

GRAPEVINE

Summer 1999

14th Great Hinton Agony Run
held on 13th June 1999



Natasha Parsons receiving recognition for being the first under 6 girl, setting a new record at 25 min. 19 seconds, and the third female villager home. Her father John, told me afterwards "she can run on her own next year, I can't keep up!"

When judged by the funds raised, the number of runners and spectators and the funds raised, this year's Agony Run has to be a success. Many thanks to all who made it possible and those readers who supported the event on the day.

The run had just under a hundred runners who were started off by Trevor Heeks, the local towncrier, and this year's field included Chris Tweedie (came 2nd) who holds the overall race record. It was a good day for running and three records were broken, as follows:

Natasha Parsons	25 min 19 sec	Under 6 girls
Rosemary Barber	16 min 7 sec	Adult females
Sam Ghey	14 min 25 sec	Male 12-16

The first male villager home, and winner of the village cup, was Matthew Harvey (15min 5 sec), followed by Mark Hallam (16 min 30 sec) and David Parsons (16 min 42 sec). Sam Parsons (24 min 3 sec) was the first female villager, followed by Chris Morris (24 min 27 sec) and then Sam's sister Natasha.

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Editorial

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

- 1st (£2.25) - Min Squibbs
- 2nd (£1.35) - Diane Norris
- 3rd (£0.90) - Vicki Hallam

Unfortunately, I have not had enough time to prepare a competition for this issue, but I hope to be able to do one in the next issue. 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 30th November 1999.

Mark Newman (870040)

100 Club Winners

	March	April	May	June
£14	Brian Shipman	Peter Doel	John Parsons	Richard Newman
£12	Denise Westall	Audrey Plummer	Richard Andrew	Jeff Newman
£10	Mr D Kibblewhite	Claire Evans	Mrs McDonic	Peter Doel
£8	Jean Hallam	Steve Mustart	Eddie Knight	Clive Blake
£5	Sharon Day	Liz Miller	Steve Mustart	Ray Austin
£4	Jeff Newman	Clive Blake	Gwen Harnott	Hannah Brown
Numbers Drawn By:	Helen Shipman	Derek & Doris Saville	Charles Plummer	Sam Parsons

	July
£14	Matthew Hallam
£12	Sharon Day
£10	Paula Parsons
£8	Min Squibbs
£5	Brian (Linnet)
£4	Eddie Knight
Numbers Drawn By:	Sue Smith

Neighbourhood Watch

Without wishing to tempt fate I am happy to report that there have been no incidents since the last issue of the Grapevine. We are now well in to the summer holiday season – the time of year when houses are often left vacant and hence the risks of breaking and entering are at their greatest. Before you start your holiday please let me know when your house will be empty and – most importantly – who is your key holder. In my absence please inform your sub-area co-ordinator. May I also remind everyone that if you see anything suspicious, please phone the police immediately on 01225 763101.



Sandy Salmon (870662)

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Ladies Club

Following the February meeting when Mr. Leon Butler, Head Gardener of Iford Manor, gave an illustrated talk on the gardens, an evening visit was arranged for June 23rd for a conducted tour by Leon. Members and their guests thoroughly enjoyed a lovely summer evening and were fascinated by the history of these beautiful gardens and all the work Leon and his team have put in to restore them to their former glory.

A big thank you to all the ladies who generously donated items for the Hamper for the Agony Run Raffle and to Val for donating the basket.

We start the new season on Wednesday, September 15th when Carol will be demonstrating Glass Painting. New members most welcome.

We will be filling Shoe Boxes in October, so a reminder to start collecting items for these now.

Anne Truman (Secretary)

From The Vicarage

A few weeks ago some of you were energetically competing in the annual Agony Run. Well done to all who took part and to all who supported that special day.

This set me thinking about what is sometimes called 'the race of life' or the 'journey of life'. This is something which we all are engaged in. For the 'Agony Run' there was the set route and there were various prizes to be won. In the journey of life each of us has to tread a different route. In some ways it is rather like a game of snakes and ladders – we have our good times, when we make easy and enjoyable progress – up the ladders; but then there are the difficult times – sickness, bereavement, unemployment, for example, when we travel down the snake and we seem to be making no progress. Jesus never promised that this life would be easy, in fact He told his followers to expect difficult times. He did promise that He would never forsake those who put their trust in Him, that He would be with them at all times. He also promised that at the end of the journey there would be a place prepared for them in His eternal home and that there would be untold riches and delights for them to enjoy for ever. Life for us may at times seem like an 'Agony Run' but there is a glorious prize awaiting all who remain faithful to Jesus.

David Hart

Village Millennium Party At The Linnet

Thanks to everyone who responded to the recent circular. We are very pleased with your support.

The number of positive responses is sufficient for the party to go ahead, therefore tickets will be on sale at The Linnet during the month of September 1999.

For those who were unable to respond to the original circular or who hadn't been able to make a final decision there will be some extra tickets available.

Contacts: Anne at The Linnet, Colin 870202 or David.

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B.Y.O. Club

Having spent several enjoyable evenings at our local pub 'The Linnet', chatting with friends about this and that over a drink, it was generally agreed that it would be a good idea, if, instead of forking out for expensive rounds of drinks, everyone should buy only their own.

So if you want to get together with your village friends for a drink and only **Buy Your Own** without any embarrassment, come and join in on Tuesdays from about 8pm to 10pm ish !

There are no strangers in this village, only friends you have yet to meet.

Mike Truman

David and Gwen celebrated their Ruby Wedding on Sunday 11th July and would like to thank everybody in the village who sent them good wishes.

A family BBQ was held on Saturday evening and on Sunday a superb celebration lunch was enjoyed at The Linnet by 34 family and friends from outside Wiltshire.

Celebrations continued in to 'Tuesday Village evening' at The Linnet.

We are now resting.

David & Gwen



Agony Run & Fun Day (continued from front cover)

A new idea was tried this year with the 'jam jar' stall which quickly sold out. The raffle raised the most money and half the proceeds (£310) are being donated to the 'Stepping Stones' charity in Trowbridge. The event raised just over £1500 for the village funds, which will be earmarked for equipment for the new hall.

Running the event is quite a challenge and prior to the event we committed expenditure of almost £1000 in order to make it as professional as possible. It is because it has this approach that the local running clubs eagerly look forward to seeing the event on the annual calendar. This year we did have a last minute problem with securing liability insurance for the field but with assistance from Carol Burch this was arranged at the very last moment.

There is always the question about the future of the event now that we seem to probably have just enough funds to build the new hall. It certainly has been inspired by this project and perhaps in future years the objective can be reversed to support local charities with the majority of the proceeds.

Thanks again for all the assistance to make this happen and provide funds for the new hall

Kevin Crumpler

Great Hinton Memorial Hall Trust

Progress Report on Plans for New Hall

Since we reported to you last, much progress has been made on our plans to build a new Village Hall to replace the existing Hall, although not quite so much progress as we had hoped for at this stage.

We have already reported to you that as a result of a successful bid to the 21st Century Halls fund of the Lottery Commission, we had secured enough money to go ahead with building a new Hall.

This was explained to those of you who came to our Annual General Meeting in April. At that meeting Quartley, Hodges and Hood, the firm we have commissioned to design and manage the building of a new Hall, was represented by Brent Hodges their architect. Brent showed us the latest design for the new Hall and responded to questions from those who attended. Most of the questions concerned the interior of the building; in particular people were keen to see plenty of storage space, a well equipped kitchen area, a Hall long enough for a skittle alley, and a second door in the Hall to act as an emergency exit. It was agreed that all of these issues should be incorporated if practically possible.

One question relating to the exterior of the building was whether the height of the Hall could be reduced by digging out the site of the Hall and building at road level. If we did this it would reduce the internal space in the Hall by having all the rooms on one level, and Brent Hodges advised us that the extra cost in digging out the site, building substantial retaining walls and building the Hall within these walls may take the cost of the Hall beyond our means.

One of the conditions of the Lottery money that we have been awarded is that we get planning permission by 27 August 1999. Consequently we had aimed to get the new Hall plans considered at the July meeting of the Planning Committee. Some of you will be aware of this because as "neighbours" of the Hall you will have been consulted by the District Council. However we had to withdraw our application and it now goes forward to the Planning Committee of 26 August. The reason for this is that we have had to make some small amendments to the Hall design as a result of new information about the size of the site of the Hall.

So, as you can imagine, we are now very keen to secure planning permission at the meeting of 26 August otherwise there is a possibility that we will lose the £55,250 Lottery grant. We obviously need all the support that we can get! We are hoping to get the support of our District Councillor, Adrian Fox, but any letters of support from villagers would be very welcome.

If you want to write, send your letter to the Chief Planning Officer, West Wilts District Council, Bradley Road, Trowbridge BA14 0RD (marked planning reference W99/0877).

One of the possible planning objections to the new Hall is that there is no associated car parking. We are arguing that the new Hall replaces an existing Hall with no parking and that it will mainly serve the villagers living in Great Hinton who live within easy walking distance from the Hall. If you do write you may want to make reference to this issue.

If you want to see a copy of the current plans for the new Hall, please contact one of the Trust Committee members who are:

Kevin Crumpler, 7 Peppercorn Orchard
Neil Haynes, Thornhill Cottage
Chris Munday, The Old Chessils
Mark Newman, Church Farm
Ann Truman, Hillside Cottage.

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Agony Run Name Games

The name chosen for the Teddy was *Gemima*, and the lucky winner Joan Barker said 'she has always wanted a teddy called Gemima'.

Wendy Propert was the winner of the Penguin, who was very appropriately named *Wendy*!



I'm sure that all younger entrants in this competition can be consoled by the fact that both of these soft toys will undoubtedly be given to very good homes and be extremely well cared for.



News From The Parish Council

Open Meeting:

The Parish Council annual open meeting, which was held at the end of June, proved to be one of the liveliest open meetings of recent years. It was clear that there is strong support amongst villagers for the Parish Council's decision to oppose the southern extension of the Semington by-pass. Our County Councillor, Joan Savage, was the lone voice in the hall to defend the County highways department's plans. As soon as we receive notice of the planning application we will hold further village consultations.

Adrian Fox spoke briefly to the meeting about various current district council issues, and Steve Drage introduced himself as our new community policeman. Joan Savage also took the opportunity to explain the legal restrictions, which at present are preventing us from securing a 20mph speed limit in the village.

Town Planning:

Your Parish Council have recently succeeded in its opposition to plans to erect a large barn in a field alongside the "narrows", close to the junction with Stoggy Lane. Normally supporters of rural business, we felt that the proposal was inappropriate for such an elevated, high visibility site. We have also recently strongly opposed plans for new, executive style, houses in the settlement of Bleet.

Elections:

Only three nominations were registered for the recent election, resulting in there being no election and leaving two vacant seats on the Parish Council. I am pleased to report that subsequently Brian Shipman and Mark Newman have volunteered to join the Council.

Remember if there is any issue that you think the Parish Council can help you with please call myself or any of my fellow councillors.

Chris Munday (Chairman)



New Air Ambulance Needs Your Support

The delivery and commissioning of a new helicopter, the US-built Boeing twin-turbine MD 900 Explorer, marks the beginning of a new era for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

As well as being twice as fast as its predecessor, the Bolkow 105, the new Explorer is 10 times quieter, which is good for the environment, good for the crew and good for the patients.

The Explorer has 80 per cent more cabin volume and seating for up to 8 people and will carry 1 stretcher and 3 passengers. The extra space means that more equipment and state-of-the-art medical kit can be carried and stored comfortably.

The Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal, which helps to raise the funds to keep the Wiltshire Air Ambulance helicopter flying, needs *your* support as much as ever. The Appeal has to raise £160,000 each year – the equivalent to just over £3,000 a week.

Dennis Lauder, Chief Executive of Wiltshire Air Ambulance Service NHS Trust, says: "After 9 years and more than 3,500 missions the Wiltshire Air Ambulance provides an essential service to the people of Wiltshire. Even today we still rely on your time, support and fund-raising to keep the Air Ambulance flying. This is why it is *your* Air Ambulance."

How can you help? You can raise money by organising an event at your village hall – perhaps 50s night together with a raffle or a bring and buy sale. Or get your parish council to nominate the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal as your village's charity of the year at your village fete. Or you can send in a donation and if you make out a Deed of Covenant for 4 years this will increase the value of your donation to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal by a third. Best of all, though, you can leave a legacy in your will to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal – but do consult a solicitor first for advice.

Contact Steve Chesworth, Fund-raising Co-ordinator, for advice, at the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Dorman House, Malmesbury Road, Chippenham, Wilts SN15 5LN. Tel: 01249 443939.

Please make any cheques/postal orders to the *Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal* and send to the address above.

Time Capsule

Hopefully in a few months time we will be seeing the foundations being poured for the new hall. How about a time capsule that could reflect life and the characters in Great Hinton? Ideas already suggested would be a copy of the Grapevine and an Agony Run medal.

What would you like to see included in the Millennium capsule? Please let me know.

Kevin Crumpler (870906)

New Villagers

A warm welcome to all who have recently moved in to the village.

Terry and Maureen Cunningham have moved in to the new house in the village, which they have named 'Tamar'.

Mr. and Mrs. Kibblewhite have moved in to The Bungalow at Cold Harbour.

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Keevil School News

Vouchers and tokens:

Our orders have now gone to the respective addresses. *Tesco* are to provide us with a *new T.V. and Video Recorder* this year, as well as a *computer* that came via West Ashton School, using our collection of vouchers.

Books for schools have our order for 50 books ... that's more than 1 book per child in school! 6,500 of those little tokens were either cut from crisp packets or newspapers!

A VERY BIG THANK YOU, YET AGAIN, TO ALL OUR COLLECTORS AND SUPPORTERS FOR SUCH A WONDERFUL EFFORT!

And the GOOD NEWS is ... they're doing it again next year! Please watch out for the Nestle tokens on cereal packets for the next 9 months!

Peter Rosser, professional songwriter, visited school to run a workshop session, in which we improved and 'tweaked' our millennium song. We are now practising hard, ready to re-record and submit the tape for the next round. We do hope to be able to use our song around the 'celebration time', so that people have a chance to hear it.

Keevil school children have taken part in the premiere of a new musical, written by Nick Breeze, called "Stonehenge" Several small schools in Wiltshire took part on Friday, June 25th at the Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford On Avon. Keevil school children had main drama roles, as well as singing the 8 songs with 250 other children. It has been hard work ... but we had a wonderful, if tiring, day!

Forthcoming Events

September 12 th	Great Hinton Horse Show and Gymkhana
September 15 th	Ladies Club – Glass Painting
October 20 th	Ladies Club – OCC Shoe Boxes
October	Harvest Service
November 17 th	Ladies Club – Christening Gowns (Mrs. Joan Hall)
November 30th	Grapevine Article Deadline
December 15 th	Ladies Club – Christmas Meal
December 20 th	Ladies Club – Carol Singing, 7pm
January 18 th	Ladies Club – Skittles
February 16 th	Ladies Club – 'Guess What?' Quiz (Mr. Girvan)
March 15 th	Ladies Club – Gourmet Evening
April 19 th	Ladies Club – AGM / Bring & Buy



Great Hinton Novice Horse Show and Gymkhana

Sunday 12th September

Hinton Lane
Great Hinton

BBQ and Refreshments available

Profits to Keevil and Steeple Ashton Primary Schools

For more details or a schedule phone 870583
