

# The Grapevine Great Hinton

**Editor Richard Clarke 870635**

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## Great Hinton Parish Council

### Parish Council Elections - May 2003

When nominations closed for the Parish council elections there were just 5 candidates for the 5 available council seats. This meant that the existing councillors were re-elected unopposed. The councillors who will serve the parish for the next four years are: Diane Norris; Mary Clipson; Mark Newman; Brian Shipman (Deputy Chairman) and Chris Munday (Chairman). If there are any local issues of concern to you please contact any one of your Parish Councillors. Whilst our direct powers are limited the parish council must be consulted by law on some matters, such as town planning, and can be a credible representative of community concerns.

### Annual Parish meeting 2003

The Parish Council held its Annual Parish Meeting in the village hall on the evening of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. The meeting was well attended by some 18 parish residents and our guests on the evening were Mrs Fortescue, our newly elected District Councillor, and Trevor Carbin, our County Councillor.

The open debate covered a wide range of village issues which resulted in the agreement of some clear priorities for action by the Parish Council:

- **Traffic Speed in The Village**

Trevor Carbin confirmed that the Government have still not published new guidelines on use of 20mph speed limits, in the meantime our existing limit could not be lowered.

Many present were concerned at both the increasing volume and speed of traffic. On the question of volume we are monitoring whether the Semington by-pass works causes a major increase.

We are to investigate opportunities for joining a "community speed watch" scheme, which could provide real evidence of any speeding which would then be a basis for more police action.

- **Fore Street Farm**

A number of people were concerned at the rapid overgrowth and general deterioration of this important, historic building following Kath Berrett's

death last year. It is believed that the house is "listed" and that most of the farmyard lies outside the draft village limits area. Consequently the existing house and site should be protected from inappropriate or over development. In the meantime the council will write to the planning officer asking that they monitor the maintenance of the property.

- **Highways**

The parish council undertook to continue to work with adjoining parishes and press our campaign for a speed limit around Strand, between the Lamb and Littleton. The Parish Council and Keevil PC may have an opportunity to bring forward improved road signage at the top of Coldharbour subject to agreeing financial contributions. Following the resurfacing the highways are to white line the road edges on the corner, which will serve to emphasise the narrowness of the road.

- **Other Matters**

A number of people were concerned that the refuse storage at the rear of the Linnet was, at best, untidy. Following the meeting Jonathan has agreed to review how his waste is managed and in particular will investigate ways of compressing cardboard.

The parish is currently without a footpaths officer. One of the responsibilities of such a person is to arrange an annual "parish path walk" which ensures that our traditional rights of way are maintained and establishes whether any repairs are required. I am hoping that someone will volunteer to help organise a footpath walk on a Sunday morning in early autumn. If you could help please call me or any of the Parish councillors

### Best Kept Village Competition

Unfortunately I have to report that we were not successful in this year's competition.

**Chris Munday Chairman**

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### **Meet your MP**

Our M.P. Dr Andrew Murrison is going 'on tour' with his mobile surgery. If you have an issue that you would like to discuss, he will be very pleased to see you in his red people mover van in one of the local villages. He will be in Steeple Ashton outside the village hall on Tuesday 2 September from 11.30 to 12.30 p.m. This is in addition to his regular weekly advice surgeries in the local towns. He is happy to call on his disabled or elderly constituents at home.

**For details call 01225 752141 or 0207 219 8337.**

### **Hall bookings**

Now that Anne Vingoe is proposing to run a yoga class on Tuesday evening, most weekday evenings are now taken. The weekends are saved for village events and parties. To find out vacant weekdays or to book the hall an early phone call to me is recommended.

**David Harnott**

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## Lunch Club

We have had another successful season culminating in an outing in June when 16 of us visited Malmesbury Abbey Gardens. As a lunch club we had to eat first and enjoyed a ploughman's lunch at the Duke of York which is pleasantly situated by the river. The landlord cum chef had only been in residence for three weeks and his food is recommended for its quality and reasonable prices.

From the pub car park it is only a short walk to the gardens but the last 50 yards are up about 30 well-spaced steps. Disabled access is easy from the town side.

The gardens were well worth the visit - the roses were in full bloom and the huge variety of irises was breathtaking. The day was recorded by Mike whose artistic eye captured the beauty on a sunny day with Kevin's 'magic' camera.



The perfect day naturally finished back in the Duke of York garden with a splendid cream tea.

We will be lunching again in the Village Hall on the second Thursday of the month starting in September so put the dates in your diaries: 11 September, 9 October, 13 November, and 11 December for the Christmas lunch. All welcome but please phone to book if you have not been before.

Audrey Plummer

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## Neighbourhood Watch

You should all have seen by now the summer circular from Mark Newbery. Please let me know if you have not seen it. It was good to see Mark at our village fete and hear his reminder of the importance of not leaving windows open on hot days when you are in the garden; as you will by now know there are opportunist burglars about.

David Harnott

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## I.T. Classes in the Village Hall

Seventeen students have thoroughly enjoyed the first term back in class and made good progress in understanding the computer jargon and working with software commands and options.

The new term commences on Monday 15 September when there will be morning and afternoon sessions. There are a few places for new students - no experience is necessary and anyone can join at any level of proficiency. Please telephone me before then if you would like to join or simply find out more about what goes on. It will cost £1.00 an hour (to be paid in advance) for 30 hours. New members to the classes get a free taster session but tea and coffee is 30p. a cup!

Existing students will have received a letter from the College about rejoining the class. I have telephoned Joe Sadler who says to ignore this and turn up on 15 September as we are halfway through the initial session. It is hoped the classes will run through 2003/2004.

Anne Truman

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## Would you like to be a champion for your community?

Wiltshire College is recruiting volunteers who are enthusiastic about learning and want to help their friends and neighbours become more involved in learning opportunities. With your help we can bring education, new skills and activities to parts of Wiltshire that do not have easy access to college sites. To help you in this role we will provide you with all the information you need as well as offering training and support. The role may provide you with experience and qualifications which will contribute to your own personal development and be of value to your employers.

For more information contact the Community Liaison Worker at Wiltshire College on 07966 597984

Thank you from Russell

Russell Crumpler and Andy Egglestone raised over £4,000 between them for Macmillan Cancer Relief when they ran in the London Marathon in April. They did as they pledged and ran dressed as nurses albeit in rather skimpy outfits (with running shorts underneath!). Many thanks to those of you who sponsored me and helped raise such a fantastic sum for a good cause.

Russell

**On the move - If you could lend or hire a car roof box for three weeks from mid September please contact me. Richard Clarke 870635**



## Art Group Second Exhibition 10 May

It was a hectic day on Saturday setting up the show on the screens borrowed from Trowbridge Rotary Club which Richard had arranged for us and transported in a white van kindly loaned by Colin. With finishing touches made early on Sunday morning we were all ready and waiting for our first guests well before the opening at 11 a.m. There were about 85 paintings of all sorts of subjects and they looked terrific hung on the screens. Added to this there were various crafts on display from lace making to stained glass, silk painting, cross stitch, sugar craft, and a range of things made from honey and beeswax. And all made by very talented friends in the village.

### Let the show begin

After a slowish start the visitors started to arrive, were welcomed and encouraged to sign the visitors book, given a brochure and asked if they would like to buy a raffle ticket - superb prizes kindly donated by artists and friends. Tea and coffee was available - some even purchased art club wine!

There were some very kind comments about the show and it turned into a very happy social event - no one seemed to be in a hurry to leave. Carol was the first to sell a picture, also the second and third! But eventually more sold and we were all delighted with the way things went. Colin was particularly pleased to sell the only picture he had on view - all his others having been given away to family. I can vouch for the fact that it has gone to a very good home in Bowerhill and has been much admired by a large section of the ladies of Kingsdown Golf Club - it seems they all want one now!

In all we were able to send £200 to the Children's Hospice in North Devon from the sale of raffle tickets, teas and 10% of sales donated by the exhibitors. It was a very successful and rewarding day - here's to the next time.

Thanks to everyone for their support - our small art group has a lot of fun, we encourage each other and would be happy to welcome new members when we resume on Thursday evenings, 7.30 to 9.30.

Mike & Anne Truman 870607

### BYO evenings at the Linnet

The Buy Your Own drinks on Tuesday evenings at the Pub is, judging by the increased numbers of villagers joining in, proving to be very popular. It is an added pleasure to sit outside and make the most of the warm summer evenings. There may be fewer in the next weeks due to holidays, but please come and join us - we are not alcoholics! Hoping to see you for a social drink and chat. Mike

## Yoga Classes

I am a British Wheel of Yoga trained teacher and I am starting a yoga class in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 16 September** which will run from 6.45 to 8.15 p.m. for ten weeks costing £35.

The course will cover

- limbering exercises
- yoga asanas and modifications
- breathing techniques
- methods of relaxation
- concentration and awareness/meditation
- yoga philosophy

The course would be suitable for beginners and those of you who have practised yoga before.

Please contact me (or David Harnott 01380 871196) by 15 August if you are interested in joining the class. I look forward to hearing from you.

Anne Vingoe 01380 870233

## CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

The first workshop was held just prior to Easter and was attended by eighteen children aged from 3 to 11 with seven adult helpers in attendance. The children enjoyed making Easter nests, bonnets and cards, and painting eggs and icing biscuits.

**OUR NEXT WORKSHOP WILL BE ON SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER FROM 10 A.M. TO NOON WHEN WE SHALL PREPARE FOR A HALLOWE'EN PARTY IN THE HALL. THIS WILL BE ON THE FOLLOWING FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER FROM 6.30 P.M. TO 8.00 FOR ALL THOSE WHO CAME TO THE WORKSHOP. WE HOPE TO SEE WITCHES AND WIZARDS IN ATTENDANCE (PERHAPS INSPIRED BY HARRY POTTER) SO PLAN YOUR COSTUMES NOW FOR THE PARTY. THERE MAY BE SOME TRICK OR TREATING ON THE WAY HOME SO BE PREPARED GREAT HINTON.**

I know that there has been concern expressed about the workshop helpers being CRB checked. I have spoken to the Ofsted helpline who assure me that we do not need to be registered with them for inspection, but to safeguard our own interests it would be advisable to obtain clearance from the CRB for all helpers. I already have clearance because of the work I do with children at the Child Contact Centre and at the moment we are in the middle of applying for clearance for the other helpers. I hope this will allay any fears parents may have had. Please contact me if you want to raise any other points.

**AUDREY PLUMMER 870586**

### The Lydbrook Brass Band Plays the Proms

Civic Hall Trowbridge

Saturday 4 October at 7.30

Come prepared with Union Jacks and anything to wave and in good voice to raise the roof!

Organised by the Rotary Club of Trowbridge  
In aid of local and national charities

Tickets £8.00 from Richard Clarke  
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I wonder if you are a keen viewer of the weather forecast? Many people are and they take note of the likely weather prospects when they make their plans. Fete organisers and brides listen anxiously to what is likely to happen on their special day. As we know things don't always turn out as expected. Sometimes the weather produces an unwelcome surprise, as in the Great Storm a few years back.

On the other hand how much notice do we take of God's warnings. Unlike man's predictions, God's warnings about the future should be taken very seriously indeed. Most of his prophecies in the Old Testament have already come to pass - many of them in and through the coming of Jesus Christ. There are still some yet to be fulfilled, including the judgement day for each one of us, when we will have to give an account of our lives to him.

With his warnings, however, come many gracious promises. For all who are willing to come in repentance and to put their faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, there is the promise of free and full forgiveness, and the welcome into God's eternal family. Then Judgement Day does not need to be feared, for the past has been dealt with by Jesus and the future with him is assured. We really do need to take note of what God says to us.

### **Safari Dinner Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2003** we will be holding the 25<sup>th</sup> Safari Dinner. The event is as popular as ever with new villagers joining in every time. The last two dinners saw 27 people wandering around the village between courses and as yet we have to top this number.

To mark our 'Silver' Anniversary there will be a free draw at the end of the evening for Champagne, Whisky, Wine etc. The prizes are from excess funds, therefore the number of tickets allocated to each person is pro rata the number of events attended over the 25 dinners.

We should try and make 'Silver' our theme by having silver table decorations etc if at all possible. Or you could really go to town and dress in silver!

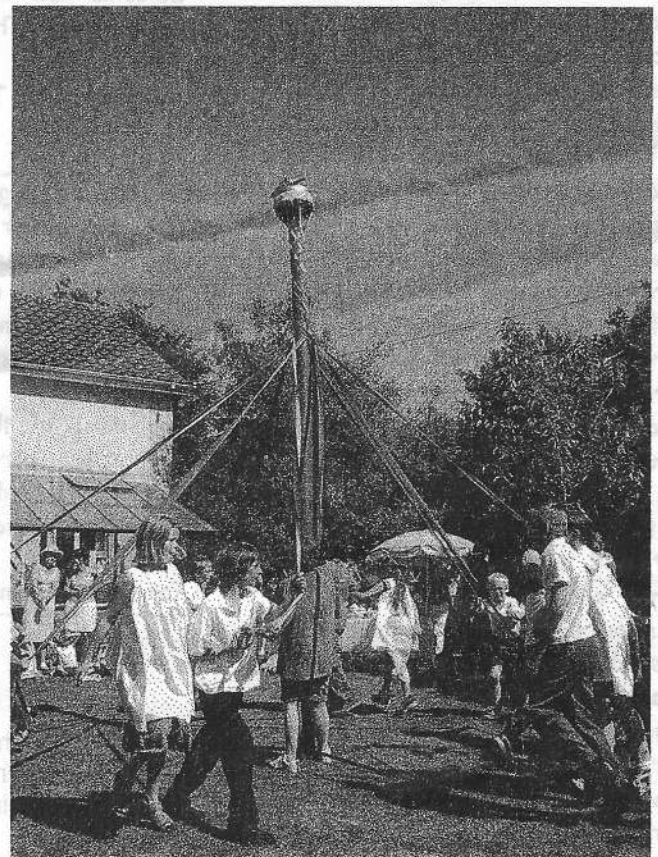
Newcomers as always are welcome to join in this event. It is a great way to get to know your fellow villagers.

Put the date in your diary NOW and let me know as soon as possible that you will be coming. The latest date to join is **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**, so that I can let everyone know on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> their course and number of guests.

**Sandra**

**870906**

What a wonderful day for the fete! We couldn't have asked for better weather. Thank you one and all for coming, for spending your money and making it a record success in the form of £834.05! So many people put such a lot of effort into the preparations - to all who baked, sewed, gardened, collected items, sorted, made teas, ran trains, maypole-danced, played music, set up and put away tables and parasols, and much, much more, a very big thank you - and a special thank you to Audrey for the use of her lovely garden.



Keevil School Maypole Dancers

Cheques have been given to The Children's Hospice South West (£420) (the Ladies' Club chosen charity for 2003) and the Village Hall kitchen refitment fund (£414). The Children's Hospice aim to provide first class specialist care for very sick children and their families. They are developing plans for a new hospice near Bristol. Families are welcomed without charge but the cost of supporting this care is around £1.7million each year.

For those of you who may be wondering why the kitchen needs to be updated so soon, it is because we did not have enough money in the first place to fit it out properly. Now that the hall is used for village social events so much more than anticipated the present arrangements are inadequate and unworkable. We have been given a grant but need to match it. We are now well on the way, thanks to you.

**Carol Clarke**



## LADIES CLUB

Programmes for the coming year will soon be available. Apart from the regular events we will have a Beetle Drive (must be 20 years or more since I enjoyed such entertainment), a "Learn First Aid" night, and a talk on the natural wild life around our village (this will be open to all villagers, details to come).

In October we always pack shoeboxes of toys, etc., for "Operation Christmas Child" – the boxes being sent out to Romania or other needy areas for the children at Christmastime. Full details are always published in the Wiltshire Times, with lists of suitable objects. Our ladies usually manage to provide 50-60 boxes. If anyone in the village would like to contribute to this by providing suitable items or even helping on the night, please give me a ring.

As reported in the Fete article, we were delighted with the result of the fete and thanks are once again expressed, on behalf of the ladies club, to all who helped to make it the success it was.

We would like to send our best wishes to Ann Truman for a speedy recovery to full mobility and thank her for playing such a big part in filling "Jolly Jars" despite her discomfort and impending operation.

New members will always receive a very warm welcome – do come and join us.

Carol Clarke

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## Bonfire advice from the District Council

There is nothing better at the end of a day in the garden to light a bonfire and have the pleasant waft of smoke to remind you of your labours (if your aching back has not already done so!) However for your neighbours the drifting pall of smoke will not be so pleasant and the District Council receives numerous complaints each year about excessive smoke. So please follow their guidelines:

- ❖ Don't light bonfires on days when people are likely to be using their gardens or hanging out washing. When possible restrict bonfires to the evenings, after 6 p.m.
- ❖ Don't leave bonfires to burn unattended and don't bank them up overnight.
- ❖ Site bonfires as far away as possible from neighbouring houses and think about the wind direction.
- ❖ Only burn garden waste if it is dry. Don't forget you can recycle garden waste at the district's three household waste recycling centres in Melksham, Trowbridge and Warminster, or you can compost it.
- ❖ Recycle what you can rather than burn it, especially paper.
- ❖ Don't burn plastics, paint, rubber or roofing felt as all may emit harmful substances. It is an offence to cause the emission of dark/black smoke.
- ❖ Keep a water supply or fire extinguisher close at hand.

## GREAT HINTON MEMORIAL HALL TRUST

Since the last Grapevine we have received some excellent news. Our current objectives for the Hall are to upgrade the kitchen and to replace the old heavy wooden tables with lightweight, folding tables. As always the problem has been funding these projects, and we have had one unsuccessful attempt at getting some support from a Lottery based fund. However we have now been successful in an application for support from the Millennium Commission, another Lottery based agency.

The Commission has awarded us £1965, as long as we can match that grant with another £1965 from our own fund raising. We will be able to match this grant from our existing funds plus additional contributions from the Community Committee, the Lunch Club and the Ladies Club.

The Ladies Club has donated £414, which is 50% of the proceeds from their Village Fete held on 12 July. So, thank you to the Ladies for putting together such an enjoyable and successful fete, and thanks to all of you who attended and spent their money there.

We are now planning the upgrade to the kitchen so that large scale catering events can be organised safely and efficiently, and we anticipate that the funds we have available will also allow us to start to replace the old tables.

Meanwhile the Hall continues to be used regularly by a growing number of groups for both regular and occasional events. We hope that upgrading the kitchen will give an opportunity for more and different events to be run in the Hall.

Thanks should be given to those currently working on the kitchen project, in particular Mike Truman, Derek Saville and David Harnott, and also thanks to Doris and Derek Saville for donating an excellent double oven and hob to the project to add to the fridge they donated some time ago.

Neil Haynes

## From the District Councillor's Newsletter

Roadworks – it is expected that Ringway Parkman will start work on the Erlestoke to Edington road on Monday 29 September with resurfacing from Monday 11 to Friday 21 November.

At Coldharbour Hill the County has agreed to put on a surface dressing to make the road surface more skid resistant and to improve the white lining on the road.

**This however is no substitute for moderating your speed to a safe level on a narrow and blind bend.**

## GREAT HINTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The Community Committee has been fully involved in the plans to upgrade the Hall kitchen described in the report from the Trust. We have agreed to donate some of our funds towards the money the Trust needs to raise to match the grant we have been awarded by the Millennium Commission.

Computer classes have been running very successfully in the Hall since January, delivered by Wiltshire College, and it is likely that Yoga classes will be running in the autumn.

Diane Norris has organised Table Tennis coaching for children for 5 weeks during the school summer holidays, with the coach provided free by West Wiltshire District Council

After the very popular Children's Workshop and Quiz Evening – two events held in April – these will be repeated in the autumn (see 'Dates for Your Diary' below).

If you have not been along to any of the village events organised by the Community Committee for all local residents, do speak to any of the Committee members. For your information these are:

Carol Burch, Carol Clarke, Sandra and Kevin Crumpler, David Harnott, Neil Haynes, Diane Norris, Audrey Plummer, Doris and Derek Saville, Sue Smith, Anne and Mike Truman.

Dates for your Diary - all events in the Village Hall

20 September	Skittles Evening
4 October	Harvest Supper
25 October	Children's Workshop
31 October	Children's Halloween Party
Late November	Quiz Evening
10 January 2004	Hangover Party

Neil Haynes

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### 100 Club

David Harnott 871196

		£15		£12		£10		£8		£5
March	69	Mark Newman	121	Mrs C Jones	44	Neil Haynes	68	John Fennell	27	Lyn Wiltshire
April	64	P Selwyn Smith	120	Mrs C Davis	108	Mrs Mills	106	Liz Miller	53	Audrey Plummer
May	59	Hannah Brown	95	Kevin Crumpler	116	Mr C Foyle	1	Mary Jones	81	Mrs Nicols
June	35	Sandy Salmon	56	Claire Evans	23	Mrs Gaulton	63	May Newman	115	E.E. Nicols
July	40	Rosie Keith	24	Tom Meade	30	Eddie Knight	6	G Field	85	Sue Smith

Summer Bonus of £50 to Sam Killingback (16)

## MOZART CHOCOLATE ICE

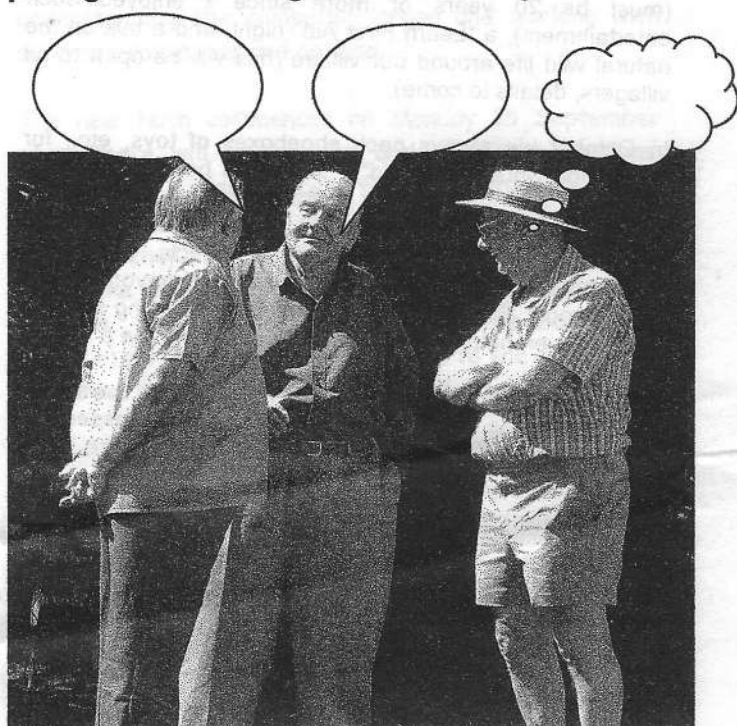
This symphony of flavours will ensure that a special meal ends on a high note!!!! It is a delicious ice-cream that can be scooped straight from the freezer (because of the alcohol content).

- ❖ 110g (3.1/2 oz) chocolate and hazelnut spread
- ❖ 2 eggs, beaten
- ❖ 30g (1oz) ground hazelnuts
- ❖ 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- ❖ 1 tablespoon almond liqueur
- ❖ 300ml (10fl oz) double cream
- ❖ 60g (2oz) icing sugar

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, so that mixture remains 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, turn freezer to coldest setting. Spoon ice cream mixture into a deep 1 litre 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 the freezer and beat until smooth.
7. Cover ice cream and return to freezer until solid. Return freezer to normal setting.
8. Serve in scoops, decorated with whipped cream and grated chocolate.

## ONCE UPON A SUMMER'S DAY.....

Eddie, Ivor and Joe were seen at the Village Fete putting the world to rights – or were they?



What do you think? Complete the two speech boxes and the thoughts of Joe and you might win two bottles of wine donated by Kevin Crumpler.

Post your entries (as many as you like) through his letterbox at 7 Peppercorn Orchard by 31 August and the entries will be judged at the BYO evening on Tuesday 2 September (or email to [kevin@crumpler.com](mailto:kevin@crumpler.com))