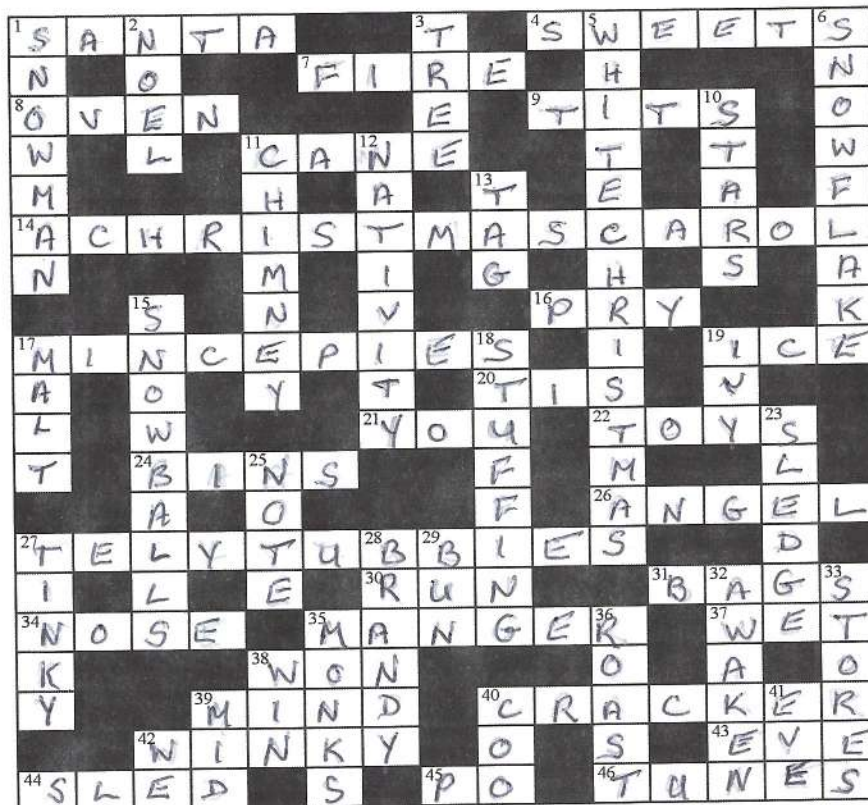
Spring Barn Dance  
February 28<sup>th</sup> Pentathlon Taster Day  
March 31<sup>st</sup> Grapevine Article Deadline  
June 14<sup>th</sup> Agony Run

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## CROSSWORD COMPETITION



Return the completed crossword to be entered in to the draw for one of the following prizes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Bottle of wine
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Biscuits
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Chocolates

All entries **must** be returned with 20p to be valid. All entries will be entered in the draw, but the 1<sup>st</sup> prize can only be won by someone who successfully completes this crossword.

All money received will be put towards the cost of the prizes.



### Across

1. He visits every year
4. Children like to eat them
7. Generates a warm glow
8. You put food into it
9. They visit your table
11. 1D may hold one
14. Famous story by Dickens
16. Try to look into present early?
17. You might put these out for 1A
19. Very cold water
20. ... the season to be jolly?
21. Not me
22. Usually children play with them
24. You might need several for the leftover wrappings
26. She has wings and maybe a trumpet
27. A type of 22A which is in high demand
30. You might be in agony if you tried this after eating a Christmas meal
31. Needed if transporting presents
34. One of 1A friends had a red one
35. A special baby slept in one
37. What you might get if it rains
38. What you have done if you receive the wine
39. Must be used to solve this clue
40. Pull it to make a noise
42. see 27D
43. The night before Christmas
44. Pulled by dogs
45. One of the 27A

### Down

1. A child would like to build one
2. The First - with a Crinkly Bottom?
3. It gets decorated every year
5. A famous song by Bing
6. One of many, it falls to make a 5D
10. There are many above on a winter's night
11. 1A may use this to get in
12. A play based on the birth
13. Attached to a present
15. Thrown at a friend?
17. This drink may also get left for 1A
18. Compliments a turkey
19. Go with Holly?
23. Travel downhill on this when there is a 5D
25. It may get sent to 1A
27. & 42A The name of another of the 27A
28. Christmas pudding topping/ingredient
29. Roll
32. Children do this early on the 25<sup>th</sup>
33. Reserves for Christmas
35. Bald religious men who live in a Bank
36. Turkey, Potatoes or Chicken?
38. What you might do if you get this right
39. Centre - low light reversed
40. Turtle doves may make this sound
41. Adam's mate
42. Us

Please return this form and 20p, to Mark Newman, Church Farm by the end of 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Name: AUDREY PLUMMER Address: GLENFINNAN

