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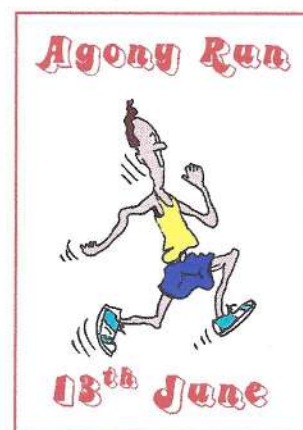
Spring 1999

Report From Great Hinton Memorial Hall Trust

Fantastic News!

On Wednesday 31st March we received some terrific news.

We were contacted by an official from the 21st Century Halls Fund - an organisation distributing Lottery money for village halls - to tell us that we had been awarded £55,250 towards the building of a new Hall for Great Hinton.



Add this to the money we already have through the village's fund raising efforts over the years, plus grants awarded to us by Wiltshire County Council, West Wilts District Council and Haul Waste, and we have £115,000! This means we now have enough to go full steam ahead with our plans to build a new Hall.

The 21st Century Halls money comes as a result of a detailed and complex application largely assembled and submitted by Chris Munday on behalf of the village. We are very lucky to have Chris's experience and expertise; having secured this award he will continue to make a major contribution to managing the task of building a new Hall.

So where do we go from here?

We have now contracted architects - Quartley, Hodges and Hood - who are developing an exciting design based on the feedback we have received over the last 18 months from many villagers. We are grateful for the different views and ideas that have been put forward over the Hall; all of these ideas have been considered and will shape the final design. Inevitably the final design will be a compromise between what we ideally want, what we can afford and what is possible on a very limited site, but we are working closely with the architects to ensure that this will be a Hall to meet the needs of our community.

If you want an opportunity to look at and comment on the architects' drawings, please come to the Trust's AGM on 28th April.

To sum up, it is going to happen, we are going to have a new Village Hall.

**You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the
Great Hinton Memorial Hall Trust
8.00pm on Wednesday 28th April 1999 in the Memorial Hall**

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Editorial

12 people entered the wordsearch competition contained in the last issue. The lucky winners were:

- 1st (£3.00) - Xanthe Smith
- 2nd (£1.80) - Colin Crumpler
- 3rd (£1.20) - Carolyn Haynes

If there is a particular type of competition you would like to see in a future Grapevine, please let me know. If you would like to include any articles in the next Grapevine, please drop them in to me at Church Farm.

All articles should be submitted by 31st July 1999.

Mark Newman (870040)

100 Club Winners

	December 1998	January 1999	February 1999
£14	John Fennell	Mrs M Ashton	Mr S Killingback
£12	Sandy Salmon	Julia Doel	John Parsons
£10	Carol Burch	Joe Norris	Carol Burch
£8	Jeannie Propert	Teresa Barnes	Mrs Pat Hall
£5	Kath Berrett	Helen Shipman	Colin Ramsey
£4	Charlie Foyle	Mike Symington	Mrs B J Ghey
Numbers Drawn By:	Veronica Francis	Sue Tanner	Mark Newman



The 1999-2000 100plus Club

This years 100 or rather 111 club is up and running with 5 more members than last year. The monthly prizes are £14, £12, £10, £8, £5 and £4. The draw will take place on the last Tuesday of each month and will be drawn by a different villager on each occasion. Thank you to all who have joined.

Jean & Min

Neighbourhood Watch



Just one incident to report since the last Grapevine - a shed was broken into and gardening equipment was stolen. The police recommend that large items of equipment should be chained and padlocked together to deter the opportunist thief.

Sandy Salmon (870662)

If anyone would like a copy of the latest bus timetables please ring the parish clerk (Carol Burch) on 870583.

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Ladies Club

We started the New Year with our annual skittles match in Devizes. Members and guests thoroughly enjoyed the evening, which included a Ploughman's supper and this year Doris won Golly's cup.

In February we welcomed Mr Leon Butler, Head Gardener at Iford Manor, near Westwood, who gave a most interesting illustrated talk on the history and upkeep of these lovely Italianate gardens. Again we invited guests to join us and it is hoped to arrange an evening visit in the summer to the gardens, when Mr Butler will be our guide - details later.

Our ladies excelled themselves in March for the Gourmet Night producing a variety of tasty dishes made from Mince followed by old fashioned puds. Think we should put them all in a cook book ! Husbands and partners were very appreciative and with a little help from red and white stuff, everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

We hold our A.G.M. and Bring & Buy Sale on April 21st - hope all the ladies can be there plus any new members who may like to join us - we were happy to welcome Belinda to our meetings this year. All very casual and friendly, so do come along.

Anne Truman (Secretary)

Barn Dance



Approximately 40 people gathered in Steeple Ashton Village Hall to 'do-se-do' and 'promenade their partners', etc. to Reg and his music on Saturday 13th March.

Thanks to all who helped prepare the Ploughman's supper and clear up afterwards. It all added up to an evening of fun and a profit of £80 to go into hall funds.

Diane Norris

From The Vicarage

Dear Friends,

I wonder if any of you used to sing the chorus - '*Count your blessings, name them one by one, count your blessings see what God has done*'.

As we welcome another spring and the signs of new life all around us, perhaps it would be a good idea to follow the encouragement in the chorus.

Several weeks ago I read about a minister who, when speaking to a group of people, took a large sheet of white paper and made a black spot in the centre of it. Holding it up in front of the group he asked what they saw. One person quickly responded - "I see a black spot".

"Right", the minister replied. "What else do you see ?". There was complete silence. "Nothing else ?" A chorus of "No" came from the audience. "I am surprised", said the speaker. "You have overlooked the most important thing of all - the sheet of paper !".

If we concentrate on our many blessings, perhaps life's little 'spots' will not seem so difficult to deal with - and God promises to be with us at all times, if we want him.

David Hart

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Safari Dinner No. 16 - Saturday 10th April

The date for the next Safari Dinner has been set for **Saturday 10th April**.

Would you like to join us on this occasion? Anyone is welcome. Don't let the usual participants be the only crazy people moving around the village at odd times on the evening of 10th April in search of the venue for their next dinner course.

If you fancy something different to spice up your life and bring you out of the house after the winter please give me a call by **Sunday 4th April** and I will be able to include you in the plans. This is the absolute deadline as who is to host which course and how many guests they are to cater for must be decided on Monday 5th April.

Don't be nervous - the number of guests is normally between 2 and 4, and you are not expected to provide gourmet meals.

Hope to see some new faces on the 10th.

Sandra Crumpler (7 Peppercorn Orchard - 870906)



Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee is one user group of the village hall and the chair of this committee sits on the Memorial Hall Trust committee.

At the start of the year the Village Hall Committee members were surveyed as to their needs of the new hall and the relative priority of each of these needs. The outcome of this research has been presented to the Memorial Hall Trust members and the architect. I am pleased to report that in discussions with the architect that there will be a good match between the facilities and design of the new hall to these prioritised needs.

Kevin Crumpler (870906)

The First Day Of Spring

Well, March 15th actually!!

The temperature was almost summer-like, no rain was forecast for the rest of the day, so I left for work happily leaving my washing on the line in the knowledge that it would not get a second rinsing. As I returned home just after 5.00pm what was I greeted by? **White bonfire smoke drifting across the village!!** My immediate reaction was 'Oh no, here we go again'. Why you may well ask? Last summer the number of times this self same incident happened went well into double figures, at one time on three consecutive nights!!!. Not only that - on several occasions in the middle of a Sunday afternoon I have had to take in the washing and close all the windows. We have even had to abandon a late lunch time bar-b-cue.

Surely during the summer months bonfires can be started after 5.00/6.00pm when there is still plenty of daylight left and no-one would mind shutting windows or taking in washing at that time of day. Even at this time of the year it is still light at 7.00pm and gone. Please have some consideration for your neighbours (not merely the ones next door, as smoke travels) and **think before you burn your garden rubbish**.

I am sure that I'm not the only person not wishing to be given the choice of 2 options - either do the washing again or put up with clothes/sheets smelling of smoke when they are next used.

Village Millennium Celebrations

When it was heard that The Linnet might not be opening on 31st December, Brian and Ann were approached to see if they would be willing to join with the village in an all ticket exclusive celebration of the New Year.

They have readily agreed and a small sub committee is working on the details.

Further information will be circulated shortly.

David Harnott

Help

Help is needed to make an embroidered collage depicting village life in Great Hinton.

This is one of the ideas put forward to mark the Millennium.

At the moment the suggestion is to have a centre panel portraying the Agony run, flanked by four further panels.

- The first showing The Linnet.
- The second showing the fun day celebration of the renovation of the village pump.
- The third showing the Ladies Club and friends relaxing at the annual skittles evening.
- Ideas for a fourth panel would be greatly appreciated.

You don't need to be good at sewing or embroidery - everything is kept very simple. Creating a collage is great fun and it would be good to have as many people as possible, male as well as female, to make this a real village project, which will eventually be hung in the new village hall.

A preliminary meeting will be held on **Monday 12th April at 8pm** in the village hall.

Please try to come - the more ideas which are pooled will obviously make the whole project more worthwhile.

Audrey Plummer



As a dog owner myself I appreciate how difficult it can be to 'control' their habits, however, Back Street has been particularly unpleasant of late. Especially the banks and grass verges.

Could I ask dog owners to use a poop-a-scouper when walking their animals to make the gardener's life a little easier.

Sandy Salmon

11999 AGONY RUN Sunday June 13th

Why an Agony Run this year?

With the great news concerning the hall funding this article will probably be moved to the inside pages of the Grapevine. This in no way means that we can relax our efforts.

The work of the architect over the next few weeks will more accurately determine the funding needs for the new hall and with all such projects we will never be able to pay for everything on our 'wish' list.

We should therefore look to the this year's Agony Run to provide the funds for the following type of expenditure;

- induction hearing loop
- new stacking tables
- kitchen equipment



What about other charities?

Half of the proceeds from the raffle will go to the 'Stepping Stones' charity. As a village we have contributed over £11,000 to local charities since the event was started. In years to come I hope that the event can be more focused on raising funds for local charities.

How can you help?

Every year I write about the need for assistance as the organisation for the event is undertaken by a dedicated band of helpers who would welcome villagers to offer assistance in the planning stages and/or on the day itself. Try and imagine what it takes to just organise the field on the day ... police, signs, car parking, fencing, loos, insurance, layout, fire brigade, grass cutting, tents, caravans, contingency plans for a wet day, etc.

The following people should be contacted if you wish to offer help:

Raffle Prizes (always wanted)	Kevin (870906)
Raffle tickets (from mid May)	David (871196)
Food & Drinks	Diane (870519)
Village Stalls	Audrey (870586)
The Run & Tug-of-war	Neil (870153)
Beer Tent	Peter (870588)
Field	Mike (870607)
Attractions	Kevin (870906)
Runners	Kevin (870906)
Publicity	Sandra (870906)

The next planning meeting will be on the 7th April at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall. Please come along and offer your assistance and ideas. This is an open meeting.

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Runners Wanted!

We must not forget that this is a fun run and that it would be extremely embarrassing if we didn't get a good turn out on the day. Sandra organises publicity through local advertising, local shops & pubs, the local papers, sports centres and running clubs. We are always appreciative of the support of the Avon Valley Running Club who provide a contingent of runners.

You have about two months to start training. It's not as bad as the London Marathon and it's about finishing, having fun and raising money. Why not try and walk around the course one sunny Sunday afternoon.... then walk/jog later in the week then jog/walk for the next sessions..... then jog all the way on the day tempted by that pint of very refreshing beer in the Beer Tent.

Remember with the start in the field it's now shorter than possibly when you last entered!! There are several village prizes to be won.

We will be producing posters and if you want one for work then please contact either Mark or Kevin.



I don't want/cannot run but would like to

Between now and the Agony Run day you will receive 'flyers' through your letter box requesting articles for the car boot sale, bottle stall, cake stall etc. These will clearly specify how you can contribute.

Village Craft Stall



Last year's Craft Stall was a huge success and well worth the enormous effort of all those made and donated articles to sell.

We would like to repeat that success this year, so please, please get working and let's make it a bumper effort.

Audrey Plummer

Last year it was bird tables, feeders and nesting boxes. What can we do to help Audrey out this year? Ideas and offers of materials to Kevin (01380 870906).

Bird Nesting Boxes

Many of these were sold last year and I have heard that Sandy Salmon has a family of tits using her nesting box. Are any others being used?

I still have materials to supply these boxes and they can be made to order for £5. Brown or Cedar Red finish.

Kevin Crumpler (870906)

News From The Parish Council

Highways:

As a result of close liaison with the County Highways a CCTV survey of the surface water drain in Back Lane identified a blocked pipe as the cause of the running water that has for so long been a problem. This blockage and a similar problem on the hill at Coldharbour was later cleared by a high pressure drainage cleaner.

Semington By-Pass:

The full plans of this much heralded new road scheme was recently sent to us for information. To the surprise of many, the District Council included, the new road does not terminate at a

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roundabout east of the crematorium as expected but continues southward. It is proposed to run behind the crematorium and rejoin the existing road at the foot of Hag Hill.

As a Parish Council we have decided that this unnecessary incursion into the countryside should be resisted as the damage caused is not justified by the claimed benefit. I fear we may be almost a lone voice in taking this view and I would welcome your comments and views.

Elections:

The whole Parish Council are shortly due for re-election. Audrey Plummer who has served on the council for the last 9 years has decided not to stand for another 2 year term. On behalf of the village and my fellow councillors I would like to thank Audrey for the time and effort she has contributed to our community during her time as a councillor.

Nominations for the Parish council close on Thursday 8th April, details from Carol Burch if you are interested, and if there are more than five nominations then elections will be on the same day as for the District Council, Thursday 6th May.

Chris Munday

Recipe

Bread Pudding - as experienced at the Gourmet evening

- 8 thick slices day old white bread
- 1/2 pint milk
- 1 eating apple
- 3/4 lb. (12 oz) mixed dried fruit
- 2 oz chopped mixed peel
- 3 tablespoons soft dark brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons mature orange marmalade
- 1 1/2 oz self raising flour
- 2 eggs - beaten into submission
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 level teaspoons ground mixed spice
- 4 oz butter

Break the bread, including crusts, into small pieces, place into a mixing bowl and pour over milk. Leave for 20 minutes.

Beat well with a fork to form a lump free mixture. Core & grate the apple and add with the dried fruit and mixed peel. Stir in the sugar, marmalade, flour, eggs, lemon juice, cinnamon and the mixed spice.

Melt the butter. Stir half into the bread mixture. Beat well using a wooden spoon and spread into a 11" X 8" roasting tin. Pour the remaining butter evenly over the surface of the pudding.

Bake in a preheated oven (150 degree C, 300 degrees F, Gas Mark 2) for 2 hours. Then increase the oven temperature to 180 degrees C, 350 degrees F, Gas Mark 4 and bake for a further 30 minutes.

Recipe from Doris Saville and enjoyed by many

Forthcoming Events

April 7 th	Agony Run Planning Meeting
April 8 th	Parish Council Nominations Closing Date
April 10 th	Safari Dinner
April 12 th	Embroidered Collage Meeting
April 21 st	Ladies Club A.G.M. / Bring and Buy Sale
April 28 th	Great Hinton Memorial Hall Trust A.G.M.
May 1 st	Wordsearch Competition Deadline
June 13 th	Agony Run & Fun Day
July 31 st	Grapevine Article Deadline
July 31 st	Next Skip