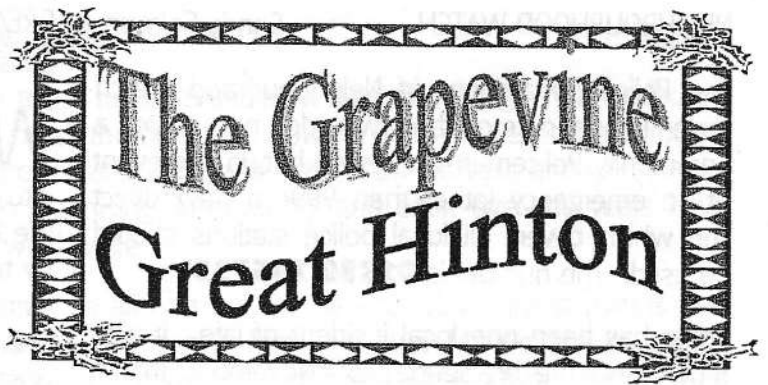


## DECEMBER 2000

Since the last issue the new Memorial Hall has been the focus of activity as you will see from these reports. It is a tremendous asset to the village and we thank all those who have been involved from the planning stage right through to completion for their vision, enthusiasm and commitment to the project

Richard Clarke Editor



### GREAT HINTON MEMORIAL HALL TRUST Neil Haynes

Our new Hall is now in full use. Indeed it was wonderful to see so many villagers past and present at our Opening Ceremony on 14 October. We hope you enjoyed that day and that you will join in many more Hall activities.

There are some finishing touches to be made to the Hall both by our volunteer decorators and by the builders. Inevitable in a new building some faults will occur, but we will not make the final payment to the builders until all these faults have been remedied.

We still have a little money left in our project budget which will largely be spent on erecting a fence on the west side of the Hall, putting up a safety barrier on the kerb to the front of the building and funding the finishing touches referred to elsewhere in the Grapevine.

We are asked occasionally about the role of the Trust Committee and the difference between that and the Village's Community Committee. The Trust is a small group of trustees, formally registered with the Charities Commission, which manages the finances and overall running of the Hall (and up to now has managed the building project). Its current members are Carol Clarke (representing the Ladies Club), Neil Haynes (Chair), Chris Munday (representing the Parish Council and Project Leader), Mark Newman (Treasurer) and Derek Saville (representing the Community Committee).

Four of the trustees are also on the Community Committee which, along with other groups, advises the Trust on issues to do with the Hall. It also organises social events and fund raising events.

### FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE NEW HALL

Those of you who have been in the Hall recently will know that while much of the interior decorating and finishing off has been done, there is still some work to be completed.

If you are prepared to help please contact Neil Haynes (870153) or come along to the Hall for one or more of the 'working party' times below. Decorating materials are all supplied, but if you have your favourite paint brush, please bring it along!

Sunday 3 December 9.30 - 12.30

Sunday 10 December 9.30 - 12.30

Sunday 17 December 9.30 - 12.30

If you cannot make these times and would be prepared to go into the Hall at your own times, contact Neil.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Chris Salmon

The first Hall was erected in 1922 under the direction of the Parish Council members - Stephen Bailey who was the Chairman, Mr. M. Townsend, and Thomas Keene who collected the structure from its original site in the middle of Salisbury Plain where it had been used by the Army.

The money for its purchase came from a donation by Emma Peacock of Bratton in memory of her husband who was killed in action in the First World War. On its opening, the villagers of Hinton dedicated it to the memory of all those in the parish who had died in the Great War. The list of names of those who served and died in the War are on the framed citation which now hangs under the clock given by the Parish Council.

The new hall continues the memory of those who have died in the two World Wars and the Memorial Plaque, the cost of which was donated by the local branch of the RBL, was dedicated by Admiral Sir William O'Brien at the official opening ceremony on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

It is most appropriate that the plaque should be mounted prominently on the front wall overlooking the road since the official name of the hall is The Great Hinton MEMORIAL Hall.

The Police Department of Neighbourhood Watch have informed me that we do not have a Community Policeman at present but, in the event of an emergency (other than 999), a new direct line which covers all local police stations should be used. The number is **01380 735735**.

There has been one local incident of late. It was reported to me on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, that a sum of money, together with other items, was found at the mouth of Stoggy Lane. The police know where the money was stolen from but have not yet apprehended anyone. A car was seen parked near the spot on the evening of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> but no identification was made. If you saw anything at all suspicious, please contact P. C. Appleton on Devizes 722141.

## SKITTLES EVENING

David Harnott

The first social event organised by the Village Hall Committee was held on Saturday evening 11<sup>th</sup> November when twenty-nine villagers enjoyed a competitive evening of skittles on the new alley playing with pink balls. Joe skilfully won the Champion's trophy. Other winners were best ladies score - Carol; "Killer" champion - Richard, who also won a wooden spoon prize jointly with Doris for the lowest score in the first half of the evening. A ploughman's supper was prepared by the ladies and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Proceeds from the evening will go towards a frame for the village collage which was on display at the opening day.

The next skittles event in the Hall will be organised by the Ladies Club on **17<sup>th</sup> January** when the Golly Cup is the prize and there will be a fish and chip supper.

## VILLAGE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE EVENTS

We look forward to welcoming you to

**Post Xmas Hangover Party**

**8 pm on 13 January**

**Quiz Evening 7.30 pm on 28 April**

We are also planning for a Barn Dance in March. If you have any other ideas for future events please speak to anyone on the Trust or Community Committees.

Winter is only just with us, yet already the edges of our village roads are being turned into a muddy quagmire by vehicles not respecting the limits of the highway. Your Parish Council will try to ensure that any serious damage is repaired by the highways department and that road drainage gulleys are cleaned as regularly as possible. Unfortunately experience of past years has shown that there is very little that can be done to make good the road edges. So I would make a plea that we all respect the verges and try and slow down the speed of traffic in the lanes approaching our village, thereby making our environment a little cleaner and safer, especially for pedestrians.

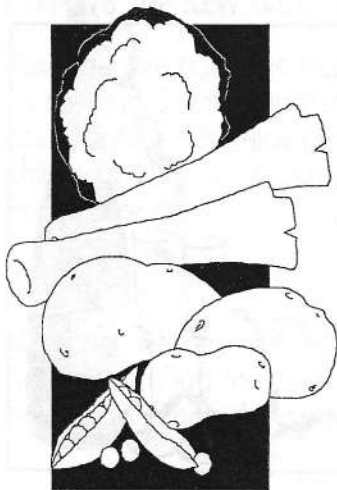
We have recently heard that Wiltshire County Council has granted itself planning permission for the Semington by-pass, including the extension around Little Marsh that we had objected to. There will now be no opportunity for us to put our point of view at a public enquiry. The Parish Council should be among the first to hear when work is to go ahead, so we will continue to monitor events on your behalf.

There has been the usual flow of planning applications upon which the Parish Council has been consulted. In the last Grapevine I mentioned an application for business use in one of the houses on Back Street. This was given consent by the District Council, but subject to the limitations that the use is personal and that there must be no retail activity. The most recent application relates to the refurbishment and extension of an old cottage in Coldharbour. This is a real success as we had previously resisted a proposal for two new 4/5 bedroom houses in a very rural position.

Finally I am pleased to announce that the Parish Council is now holding its bi-monthly meetings in the new Memorial Hall, which means that once again we can extend an invitation for villagers to attend any Parish Council meeting. Notice of meetings is posted on the Village Notice Board or details can be obtained from any Parish Councillor.

**30 KEEP BELOW THE SPEED LIMIT  
IN OUR VILLAGE AND LANES**

FREE - I have a number of loudspeakers surplus to requirements. Anyone is welcome to have them.  
Please phone David Harnott on 871196



## HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Joan Barker

What a pleasure to go to our brand new beautiful Village Hall, bedecked and transformed by all the bounty of flowers, fruit and vegetables around. We were able to celebrate and thank God for the harvest, and give thanks that all the work, organising, fund raising and effort over the years have proved to be so worthwhile.

The Vicar welcomed us all and led the service with harvest hymns and once more we thank our friends Mrs Celia and Mr Richard Young for accompanying us on the keyboard and flute. After prayers and a bible reading, the Vicar told us about the project supported by Christian Aid in Sri Lanka where the people are learning to recycle waste and develop organic farming techniques. "Give a man a fish and feed him for a day"

quoted the Vicar. "Teach him to fish and feed him for a lifetime". Clean water is of course of the greatest importance, and there are also many projects, including the use of pipelines for conveying clean water to the people. These are Christian Aid's special projects this year, and envelopes were passed round for contributions to help towards their important work.

After the service Richard Clarke acted as our auctioneer, and speedily deprived us of £103 for all the harvest produce. The contribution will go to Action on Homelessness Day Centre in Trowbridge which going from strength to strength.

## GREAT HINTON LUNCHEON CLUB

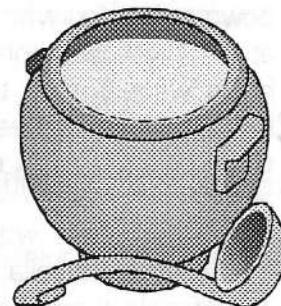
Earlier this year, as I watched the new village hall being built, I began to wonder how we could use it to its fullest extent. It's all very well to hold evening events but there are a number of people in the village, who quite understandably do not like venturing forth after dark, especially in the winter.

The idea of a Luncheon Club began to form in my mind, and I happened to mention it to several people, including Carol, who said that Richard had had the same idea. That was enough for me so I sounded out a few people who said they would be very interested.

I somewhat bulldozed Richard into agreeing to have an initial lunch before Christmas to see what the response would be, and the response to the invitations was much better than we had anticipated. Consequently on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, Richard welcomed seventeen founder members to the Great Hinton Luncheon Club.

After having eaten, I asked for suggestions as to how the club should go forward. Everyone agreed that the present format was fine. Thursday seemed to be a good day for most people so we shall be meeting on the second Thursday in every

month - at least throughout the winter. If you were unable to attend the first assembly you are welcome to join us as and when you can. The next lunch will have a Christmas theme and will be on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm** in the village hall.



It's so good to be using the hall, but preparing for lunch on the 9<sup>th</sup> made us realise just how many little things we need. So put on your thinking caps and come up with ideas for social events which will also raise a little money here and there to enable us to purchase this and that as we go along.

One idea I have had is a get together on a Saturday in the Hall for soup and a roll. So put in your diaries for next year 'Audrey's Winter Warmer' on **10<sup>th</sup> February from 12 to 2pm.**

We, as a village have all worked so hard to replace the old hall, now we have a beautiful new hall let's all use it.

Audrey Plummer

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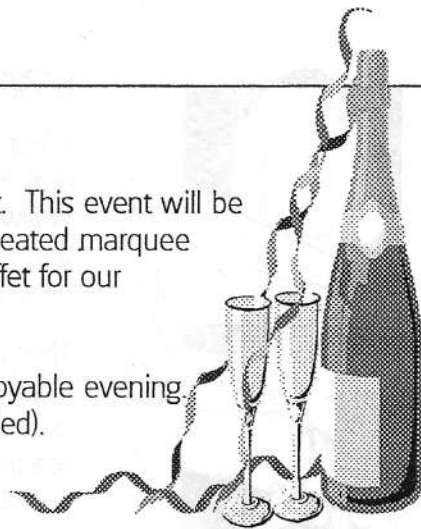
**Welcome to our new neighbours at 5 Peppercorn Orchard Stephen and Rebecca Locke and William and Katie**

## THE LINNET - NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Jon and Mark invite you to a New Year's Eve party at The Linnet. This event will be a private function for the villagers of Great Hinton to include a heated marquee plus music and a dance floor. At 11 pm we will be serving a buffet for our party-goers. The party will then carry on until the early hours.

We hope many of you can come and make it a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The price of this evening is £25.00 per person (drinks not included).

We look forward to seeing you all. JON



### THE NEW CHEF AT THE LINNET - Jonathan Furby

Why do you have to book up to a week in advance to get a table in The Linnet? - because the welcome is warm, the service helpful, the food enjoyable, and the reputation well-deserved. Success is earned by hard work which is driven by passion and Jon is not short of these qualities.. Having been to catering college in Bradford, at the age of 18 he came down to London where he worked for five years at the Inter Continental Hotel in Park Lane. His hours were 6.30am to 8.00pm and he honed his skills under the eagle eyes of the traditional chefs working to rigid standards. Whilst accepting the pressure at the time he began to realise that there was life outside the kitchen and went to Australia for 18 months "to live life". The lifestyle there was very relaxed and totally different to his London experience. He was never happy with having to shout at his team (as is so often the style of chefs), instead preferring to create a relaxed atmosphere of mutual respect.

On his return from Australia he went to work in the Yorkshire Dales, then Leeds, but never really settled. Their loss is Wiltshire's gain, and at The Pear Tree in Whitley he was able to establish his own style. In his first year there with his team of six, Jon won the Catering Pub of the Year Award. He left there in January after 2½ years as he wanted to develop his work further, aiming to make eating out a simple, pleasurable experience in comfortable surroundings, where customers would not have to grapple with French names of dishes or anything too unfamiliar. There were to be no pretensions.

On coming to The Linnet he brought along with him his commis-chef, Daniel Bradfield, who

trained at Chippenham College. Mark Davies is usually the first person you meet in The Linnet and he also has a catering background, having worked at Whitehall Garden Centre and then The Pear Tree. You will immediately know Mark by his warm personality and he is re-assuringly very organised. The third member of the full-time staff is Annalisa Wakeham.

Jonathan prefers savoury to sweet and believes in healthy eating. Pommes Frites (chips!) are definitely off the menu, and the only use for a freezer (he immediately disposed of two of the three that were left in the kitchen) is to store homemade ice-cream which he admits is highly calorific. If you cannot decide what to choose from the menu, select a fish dish as fresh fish is delivered every day (except Monday) and that's what Jon enjoys cooking most of all. He is developing a good choice of vegetarian dishes as he believes that too many restaurants have a restricted selection as these take more time to work out and prepare. The menu is changed every two months and the dishes are of his own creation, not from somebody else's cookery book. (A look of horror on his face at the mention of Delia Smith!)

Both Jon and Mark want the villagers to feel welcome and know that the Linnet is their pub where they will always find a relaxed, warm and friendly atmosphere in comfortable surroundings. They are happy to listen to any ideas you have, and if you would like anything different would be pleased to hear your views. They hope to hold special village nights in the future, the first of which will be the New Year's Eve Party.

The Linnet is open 12-2 p.m., (except Mondays) and 6-11 p.m. every day. **01380 870354**

BOOKING THE NEW HALL - to make a booking, contact David Hamott on **871196**.

Now that we have the new Hall we want to see it used as much as possible. It is available for private parties and already we have had two birthdays or anniversaries celebrated in the new Hall. Currently we are charging £25 for a booking, assuming access for the whole day of the booking (£15 for village children's parties). If you need a longer or shorter booking or regular bookings we will agree an appropriate rate.

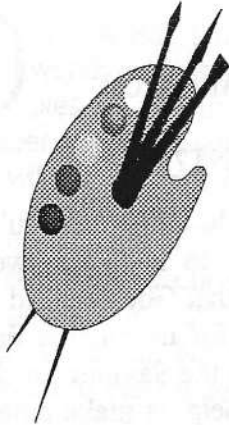
## ART CLUB

Mike Truman 870607

Now that we have a warm and spacious village hall, I have suggested to a number of people that we hold an Art Club for beginners and for those with some experience. Carol Clarke has kindly offered to help me organise the club and to start with, it will be run on

**Thursdays 7-9pm (with a coffee-break)**

**Starting - January 11<sup>th</sup> 2001**



Still life subjects will be provided by Carol or myself, or you can bring your own favourite object or photograph to copy. For the first evening I suggest you bring the following materials:

Artist Sketch pad (approx A4 size)

A 2b pencil

Rubber!!

Watercolour paints, pastels or any other colouring materials you may have.

The cost of the evenings will be £10 for the hire of the hall divided by the number attending. Don't worry if you think you cannot draw or paint, Carol and I will inspire you!

## LADIES CLUB

Carol Clarke 870635

**W**hat a treat it was to start our meetings off in the new village hall - light, bright, warm, clean and mouse-free!

In September Mary Hickmott was our guest speaker - her talk and slides on 'Interesting Tombstones' was very entertaining. She explained why certain symbols were frequently used on ancient tombstones, including, in some cases, carvings of how the person had died, e.g. a pistol to the head!

October saw us busily packing shoe-boxes for 'Operation Christmas Child'. We sent 55 in all and these will go to Ukranian street children. In Simferopol (the administrative capital of Crimea) there are 1,500 street children registered. The shoe-boxes are often the only gift these children have ever received in their short, unhappy lives. It is very humbling to be reminded of the pleasure a few crayons, toys, sweets and a woolly hat can provide when compared to our over-commercialised celebrations.

In November we were a small, but select group but we had a good evening sharing memories

prompted by special 'treasures' we had brought along. The latter part of the evening was spent spiking Christmassy pin-cushions with sequins, beads and tassels.

We want to invite you - men, women and children, to join us outside The Linnet on **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm** to sing carols round the village to raise money for Wiltshire Air Ambulance. It makes such a difference with a good crowd - we can be heard for a start. There are usually one or two 'pit-stops' at kindly villagers' homes for sherry and mince-pies that warm fingers, toes and spirit. We have permission to sing to unsuspecting diners in The Linnet at the end of our wassailing.

The ladies will end the year with a Christmas meal at The Linnet on **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm for 8pm**. If you plan to come and have not yet made your menu choice, please contact Carol Clarke on 870635 a.s.a.p.

As has been said before, we always welcome new members - we are a friendly bunch and would love to meet you.

LOCAL HONEY FOR SALE FROM MIN IN BACK LANE  
870634

1 lb jars of runny or soft-set honey £2.20  
with standard or "a present for" Christmas labels  
Cut comb 25p per oz  
Chunk Honey (comb honey surrounded by runny  
honey in a jar)  
Honey Fudge (made to order) £1 per qtr.



#### HONEY SHORTBREAD BISCUITS

6 oz plain flour  
4 oz butter  
1 oz granulated sugar  
1 oz runny honey.  
Mix together, roll out to a bit thicker than a £1  
coin. Cut into rounds with cutter or glass. Dust  
with caster sugar, Bake 140degC fan, 150degC  
or 300degF till golden. Dust with sugar again  
and leave to cool on wire tray.



#### CHRISTMAS LETTER TO THE VILLAGERS OF GREAT HINTON

##### HAVE WE READ THE SMALL PRINT?

We all know the problems that can arise if we don't look very carefully at ALL the details on an insurance document. Failure to do so may well cost us dear. But have we been as careful to read all that God has said to us about his wonderful gift of his son Jesus, born for us on that first Christmas Day. He came, as His name implies, to be the Saviour for the whole world, past, present and future. He came to help us make a new start, to restore relationships with God and to give us the hope of eternal life. Many of the carols which we will soon be singing proclaim this loud and clear. But like any gift we can ignore it; we can make a token gesture towards it; or we can receive it gratefully and value it for ever.

These are the words we need to consider carefully, if the truth of Christmas is to be a blessing to us. "God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son that **whosoever** believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." Or again, "Jesus came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to **all who received him**, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become the children of God." It is not so much small print, as truths which we might well overlook amidst all the trappings of the Christmas season. God wants everyone to be sure about his gift and how it can be enjoyed. If we are willing to accept it, through faith, then these words can be true for us:

"Saved by his love, incessant we shall sing  
Eternal praises to heaven's almighty king."

A very happy Christmas to you and your family,

**David Hart**

(Vicar)

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#### 100 Club Winners

	August	September	October	November
£14	Ken Young	Derek Saville	Veronica Francis	Laura Gates
£12	Jead Hallam	Vicki Hallam	Peter Doel	Richard Newman
£10	Mary Winterburn	Brenda Hobbs	G Kibblewhite	John Fenner
£7	Pat Hall	S Selwyn Smith	L Unsworth	T Dodd
£5	John Fennell	Val Alker	Colin Ramsey	Gwen Harnott
£4	John Norris	Golly Burston	S Kibblewhite	Howard Adams
<b>Drawn By:</b>	G Field	Anna Wakelan	Ruby	Jackie Gates