

THE GRAPEVINE GREAT HINTON

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DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE VILLAGE

In the Spring Mike Dodd prepared a very convincing case for a grant of 50% from the local Area Board to purchase a defibrillator for the village and it was voted through unanimously. Then the challenge switched to raising the balance of £900. This was achieved through the Auction of Promises and sufficient funds are also available to cover the unit's ongoing maintenance.

The unit and its vandal proof cabinet has been ordered through the Community Heartbeat Charity (see their website) and is being mounted on the front wall of the village hall. We are grateful to Steve Adams for arranging the cabinet's installation and connection to the mains for maintenance of temperature inside the cabinet.

We now await the delivery of the defibrillator unit. Once commissioned then the Ambulance Service will be informed and anyone dialling 999 will be given the access code to the unit. This will include residents in Great Hinton and anyone judged to be able to get safely to the unit and return to the casualty. The device itself guides the user through each stage by visual and verbal instructions. It also evaluates if the casualty needs an electrical stimulus and these cannot be given accidentally.

A practical training evening has been arranged for 7 p.m. on Tuesday 25th September and everyone is encouraged to attend. This includes children. This will be an extensive and very practical session and includes training on CPR using manikins.

The cost of the session is £135 which will be funded from Auction of Promises money. Names are not needed - just turn up on the night. If you cannot make this session, but would like some training please let Kevin Crumpler or Carol Burch know and we will try to arrange for Dr Steve Locke to do a repeat of last year's introductory session.

In September an instruction sheet will be delivered to each household explaining CPR and the use of the defibrillator.

Great Hinton joins an increasing number of small communities who have raised funds for a defibrillator to increase the chances of survival for heart attack victims. What started as a stimulating talk by Steve Locke has progressed to the village having a life saving unit that I hope will never be used but one that clearly improves the chances of survival if required.

Chair of the Community Committee – **Kevin Crumpler**

Auction of Promises

Just over half the village was involved in donating/bidding for auction lots that varied from a flight for four; champagne breakfast; Thai meal; Autumn weekend in Sussex; babysitting; "adult themed" Xmas Bells and many more.

At the auction just over £1400 was raised and this was subsequently increased to £1483 through some late bids and donations. This *tremendous* generosity easily closed the gap in

funding for the Defibrillator and many thanks to all those involved. Our thanks also to our Auctioneer the irrepressible Kevin Crumpler.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is an emergency procedure which is performed in an effort to manually preserve intact brain function until further measures are taken to restore spontaneous blood circulation and breathing in a person in cardiac arrest.

CPR involves chest compressions at least 5cm deep and at a rate of at least 100 per minute in an effort to create artificial circulation by manually pumping blood through the heart. In addition, the rescuer may provide breaths by either exhaling into the subject's mouth or utilizing a device that pushes air into the subject's lungs. This process of externally providing ventilation is termed artificial respiration. Current recommendations place emphasis on high-quality chest compressions over artificial respiration.

CPR alone is unlikely to restart the heart; its main purpose is to restore partial flow of oxygenated blood to the brain and heart. The objective is to delay tissue death and to extend the brief window of opportunity for a successful resuscitation without permanent brain damage. Administration of an electric shock to the subject's heart, termed defibrillation, is usually needed in order to restore a viable or "perfusing" heart rhythm.

Learn more about what YOU could do for family, friend or stranger, by attending the village training session on 25 September. All welcome including children - they can save lives as well, so please encourage them to come.

Avon Valley Runners Half Marathon will be coming through Great Hinton on 9 December, starting and finishing in Station Yard Edington. It is in support of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. The runners, who are limited to 350, will start at 11.00. They will come from the crossroads, into Main Street, turn right into Back Street and then return up Main Street. Please give what support you can and respect the road restrictions which will be in place. To get an entry form visit the AVR website.

The Kiosk Library (or The Village Kindle!)

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the Library and donating books and to say how thrilled we were recently to receive very favourable comments from the Best Kept Village judges. We sort out the books regularly to ensure that new titles are on the shelves and those that have been there a while we take to The Mind Charity shop on Paxcroft. If you haven't already used the Library please give it a try and if possible donate one or two books as well. You will have noticed that a chair is provided for you to browse through the shelves!! Your comments and suggestions always welcome. Keep reading!

Gwen and Anne

B.Y.O. Evenings Since the closing of the Linnet, the "Buy Your Own" evenings have been meeting at the Lamb on the Strand where Brian and his staff have made us most welcome. We meet there at 8.30pm every last Tuesday in the month when the 100 Club Draw takes place at 9.30pm. Hope to see you there for a drink, chat, and of course the draw.

Mike T.

Great Hinton Indoor Bowling Club

Inspired by the Olympics? Well, we can look forward to a sporting challenge right here in the Village as we start our fourth season of bowling in the Village Hall, hopefully the new Bowling Mat Handling Trolley will then be in operation. At the recent Extra General Meeting, a clear indication was given by all members, that the Club is in a strong position and should continue in its present format, with the Christmas Singles Knock Out Competition and the New Year 'Champion's Cup' Singles Knock Out Competition to continue.

As in previous years, we will meet on Mondays 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm starting on the 10th September, and finishing on the 15th April 2013.

I'd like to emphasise that the Bowling Club is for all Villagers and new members, including newcomers to the Village, will be most welcome.

Please contact Mike Truman (870607) for full information about the Club.

Ladies Fete helps the Heroes

Despite the gloomy morning and forecast, the last Saturday afternoon in June started off with sunshine and the fete was opened by Bernice Brady from Help for Heroes. Everyone enjoyed themselves having tea and cake on the lawn, buying excellent plants and homemade cakes, bouncing on the castle (the younger ones that was!), riding the pony and wishing they were the proud owners of the fantastic veteran cars on display. Unfortunately the weather suddenly took a turn for the worse and we had to come to an abrupt end at 3.45 with people rushing quickly from the various covered areas to claim their raffle prizes!

We raised £760 for Help for Heroes which added to the money raised from the Harvest Supper, the Carol Service, the Ladies' and Men's Christmas raffles, and donations in lieu of Christmas cards and from the Spinners and Weavers, brings the total raised by the village since September 2011 to £1680. Not bad for such a small community. Thank you everyone who gave up their time to help and to all who braved the weather on the day to support us. Also to Dom and Gill for opening their garden to us all.

The Ladies Club charity for 2012 - 2013 is once again the very deserving and much needed Wiltshire Air Ambulance, which for the time being has had a stay of execution and is to remain based in Wiltshire, sharing the helicopter with the police.

Balloon Race Winner

The lucky winner of the Fete Balloon Race was Richard Clarke. Having only just cleared the hawthorn hedge on release, his balloon was found 29 miles away just west of the A419 and north of junction 15 on the M4 at Liden in Swindon. He was pleased to receive an Olympic Mug filled with Heroes sweets - a prize fitting with both the theme of the fete and the charity it supported. The person who returned the address tag to Dom will receive a copy of Great Hinton Village Jubilee photo as a thank you.

A personal "Thank You!" from Audrey

First of all I should like to say big thank you to Peter Baker for taking over the tub by the telephone kiosk. Peter not only grew the plants but also planted them and I must say the tub has looked really beautiful all the summer. Every time I have walked by the tub the flowers have given me a much needed lift both in the sunshine and even more in the relentless rain that we have experienced this year.

Secondly I should like to say a very big thank you to all the people who sent cards and good wishes when I had my 'blip' earlier in the year. I have such a lot of ongoing help and kindness with lifts and tasks which I sometimes find very difficult to accomplish.

I am, however, making good use of my bus pass and recalling the days of my youth before I learnt to drive and always travelled by bus or train. Oh that I was that age again!!

Lunch Club will resume on Thursday 4th October. We now have 25 members and there's still room for more. So do join us on the first Thursday of each month at 12.15 for 12.30 for an enjoyable meal cooked by a team of ladies. Just let either Richard and Carol Clarke or myself know if you would like to come.

Audrey Plummer 870586 Richard and Carol 870635



Safari dinner no. 43 -- Saturday 20th October 2012

Please let me know by **Saturday 6th October** whether you will be coming along. This is two weeks before instead of the usual one week as I am busy - please don't leave it too late or you will be disappointed. If you have not been involved before and would like to know more please give me a call or email me for information. **Sandra 870906 sandra@crumpler.org.uk**

The Trio does the Double at the Jubilee Party

With so much preparation the Jubilee event could not be cancelled due to the inclement weather and was rapidly rehoused in the Village Hall and the schedule adjusted accordingly. Starting the events were Treasure Hunts for both the adults and children prepared by Carolyn, Di and Steve Locke. Battling the light rain and the cryptic clues, a trio of ladies (Sue, Sue & Veronica) beat the other contestants to claim the first prize of the day.



Back at the Hall festooned in red, white and blue decorations, the tables of festive cakes added to a colourful sight. The children then paraded their homemade crowns and this was followed by villagers posing for a group photograph. A large copy will be framed for the hall and A4 copies can be obtained from Kevin.

The evening events were centred on a fun and challenging multiple choice quiz on the Royal Family which was prepared with the help of Sylvia and Peter. Again Sue, Sue & Veronica were awarded first prize after beating a number of other teams by a small margin.

The cost of the event and prizes was met by the entrance fees for the Treasure Hunt and the Quiz whilst the cakes were generous donations, especially of time, by the ladies of the village. Thanks to Kevin for leading the organisation of the celebrations.

ART CLUB meets on **Thursdays** in the Village Hall at 7.30. All welcome from beginners to expert (which none of us are!). Contact Mike Dodd on 870446 or Carol Clarke 870635

Mens' Christmas Dinner

The Lamb on the Strand has been booked for our dinner this year. Please make a note in your diaries for Friday 21st December. More details to follow from Mike Truman.

Great Hinton Parish Council

Following agreement with the Highways Authority on improving safety measures at the A361/C232 junction at the Strand, steady progress has been made with the implementation plan. The junction is now much "cleaner" and visibility is somewhat improved all round. There was a slight glitch when the householder at the junction installed a series of posts in the highway to protect his boundary, but appropriate representation resulted in their removal. The proposed reduction in speed limit along the A361 to 50mph however has still yet to be put in place – we will chase this up.

Further representation has also been made by the Parish Council regarding a 20mph limit for the village, given that an increase of £10k funding was made available for continuing "evaluation trials" in Wiltshire. Regrettably, the response was negative once again.

On the positive side, "SLOW" signs have been painted at each end of the narrow part of the road through Cold Harbour – effect to be determined as even 30 mph at the top of the hill can be too fast.

Major planning applications have been addressed over the last 6 months concerning Sunnybanks at the entrance to the village and Hinton House at Castle Leaze, with satisfactory outcomes all round.

After much debate led by the Parish Council, a final set of plans for the conversion of The Linnet ex-public house into two dwellings has been approved. Many thanks are due to Steve Adams for working closely with the council and the community to arrive at a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Mike Dodd Chairman

Great Hinton Lunch Club Summer Garden Visit

Twenty-one Lunch Club members met at The Dog public house in Old Sodbury on June 14th for lunch before travelling a short distance to the lovely gardens of Camers. We were warmly greeted by the owners Mr & Mrs Denman who gave us a short history of their beautiful period house and gardens introducing us to their gardener who was on hand all afternoon to answer any questions we might have.



The gardens are set out in a series of 'rooms', all very different, with a wide variety of plants and topiary. There was also a small wood to explore (and get lost in!!). As the house and gardens face west there were far reaching views towards the River Severn and the Welsh hills beyond - sadly it was a rather overcast day for our visit. Mr. & Mrs. Denman have collected some fascinating modern sculptures including a

large hand with birds carved from tree trunks - so much to see and admire.

Just as the rain started to fall we were welcomed indoors for tea and homemade cakes, much appreciated by all, and were able to thank our hosts for their hospitality and a most enjoyable and memorable afternoon.

I know all the members would like to thank Audrey and Richard for organising this annual event - we have been to some wonderful gardens over the years. Plus an extra big thank you to them both along with Doris, Carol and Carolyn for the delicious lunches we all enjoy each month during the winter months.

Anne

Wiltshire Councillor News from Jonathon Seed

What a summer we have had! Dreadful weather brought flash floods and no chance of those long happy balmy evenings enjoying our gardens. It is just as well that this just happened to be such a special summer for celebrations for our Country and our county. With both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympic Games this summer there really was something to celebrate - and celebrate we all did! There have been street parties and events galore for the Jubilee and the bunting simply carried on for the Olympic Games with London 2012 delivering all that golden glory for Great Britain. Also let us not forget our county of Wiltshire and how we did our bit to create lasting memories for us to treasure for years to come of this unique summer in our lives. It is estimated that half of the population of Wiltshire turned out to cheer on the passing of the Olympic torch through the county with the highlight being the superb day of partying for the arrival of the torch in Salisbury. The turnout and widespread public support for the County Jubilee and Olympic celebrations showed just how right Wiltshire Council was to invest time and money into making these events such an all round success. The Leader of the Council, Councillor Jane Scott summed it all up by saying "Wiltshire has shown what a great county it is and how active and strong our communities are".

Given all that has gone on in the County this summer it is no wonder that Wiltshire ranks in the top four happiest places in the Country to live in. Achieving such a contentedness ranking for our County is no accident and all sorts of factors combine to make it happen and this summer also brought other benefits which contribute in their own small way to this happiness ranking. Our leisure services are amongst the best in the country and we also have attracted huge inward investment to our transport services with major improvements planned for our local railway system. Then add the announcement of the potential of a new motor car sales park near Westbury and a new car components site being developed in Trowbridge and you can see just why Wiltshire is becoming so buoyant. And let us not forget the opening of a new Library for Trowbridge next month when 40,000 books will be moved into brand new purpose built premises in Bythesea Road. Can you name a neighbouring County which has not only kept all its libraries open but also extended opening hours and built a brand new library this year?

So next time something does not go quite right with your dealings with the Council please remember that a great deal is going on in the same Council to make the Wiltshire the great county in which we all choose to live.

Finally it is also good to report that the Council tries to make a difference to life in Great Hinton through the Melksham Area Board Community Grants programme. The Area Board made a significant contribution to the cost of the village defibrillator and if we are also able to help with a grant to the Indoor Bowls Club for their carpet roller then we will have made a real difference to village life in Great Hinton.

Halloween Party on Friday 26th October

We will be having a Great Hinton halloween party which will start at 4pm and finish around 6 - 6.30 after trick or treat. It is open to all the young children in the village and grandchildren. Invitations and flyers will be sent nearer the time.

WHY NOT HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL?

We have an well kept Village Hall which is available for anyone to hire at very reasonable rental charges. It is fitted with all the modern facilities including a fully equipped kitchen.

The Hall is the right size for family parties, with the use of the skittle alley if required.

If you are a 100 Club Member, you are contributing to the upkeep of the Hall, so why not enjoy your investment by using it!

For Village Hall Bookings, please contact Audrey Plummer on 01380 870586

