

# The Grapevine Great Hinton

Editor Richard Clarke 870635

**July 2005**

## Great Hinton Parish Council

### Annual Open Meeting

The Parish Council held its annual open meeting in the memorial hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We were joined by our new County Councillor, Julia Swabey, and though there was only a relatively small turnout of villagers we held an interesting debate on Highway Safety, particularly in relation to the access to the village from the Lamb and from the A350 at Coldharbour and Stoney Gutter. The meeting also strongly urged the Parish Council to lobby on the issue of car parking availability and charges in Trowbridge.

The Council presented its financial report for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005, highlighting once again that the main issues that were our primary concerns during the year related to road safety, town planning and road and footpath maintenance. We were pleased to also report that the Parish Council Precept, the amount of money added to your Council Tax to cover our expenditure, had for the third year running been held at £1,100.

You will I am sure have noticed the significant improvement in the cutting of the grass verges at the southern entrance to the village. After being badly let down by our contractor last year we have awarded the contract to a new gardener who will provide us with a total of 10 cuts during the growing season.

### Bus Shelter

Considerably later than we had hoped for, the new bus shelter is finished. The total cost was £3,400, of which half was covered by a grant from Wiltshire County Council. Nonetheless it remains the single biggest capital expenditure ever made by your parish council. Be assured that this new structure is fully insured should it fall victim, like the old one, to a hit and run accident.

### Fore Street Farm

The council are fully supportive of the owners' attempts to secure Planning and Listed Building consent for what we consider to be a very sensitive restoration and modernisation of one of the most prominent houses in our small village. We hope that the District Council will soon grant consent and allow early progress on the work.

### Best Kept Village Competition

As we go to press we have just heard that we have won the best small village accolade in West Wilts and now go on to be judged at the county level.

Chris Munday Chairman 870912

Apologies and very belated thanks to the Parsons for the use of their field at Hillbrow Cottage for the fireworks and bonfire.

The footpaths around the parish have all been walked recently by myself and my son Edmund. The general state of the footpaths is good although the stiles are in need of some attention in places, particularly lacking footsteps and indicator arrows. I have asked for some help from the Wiltshire Footpaths officer on the difficulties experienced by many horse-riders - I wait for his response - this particularly applies to Back Lane and Gypsies Lane.



The footpath that cuts off the crossroads corner when walking to Keevil GR 907589 to 908584 remains blocked at both ends and I have asked for the specific advice of the County Council on this path.

I welcome any comments on the state of the footpaths and ask that if you have any problems then let me know, it is best to give me a grid reference - I use OS Map 156 but I hope to get a larger scale published on the Parish Notice Board later this year.

Jim Clipson

## Childrens Workshop

The Easter workshop was a great success. Eleven children attended including three grandchildren of various villagers. Everything was geared to making Easter goodies to eat. We had a great line in Easter nests being produced in the kitchen under Carol's guidance. Anne had fun supervising the making of sponge cake Easter bonnets. Doris was up to her armpits in icing while overseeing the decorating of fairy cakes, while I was slopping about with water and oil paint helping with marbling polystyrene eggs. All in all I think the children enjoyed themselves (and so did we!).

My grateful thanks, as always, go to Anne, Doris, Carol and Diane (who on this occasion was sunning herself in New Zealand!). Without the help of these gallant ladies the whole thing would grind to a stop.

The next workshop will be sometime in the autumn - the date will be announced later.

Audrey Plummer

## Lunch Club

The Lunch Club had another successful season finishing, as usual, in April. Our summer outing on 2 June was attended by fourteen members. This year we visited a garden in Marlborough, stopping en route at 'The Who'd a Thought It' at Lockeridge. I think we would all recommend this village pub just off the A4, where both the food and the service were excellent.

The garden of Poulton House consisted of approximately five acres surrounding a Queen Anne manor house ranging from formal borders to natural woodland and were well worth the visit. Keep an eye out for its open days under the Open Gardens scheme.

The new season begins on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good lunch amongst congenial company.

Audrey Plummer

## Christian Aid Appeal

Many thanks to all who gave to this worthy cause. We donated £127.05. This was a big increase on last year when we gave £77.86. This made it worth the effort of trudging around the village at least three times, sometimes having to dodge the showers!

A.P.

## Memorial Hall Trust

At the recent AGM of the trust all the committee members were re-elected. As Neil has left the village I have taken over the finances of the trust. Many thanks to Neil for all his past efforts on our behalf. We enter the new financial year in a satisfactory position but as income is likely to decrease we should not be complacent. As we all know, utility bills continue to rise relentlessly.

David Harnott



## Neighbourhood Watch

As many of you will be aware garden furniture was stolen last month from Shambles in Coldharbour. In this warm weather please be aware of the opportunist thief who spots an open window or door.

I recently attended a meeting of N.W. Co-ordinators at Trowbridge Police Station for Trowbridge and surrounding villages. The

idea was to standardise the procedures for managing the organisation. Nothing was agreed but my feelings were that the villages required a different organisation than that for Trowbridge. What do you think?

David Harnott

## Tsunami Disaster Appeal

Thanks to all the villagers and our clubs for donating £550 to the appeal by the Rotary Club of Trowbridge for aid to be sent to the disaster area. Your money went towards the purchase of aquaboxes which each provide clean water for a family of four for three months. The boxes are sent out filled with essential items and we are grateful to the Ladies Club for filling one with items given by members.

The boxes from Trowbridge were sent to Rotary Clubs in Sri Lanka who then distributed them to the destitute villagers on the coast. Using the Rotary connections meant that the help got quickly to the right people without the interference and delay suffered by other aid agencies.

Richard Clarke

## SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

The Department for Transport consultation closed in mid-February. The consultation document didn't propose any radical changes in speed limit criteria, and wouldn't help with calls for 20mph limits in villages like Coulston and Great Hinton.

County's response to the consultation was rather tame (see Regulatory Committee Feb 2nd), so I made a separate submission on behalf of the opposition suggesting the guidance places too little value on the amenity and safety of residents and vulnerable road users. The document also perpetuates the system whereby people need to be killed or injured before anything is done on a stretch of road.

Trevor Carbin

## ART CLUB

The Art Club had a break for a while but has now re-formed under the new leadership of Colin Ramsey. So many of us missed meeting together, and we were glad to try to regain our skills with paints and paper.

As a bonus, we have some new members and now total 12 enthusiastic artists. Our new members have introduced different media – pastels, oils and gouache and very talented they are, too.

Colin arranged for us to have professional instruction on figure drawing for three weeks which was followed by a live model! I must emphasize that this was "figure" drawing not "life" drawing, i.e. our delightful old canal boat model – Ken – was fully clothed! We very much enjoyed the challenge of trying to get his bony figure and strong character on paper. He was allowed to choose the painting that pleased him most and Sue Smith won that honour.

The Art club will finish in July for a summer break and start again in September. We hope to one day have another Exhibition – watch this space!

Carol Clarke 870635

## LOST AND FOUND

David Harnott has a pair of hoop earrings found at the fireworks display in the village.

## 100 Club

The lucky winner of the December Christmas £50 Bonus prize was Paula Parsons

The lucky winner of the June Summer £50 Bonus prize was Pat Putt

		£15		£12		£10		£8		£5
November	40	Rosie Keith	8	Derek Saville	124	Mrs L Chey	55	Golly Burston	100	Brenda Hobbs
December	17	Jeff Newman	12	Rebecca Locke	37	Margaret Ashton	87	Ruby Perret	36	Ruth Blake
January	113	Aliece Nicholl	15	Ken Young	90	Mary Winterburn	77	Mary Noad	61	Paul Hanes
February	110	Will Scott	106	Liz Adams	88	L Unsworth	62	Helen Shipman	34	Carol Burch
March	100	Brenda Hobbs	108	Mrs Mills	70	Doris Saville	20	Eddie Knight	20	Marilyn Newman
April	112	J Franklin	43	Richard Newman	93	Elizabeth Newman	44	Mrs C Jones	44	Neil Haynes
May	86	Cheryl Munday	12	Brian Shipman	18	Peter Doel	96	Mike Gilmore	96	Jon Tapper
June	104	Andy Squibbs	97	Sharon Tapper	6	G Field	53	Audrey Plummer	19	Richard Andrews

With 116 members for this year the prizes remain the same. Thank you all for renewing your subscriptions and welcome to new members. Many thanks also to all those who helped in the collection of subscriptions. Good luck to you all

David Harnott

## BYO

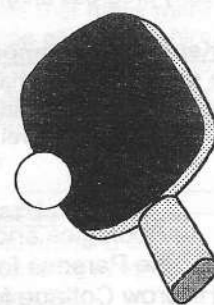
**Club** The Tuesday evening at the Linnet is now a well-established get together venue for villagers wanting a sociable chat over a drink. Hopefully, with some warmer evenings ahead, we can sit outside and watch the world go by. Please come along 8.30ish until 10.30 and support your Pub, and pay only for your own drinks! Mike Truman

**BADMINTON** The interest and enthusiasm is still being maintained with 14-16 players each week. Courts are booked for an hour at 8 pm on Fridays at the Christie Miller Sports Centre and you will play for at least 45 minutes. We then enjoy a Coke and a natter in the bar. Do phone if you would like to join us.

Ken 870403

## TABLE TENNIS COACHING

For the third year we are hoping to acquire the services of a coach provided free of charge by WWDC for 5 to 16 year olds. It will be for 1½ hours on Wednesday mornings as before, for 5 weeks during the school holidays. Let me know if you are interested and I will give you more details when I have them.



Diane Norris 870519



## KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS

On Tuesday 26 April, Class 3 attended a workshop day at Salisbury Cathedral. There were activities such as stained glass windows, birds of prey, and the story of St. Osmund throughout the day. Three of our recorder players, Natasha, Issie and Gemma played in the orchestra during the service, and Thomas, Josh and Sam were banner bearers. It gave the pupils a wonderful opportunity to get to know THEIR cathedral in more detail.

Our latest Family Learning project took us into the realms of the Art World! Families were given a very small piece of a big picture and asked to reproduce it on a larger board using any medium they like. The finished result is a wonderful version (in 28 pieces) of Henri Rousseau's "Tiger in the Jungle" It adorns the wall in our school hall – please pop in and see it when you are passing!

Our school teams have recently taken part in the Trowbridge Schools' Swimming Gala, where we narrowly missed third place by 2 points! Well done, swimmers! And we were just "pipped at the post" in the Kwik Cricket tournament in Warminster, even though our team took 7 wickets in their last match; howzat?! We look forward to our Sports Day on Friday, 15 July at 1.15pm on the playing field and our Summer Concert in the playground on Wednesday, 20 July. Please join us if you can!

### F.O.K.S. (FRIENDS OF KEEVIL SCHOOL)

#### Craft Fayre

Thank you to everybody who very kindly donated plants for this event. We had a very busy 2 hours and managed to make a profit of £400!

#### Fashion Show

As many of you are aware, we recently held a fashion show at Steeple Ashton and what a great success it was, not forgetting what fantastic sports our models were strutting their stuff on the catwalk – "Well done Teachers, you done us proud!" Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event. We are planning to organise another show in 2006.

#### Sponsored Run – KEEVIL AIRFIELD

A very big thank you to everybody who very kindly gave up their Saturday to lend a hand with this event. We had tremendous support from a lot of people who very happily braved the weather marshalling, whilst others slaved over a hot barbeque! The day was a great success with various races commencing with 3 children's races, followed by the 10k Race. The results are as follows:

#### Children's Races

Under 8's (500m)		Under 11's (1km)		Under 17's (2km)	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Katherine Townsend	1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Ellis	1 <sup>st</sup>	Katie Alexander
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elen Amendolara	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ben Streeter	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Georgina Richardson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Benjamin Kelly	3 <sup>rd</sup>	George Edwards	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nathaniel Edwards

#### 10km Road Race

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Burns
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Sanders
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jonathon Coles

The first lady was Sara Davenport who came in 8<sup>th</sup> position.

Well done to all who took part in the races and  
*big congratulations to the winners!*

This will be an annual event and we are already putting a date in the diary for next year's Fun Run which will take place on SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2006. If you didn't manage to enter this year's race, perhaps you can start training for next year!

Further details on how to enter for the 2006 race will be available shortly on our website [www.keevil10k.co.uk](http://www.keevil10k.co.uk)

It just remains for us to say thank you to all who have supported Friends of Keevil School during this school year and we look forward to putting together another exciting agenda for the autumn term. We have reached our target and should have enough funds to buy an "interactive white board" for two classes. Well done everybody!

Some of our future events will include a Jumble Sale at the school in October and our Christmas Craft Fayre will take place at the end November/early December – venue to be decided and further details to follow. If you require further details on any of the above, please contact Debbie Scott on 01380 870410 or Keevil School on 01380 870376.

### Thanks to You

*I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me in the Bath Half Marathon on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. It was an exhausting race and I was stiff for a few days afterwards although I was pleased to complete the course it just over 2 hours and raise over £150 in aid of Dorothy House Hospice Care, which made all my efforts worthwhile.*

*Thank you once again! Xanthe Smith*

To all who attended Golly's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party – I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who made it to my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday bash and for making it a special evening. For those that couldn't make it I'm sorry you weren't able to join us. I had a fabulous day and memorable time. A big thank you also for my presents and the card.

Lastly a big thank you to Mike and Claire – 50% of the Bootleggers – for the fantastic music and royally entertaining us at the barn dance. I'd like to suggest we have an annual barn dance for the village – any takers?  
Cheers – Golly

### Safari Supper Update

As usual the 28<sup>th</sup> safari supper on 23<sup>rd</sup> April went well with everyone doing their best with the theme of St George's Day by decorating tables with flags or red and white napkins and candles, flowers etc. Several people also managed to find something red to wear.

The excess money collected from this and the previous event amounted to £78.50 and this was sent to the Tsunami Appeal. Thank you to the 22 people who attended Safari No. 27 and the 25 who were at Safari No. 28.

Since there are now only two issues of the Grapevine a year I will not be announcing the date of the next Safari Dinner in the magazine (June is too early to be thinking about October/November and likewise December is too early to think about March/April). I will send out notes with the date on, to all those villagers who have previously participated, nearer the time. If you have not been before and wish to join us in the future please let me know so that you can be included on my list.

**Sandra 870906**

## LADIES CLUB

Since the last Grapevine we have enjoyed a Skittles night in January. The champs were Joe Norris and Clair Evans, with Terry Cunningham winning the coveted Booby prize and Richard Clarke going home with the 'killer' money which he contributed to the Tsunami Disaster fund. An appeal on that night led to a very generous response in providing equipment for Aquaboxes, organised by Trowbridge Rotarians and sent to Sri Lanka.

In February we welcomed Cindy Garrett who demonstrated her egg-decorating skills and in March we invited our menfolk back again for the annual gourmet night – this year Chinese. Some people even managed to dress in appropriate style.

Our AGM in April was a little different this year. We crammed into 4 Peppercorn Orchard for short official business followed by a very interesting and well-produced computer-generated slide show by Colin and Judy Ramsey on their 6 months' adventure in a narrow boat on the British Waterways. The Summer of 2004 had not been kind to them and they had some quite hair-raising times in their travels, but the pictures they showed of pretty canal routes and the wild-life were beautiful. The slides were followed by a Bring&Buy of paperbacks – I had no idea we were such a village of bookworms.

No 4 Peppercorn was the venue once again in early June to plan the village fete. It never fails to amaze how two hours planning on that day, two hours preparation on the Saturday morning and two and a half hours in the afternoon of the fete can produce such incredible results.

We do not meet again until Wednesday 21 September when Rosie Keith has promised to help provide another famous Beetle Drive with wine and music! The rest of the programme has now been finalised and will be circulated soon.

We really do appreciate having an extra 10 ladies on our membership list and will welcome yet more, so if anyone would like to come along for the first time in September give me a ring on 870635 and I will arrange for someone to call for you.

**Carol Clarke**

## SUMMER FETE

Having had such heavy thunderstorms the day before we were a little worried that we might get wet on the day but thankfully that was not the case and we were very pleased with the support of so many villagers. Our theme was the seaside – buckets and spades to collect the cash; hats decorated in fish, crabs, shells, "Kiss me quick"; sailing boat cakes; painted pebbles; a punch and judy raffle sign; fat lady photo opportunity; and even a rowing boat and paddles.

**THANKYOU EVERYONE – WE RAISED A RECORD £818.92 !!!** We will send £800 to St Mary's Preservation Trust to help with the restoration of the magnificent church in Steeple Ashton (our parish church) and the small balance will go in the Ladies Club account.

There are many thankyou's to be made – to the stall holders, and all who helped in one way or another; Dr Peter Howard, Chairman of St Mary's Preservation Trust for giving his time to open the fete; Mo Laycock, headteacher and the Maypole dancers of Keevil School; Ken Young for his organ playing; Des and his team for the train-rides; Audrey Plummer for the use of her lovely garden and all of you who came to spend money! We had a marvellous day and are very proud of the great community spirit in Great Hinton. Well done, and thank you very much.

**Carol Clarke and the Ladies Club**



*All the fun of the seaside in Great Hinton*

## The Great Frog Hunt

19 cut out frogs hid in the undergrowth around Great Hinton on the last Sunday in June and were bemused by the antics of the humans trying to understand the clues that would locate them. In the end all were found and then it was on to resolving the final clue. This alone wouldn't be good enough to secure the top prize and several obscure articles had to be presented to the judges. Counterfeit Swiss Army knives were marked down in favour of the real thing and it was a surprise to see just how many vinyl Beatles records exist in the village!

So who were the winners ..... In first place would be Raddox bath salts as most entrants had walked around the village a number of times and were suffering from aching limbs!

In the children's section Josie & Ben Evans accompanied by Chloe Scott just managed to gain 5 minutes on Robert Ellis to clinch the first prize.

The adult clues tested even the best Telegraph crossword solvers, e.g. 'Let slap' with the blue rope. This clue was only possible thanks to the efforts of Joe Norris who couldn't afford a real gate and had strung up some wooden pallets with blue rope to stop his goats from escaping.

The first adults prize went to Carol Birch and her friend Nicky closely followed by Min, Paul & Andrew. I imagine the prizes have already been consumed. It was very rewarding to Jon Lawes and myself to see almost twenty teams attempting this Sunday afternoon intellectual ramble. And on that note.....thanks for taking part.

**Kevin**

### **Things we learnt from the treasure hunt:**

Posts holding the footpath signs are made from recycled plastic.

Peppercorn Orchard was built on the strawberry fields.

## Hall Bookings

With such a smashing hall I am surprised that many more villagers do not use the hall and its skittle alley. The hire rates are £10 for villagers and £15 for others, they have to be the cheapest in the area. Why not arrange a family or friends party now?

**David Harnott 871196**

## Coffee, cakes and cards

Please come to my Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 30 September – open house from 9.30 to 12.00. Bring and buy cakes and card sale.

**Rebecca Locke at 5 Peppercorn Orchard 870588**