

The Grapevine Great Hinton

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Can there be a better place to be this summer than in Great Hinton to enjoy the Village Fete, painting in the garden with the Art Club, or enjoying company at the Linnett on the BYO evenings – or just the tranquillity of life in a well-kept village. Thanks to the community spirit it has been officially declared that this year we are the best kept small village in West Wiltshire!

Richard Clarke Editor

870635

Neighbourhood Watch

David Harnott 871196

All quiet at present. May it long remain so, but on the sultry days it is so easy to forget to close those windows when you go out. For those going on holiday I would welcome details of your holiday dates.

GREAT HINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chris Munday Chairman

870912

Best Kept Village Competition Result

In a recent circular I reported that we had been judged the best kept small village in West Wiltshire, and as a consequence judging for the County wide competition was in early July.

I have just heard that we are this year's runners up, coming in second behind the North Wilts village of Grittleton. Though a little disappointing that we didn't quite make the top spot, second is a great improvement on our fourth place last year. Unlike many villages we do not organise work parties to prepare for the visit of the judges, rather the result is a reflection of the care and pride in our environment put in throughout the year.

Semington By-Pass

The Public Inquiry opens on Tuesday 31st July in the Melksham Assembly Rooms. The Parish Council has submitted a written proof of evidence to the Inquiry, outlining our objection to the extension of the new road across open countryside to the south of the A361 (Devizes Road). I hope that, work commitments permitting, I will be able to appear at the Inquiry in person to press our case.

If you would like see the full evidence that has been submitted, I will be happy to provide copies on request.

Annual Parish Meeting

The warm sunny weather on 27th June seemed to keep most people at home, as only 8 parish residents attended the meeting. My report of the parish council's activity over the last two years highlighted that the two big issues that dominate the work of the Council are Planning Applications and Highways.

In an attempt to make the meeting more convenient in future we plan to hold next year's during May, hopefully that will mean that attendance will be nearer to the normal level of 15/25 residents.

Remember the parish Council is non political and works on your behalf to protect and enhance our environment, rural amenities and services

B.Y.O. Evenings at The Linnett



Buy Your Own drinks on Tuesdays is proving to be popular at The Linnett. Our landlord, Johnathan Furby generously allows us to commandeer the bar by about 8.30-9.00pm allowing us to catch up with anything from world affairs to village gossip! – interesting! Remember – you only pay for what you drink! Come and join us.

Mike Truman 870607

Art Club in the Village Hall

The weekly Art Club has been well attended by an average of ten enthusiastic villagers and since starting in January this year has produced a wide variety of paintings. As announced in the April Grapevine, an exhibition of the club paintings will be on display in the village hall in the Autumn and this has been arranged for Sunday, 14th October from 11am until 4pm.

I hope as many villagers as possible will support this first exhibition, your comments and encouragements will be very welcome. Most of the club members have not drawn or painted since school, but have been brave enough to have a go and I am thrilled with the results of their efforts.

Thanks to Richard and Carol and Kevin and Sandra for allowing the Art group to paint in their gardens on two rare sunny evenings in June.

After the Summer break, the Art group will re-start on Thursday 6th September from 7.30pm – 9.30pm and will cost you a mere £1.50 plus 50p for a glass of wine or tea/coffee if you wish. (All funds go toward village hall running costs).

Thank you for your support. I look forward to 6th September when I hope to demonstrate a few basic painting tips.

Mike Truman 870607.

21st Safari Dinner

This year's autumn Safari will be on **20th October**. If you would like to take part please put the date in your diary and let me know as soon as possible, but by Friday, 12th October at the latest. I will then spend the weekend working out the course and guest lists and give you the relevant information on Monday, 15th October.

We would welcome new faces to this event and look forward to yet another enjoyable evening. Don't be shy, come along, meet new friends. You don't have to worry about the cooking – there is no competition to see who is the best cook – you simply cook what you enjoy cooking or what you would give to any of your guests at a dinner party. On most occasions the number of guests you can expect would be four (which is no more than most people entertain at home). As a special encouragement to new participants, I usually ask them to produce a starter or dessert, as this is often less daunting than a main course when you've not taken part in this type of event before. So come on join us.

If you would like more information give me a call.

Sandra Crumpler 870906

NEWCOMERS TO THE VILLAGE

We welcome

Kim and Trevor York and 5 children who have moved into The Old Bungalow, Coldharbour
Jim and Mary Clipson at Ashwell Cottage

Lunch Club

The lunch club will resume on Thursday, 13th September at 12 noon for 12.30pm in the village hall. Anyone who feel they would like to join us this year will be very welcome.

Richard and I attended a meeting with Katie Griffin of Community First who told us about applying for a grant from the "Awards For All Fund", a branch of the Lottery Commission, which awards grants of between £500 and £5000 for small community projects. This will have to be applied for through the Village Hall Trust and hopefully we will receive enough to properly furnish the kitchen.

At some point Doris, Anne and myself will be attending a hygiene course in order to comply with health regulations.

In conclusion I would like to say a very big thank you on behalf of you all to Ruby and her daughter Wendy, who have donated a three-tiered steamer which is going to be invaluable to us all.

Audrey Plummer 870586

Village Hall Lettings

Children's parties are proving very popular in the hall and its use is slowly increasing. Please tell more people about our excellent facilities which we have available for hire for parties and group meetings. For simplicity's sake we have divided the day into three periods:

1. Up to 12 noon
2. 12-6.00pm
3. 6.00pm to midnight.

Each session is priced at £10 for villagers and £15 for those living outside the village. Please phone me for bookings.

David Harnott 8701196.

Sports In The Village Hall

Are you interested in starting a sports club? Miss Yvonne Lee, from the Sports Development Council, came to a Parish council meeting recently and offered help to set up and fund new sports projects in the hall. This would be children or adults clubs.

For more information phone the Parish Clerk, Carol Burch on 870583.

Keevil Flower Show

Saturday, 18th August in the Village School
Village gardens will be open during the day
from 2-5pm.



Teas at Longleaze House

Skittles, Raffle and Plant Stall

Entry schedules can be obtained from the secretary on
01380 871379.

**Classes for flowers, vegetables, baking, photographs
and plenty for the children.**

100 Club Winners

	March	April	May	June
£14	Louise Welch	John Parsons	Peter Doel	Mike Evans
£12	Terry Cunningham	Sandra Crumpler	Penny Symington	Paul Winterburn
£10	Mike Evans	Ian Knight	G. Field	Janet Harris
£8	Gillian Fennell	Mark Newman	Eddie Knight	Audrey Plummer
£5	Stuart Austin	Anne Truman	Mike Evans	Doris Saville

The 100 club draw takes place on the last Tuesday of each month at the Linnet's village B.Y.O. night.

AUCTION OF PROMISES

Keevil School is arranging an auction of promises to raise funds for

THE SCHOOL

AND

THE WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE

Keevil School's major fund raising event, The Great Hinton Horse Show & Gymkhana, will not be taking place this year because of the foot and mouth outbreak. So, in order to help boost much needed school funds and also to raise funds for The Wiltshire Air Ambulance Service (50% of all profits to each) an Auction of Promises will be held in the Autumn Term 2001.

If you can help with a promise, or know somebody who can, then we would love to hear from you.
Thank you for your support and help.

Please telephone Nicky James on 01380 870095

Promises already received include a brand new bed, a beautiful hand made quilt, bottles of wine, a dinner party for 8, wine and food included at a house in the village....which house?

You will have to buy a catalogue to find out!! Catalogues will be on sale from August onwards

LADIES CLUB

I have just received a letter from Steve Chesworth of Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal thanking the Great Hinton villagers for the grand sum of £687 raised at the fete. The letter is reproduced for you to read for yourselves. It really was a magnificent effort by all concerned. Thank you everyone for your support in so many different ways – we couldn't have done it without you. A special mention must go to Doris and Derek's daughter who contributed £12 for the Ambulance Appeal from her London Marathon Run.



Train rides at the Fete

What a wonderful sight the ladies (and some of the men!) were in Hawaiian dress – the cut green bin bags made effective, if somewhat hot grass skirts! The stall-holders were blessed with mild enough weather to enjoy a delicious 'Hawaiian' meal produced mainly by Audrey in her garden in the evening.

The next programme is just about complete, to include old favourites (gourmet night, skittles, Christmas meal at The Linnet) as well as some new craft evenings. We are hoping Sandra will teach us how to make candles in November; we have a visit from Constance Rigby, an expert in flower-pressing, and at our first Ladies night – **Wednesday, 19th September, 8pm** – we will welcome Margaret Howard for "Needle Artistry".

There are about 20 ladies who meet on the third Wednesday of each month in the village hall from September to April. We have a lot of fun and we would very much like more of you ladies to join us. Whether you are new to the village, or have been here years, do come – you will be made very welcome.

Carol Clarke 870635

Walking the local footpaths – thankfully the foot and mouth outbreak has abated and the footpaths are open again. However some can get overgrown or deliberately blocked and if the County Footpath Officer is informed he can take the appropriate action. Telephone Wiltshire County Council 0800 23 23 23

Wiltshire Air Ambulance



Donation of £687 from the Great Hinton Ladies Club Fete

On behalf of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal, I'm writing to confirm that we have received a cheque for £687 from you. Thank you very much for putting on the fete again this year with the proceeds going to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Lynne and I would also like to thank you for the lovely flowers you gave Lynne – she was very surprised but delighted by this very generous gesture. So thank you. Thanks again for inviting us to the fete. As always, we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly and took home loads of delicious home-made cakes. Please thank all your colleagues and friends for running the stalls and attending the fete.

It is very gratifying to receive support such as this and it will help to ensure that the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, a vital service to the people of Wiltshire, is maintained.

As you know, the target we need to reach this coming financial year for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal is well in excess of £200,000. That is more than £4,000 a week. We would therefore value any further support from you next year and in the years to come.

Once again, thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Chesworth
Fundraising Co-ordinator.

Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal, Dorman House, Malmesbury Road, Chippenham, SN15 5LN Tel 01249 463431

AND FINALLY.....THE RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Mozart Ice-cream (chocolate) *(a Safari Dinner recipe request)*
(Serves 8)

110g (3½ oz) chocolate and hazelnut spread
2 eggs beaten
30g (1 oz) ground hazelnuts
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon almond liqueur
300ml (10 fl oz) double cream
60g (2 oz) icing sugar
Whipped cream and grated chocolate to decorate.



1. Spoon chocolate and hazelnut spread into a heatproof bowl which fits over a saucepan. Stand bowl over a pan of gently simmering water and stir constantly until melted. Whisk until smooth.
 2. Allow chocolate mixture to cool slightly then stir in beaten eggs, a little at a time to keep the mixture smooth.
 3. Place ground hazelnuts in a bowl. Stir in lemon juice and liqueur, then stir into chocolate mixture.
 4. Whip cream with icing sugar until stiff. Gradually fold in hazelnut mixture.
 5. Unless using a free-standing ice-cream maker, spoon ice cream mixture into a deep 1 litre (1¾ pt) polythene freezer container.
 6. Freeze mixture for 2 hours or until ice crystals have formed around the edges and mixture has started to solidify. Remove from freezer and beat until smooth.
 7. Cover ice cream and return to freezer until solid.
 8. Serve in scoops, decorated with whipped cream and grated chocolate. Offer dessert biscuits, if liked.
- You should find the ice cream doesn't go rock hard, so you can serve it straight from the freezer.*

Carol Clarke