

# THE GRAPEVINE GREAT HINTON

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## Our sad goodbyes

In the last six months we have mourned the loss of good friends who have been part of our village life. Dorothy Young gave great encouragement to the Ladies Club during her time in the chair. For several years John Fennell made sure that the local footpaths remained not only in good condition but were improved, especially the stiles. And Kevin Crumpler's huge contribution was described by Russell in the tribute to his father at the Crematorium service.

"Throughout his life, Kevin was quite restless, and to be fair, at times impatient. He simply could not sit still and just do nothing. So whilst we are here today because his life was so tragically and unexpectedly cut short, I think I can confidently say that he fitted more into his life than a lot of people that make into their 80's and beyond. Looking back at Kevin's life it is very clear that whatever he did – whether organizing the village run, being Chairman of the Board of Governors at school, sailing on the Jolly Breeze, or raising his children, he never gave less than 100%.

Whether it was organizing many of the Agony Runs or Hangover parties, Chairing the Village Hall Committee, trying his best to help make a bonfire larger than the year before or somewhat ironically working to get a Defibrillator unit put up at the village hall, Great Hinton was always at the centre of Kevin's hectic life. Indeed, I know that any decision to potentially leave was horribly difficult and considered over a long period of time. It has been so lovely to hear comments such as Kevin was the glue that held the village together. That may have been true to a degree, but the reality is a village community can only be successful if enough people from that community step up and do their bit. I know that Kevin was very involved in a lot of village things, at times pushing people hard to attend events that they always ended up thoroughly enjoying. This means that his absence will leave something of a void. We hope you don't mind, but on behalf of Kevin and the rest of the Crumpler family, we implore everyone here to step up and do just a little bit more so that these wonderful events continue into the future. That will go a huge way to ensuring that Great Hinton's community spirit continues to thrive and that Kevin has a legacy of sorts. Now of course, Great Hinton was also the village that Simon, Colin and Russell

grew up in and the one that they still in many ways view as home. To help with ensuring that the wonderful community spirit survives and thrives, we would like to work with whoever is prepared to help to bring back the Agony Run in 2015. We also suggest an Agony Walk to run alongside it, so that as many people can take part as possible, whether competitively or purely for fun. We can assure you that there will be a minimum of five Crumplers in the starting line up, no matter where in the world we are living at the time! We will also use the event to raise funds for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Great Hinton itself. Finally, we will donate a cup, perhaps to be called the KC Cup. This will ensure there is a prize for the fastest villager to finish the race. We then propose to entrust the KC Cup to the Village Hall Committee together with a request that they find a competition which will see it being awarded on an annual basis. That may be an Agony Run, it may be a best homemade beer competition or just the skittles award. Whatever it is, we hope that it helps keep the community spirit strong, as we know this is something Kevin would have desperately wanted."

And it was because of Kevin's foresight in earmarking the profits from the Agony Runs to the Hall rebuilding fund and then his involvement on the building committee that we now have a first class facility for our village clubs and activities to use.

## Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages to us after Kevin so unexpectedly and unfortunately passed away in April and thank you to those who came to his funeral. It was wonderful to see how much you all thought of him and how generous your donations were. The amount of money donated to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance was a fantastic £575. Thank you also for all the support you have given me since April. It is very much appreciated. Sandra

## In appreciation

Ken and family wish to sincerely thank friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy and cards of condolence received in our sad loss of Dorothy. The generous donations in her memory meant that we were able to give Alzheimer's Support and RICE (The Research Institute for the Care of Older People) £200 each for which they were very grateful.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. Behind it lies a simple idea, and a central value shared by millions of people around the country:-

**Getting together with your neighbours to take action can cut local crime.**

So a very big thank you to all NHW distributors for passing on the newsletters and forwarding the rural crime information to your neighbours.

Thankfully NHW has been quiet on the domestic front therefore there is nothing new to report.

There is a new Neighbourhood Watch website that you can look at which can be found on [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) which gives lots of information on local events, police reports and many other useful resources. Please have a look at it.

If you would like to be alerted by text/email of any local incidents, please either call or email me your details to [deb.scott@virgin.net](mailto:deb.scott@virgin.net)

**Useful Information**  
**Emergency Calls in the UK** 999  
**Non-emergency Calls in the UK** 101



Debbie Scott  
NHW Area Coordinator 870410

**Community Beat Manager**  
**Emily Thomas and**  
**PCSO Rosina Baldock**

are holding a Neighbourhood Policing Street Meeting on **Friday 12 September** at 3 pm outside the Village Hall to answer any concerns you may have.

## Village Website

Thank you Claire for running the website. News, information, updates and photos on any village activities can be emailed to [gh@claireharbour.co.uk](mailto:gh@claireharbour.co.uk). As the Grapevine is only published half yearly, the website is the way event organisers can keep villagers up to date on what's happening in Great Hinton.

## Badminton Group

We play for an hour at the Christie Miller Sports Hall on Fridays at 8 p.m. We are of mixed ability and there's room for others to join the fun of playing doubles. So if you are interested give me a call.

**Ken 870403**



## From our Local Councillor

August is a relatively quiet month in general Council terms but it can be busy in some areas of business and particularly in Libraries and Leisure services, both of which are part of my Cabinet portfolio. I therefore take the opportunity to get out and about and visit some of the 31 Libraries and 23 Leisure centres in Wiltshire. This is a great opportunity to talk to people as they use the facilities and to chat to staff about what is going well and perhaps not so well in their services. I always come back with a list which is not universally popular with senior managers but that is life and one of the purposes of my getting out on the ground is to see how things are and what we can do better. I always also come back with renewed and great admiration for our hardworking Council staff who really want to deliver the very best service that they can to the residents of Wiltshire and that is why being able to have a straightforward conversation with their Cabinet Member is so important.

Some issues are personal and some affect us all and one of the issues that affect us all is the use of RAF Keevil. Most of our local residents seem to be of the view that RAF Keevil belongs to the Ministry of Defence, has been here for a very long time and has been used for flying for a very long time – even at night and for low flying. However we always used to be informed of low and night flying matters until the MoD decided to reorganise its land and RAF management two years ago. In my opinion it would do no harm for the RAF and MoD to reconnect with their supportive local community around RAF Keevil and I have recently been in contact with the MoD and told them so. I am hoping that as a result of my representations Parishes will at least be informed when unusual activity that affects us all is planned. I am also in regular contact with the contractors for the proposed new runway at the airfield and they assure me that it is still being planned, that they have listened to local views expressed during the public consultation all those months ago and that they will be in touch when there is a firm date for taking the new runway proposal forward.

Summer is also a great time to catch up with locals at local events. I attend any local political events that I can and really enjoyed the Summerham Conservative lunch attended by 90 people in Keevil and at which I joined in a question and answer session with the local MP and a local Peer as well as having a jolly lunch and raising funds for the local Branch. Many people do not want to support political events and so I also make an effort to attend fetes and local events whenever I can and they are always a great opportunity to pick up news and views. Each event is different but they

all seem to get through the pocketful of change that I bring along to spend on the local produce and car boot type stalls, not forgetting other essentials like food, beer, cider and ice cream! Over the summer I also produce my annual summer In Touch leaflet letting people know what I have been doing as their local Councillor. I do this through a network of local helpers many of whom are not at all political but are happy to help deliver a few leaflets in their village for an hour a year. I am always on the lookout for more helpers so if you can help then please do let me know on either [jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01380 850696.

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## Dog Mess on the roads and paths

Unfortunately there are some dog owners and dog walkers who do not set out on their dog walk with a poo bag so have no means to pick up their dog's mess. This has been a problem along Back Lane, so please be thoughtful and responsible and come with a plastic bag. Dog faeces left on the ground by irresponsible dog owners are not only unsightly and anti-social but also a potential health risk to young children.

Dog Control Orders are in place throughout Wiltshire and require the person in charge of a dog to clean up after it has defaecated on any area of land over which the public have right of way, including adjoining verges. If reported and found guilty of an offence, a person may incur a fixed penalty of £75. A complaint can be made to the Dog Warden on 0300 4560100.

## Dog Mess in the fields

There is now a definite link confirmed between the parasitical diseases "Neosporosis" in cattle and "Sarcocystosis" in sheep caused by infected dog faeces. These illnesses can cause cattle to abort calves and mortality in sheep. Also there appears to be a link to Alabama Foot Rot disease in dogs which can cause paralysis and is usually fatal, especially in puppies. Latest official advice is for dog walkers to clear up after their dogs on grazing land and also to avoid feeding their pet raw meat, which is probably the original source of this illness. Even if the dog is



only fed on cooked food and appears to be perfectly healthy, it may well carry these diseases. Furthermore vets advise that injecting or worming your dog will not stop them passing on this parasite to cattle.

The Bonds, who farm a large amount of the grazing land around the village, have asked that all dog walkers clean up after their dogs because their herd has already been affected by this serious illness and have lost calves. Could all dog owners please adhere to this on the Bond's fields and also all other grazing land around our village (as well as our paths in the village).

## Ladies Club

Firstly, a big thank you to Debbie on behalf of all the ladies for her excellent chairmanship over the last two years and to Sandra for her continuing role as club Treasurer.

Last year we enjoyed a varied programme of events and talks culminating in June with our Summer Fete where we raised £720 for Stepping Stones.

Another busy year begins for the Ladies Club in September, with Rachael and Rebecca taking on the chair. Our chosen charity for this year will be Alzheimer's Support, Wiltshire.

Ladies Club runs from September to April, and we meet at the Village Hall at 8pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We are an informal and friendly group of ladies of all ages and would warmly welcome new members. Subscription is a mere £6 a year! We hope there is something in our programme to tempt you.

Rachael & Rebecca look forward to welcoming you on September 17th when we kick off the year with our cheese and wine evening and a talk from a representative from Alzheimer's Support.

If anyone has any ideas for future events, or would like any more information please don't hesitate to contact either of us:

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07770 750669 email:

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## Footpaths

I am your Parish Council footpath officer. If you know of any footpaths in our parish which need any TLC please let me know on 870302. Although I walk the footpaths there may still be some that are unknown to me!

*Gill Verschoye*

## MEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Matt has taken over the responsibility of organising this and he has booked the Lamb on the Strand for 7.30 pm on Friday 19 December.



Please come to Rebecca's coffee morning, to raise funds for **Macmillan Cancer Support** on **FRIDAY**



**26 September** from 10 to 12, at 5 Peppercorn Orchard. There will be a sale of cakes, Phoenix Trading cards and a raffle. "Hope to see you there!"

#### Lunch Club

The Lunch Club outing was held in June when we visited the garden of Stratford Tony Manor near Salisbury after lunching at The Ship Inn at Burcombe. We enjoyed an excellent meal after waiting about half an hour for a certain group of four ladies who got well and truly lost after leaving Wilton and seemed to go round in circles. However they finally made it to The Ship Inn so all was well!!

The Manor Garden proved to be very interesting with rolling lawns, flower borders and a small lake. The whole ambience was one of peace and tranquillity. I was very envious of the vegetable garden, which was so orderly and productive.

We almost managed to view the main part of the garden before the heavens opened, the umbrellas went up and we all made a hasty retreat to the conservatory where we were served afternoon tea with delicious homemade cakes - all in all it was a most enjoyable day.

The first lunch of the coming season will be in the village hall on Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 12.15 for 12.30 at a cost of £6 which includes a raffle ticket.



Anyone is welcome to join us on the first Thursday of every month - the more the merrier! Audrey

#### Steeple Ashton Films

We are back after the summer break and look forward to welcoming you to two films before deciding whether financially we can keep going. It would be a shame to lose this local facility, but we can only continue with your support.

##### **Saturday 18th October 7.30pm** **A Promise**

A romantic drama set in Germany just before WWI and centered on a married woman who falls in love with her husband's protégé. Separated first by duties and then by the war, they pledge their devotion to one another. Starring Rebecca Hall, Alan Rickman and Richard Madden. Certificate 12A, 98 Minutes

#### **Friday 14th November 7.30pm.**

##### **Belle** (Costume Drama)

The mixed race daughter of a Royal Navy Admiral is raised by her aristocratic great-uncle in 18<sup>th</sup> century England.

Starring Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Matthew Goode and Emily Watson  
Certificate 12A 104 minutes

Tickets are £6, available 4 weeks before the film night from Steeple Ashton Village Shop. Doors open half an hour before the film starts. Ice creams and sweets will be available and as usual we will have a bar. Profits from these films will go to St. Mary's Preservation Trust and Friends of Keevil School (FOKS).

For further information please phone volunteers Gill on 01380 870302 or Lynda on 01380 871701.



#### **COFFEE with ART AND CRAFT** **Calling all villagers with 'portable' hobbies.**

During the winter months the Village Art Group will be meeting on a Friday morning, 10-12 (instead of Thursday evenings) starting October 10th and we would very much like to have other village crafters, both men and women, join us with whatever you are making whether it is knitting, sewing, woodwork, calligraphy or even rubber-band bracelets! - whatever you enjoy. There will be no pressure for demos, just a contented couple of hours with a coffee, cookie, craft and chat. If you would like to join us just turn up on the day.

Carol Clarke 870635

#### **Village Kiosk Library**

This picture shows Lily Norris, our youngest supporter, 'reading' a book she has just chosen from the children's section of the Library - we have recently added a lot of new titles to this and the other shelves so please keep visiting our unique village library. Thanks to everyone who donates books, please keep them coming - we are proud of our varied selection and the Mind Charity shop on Paxcroft is very grateful when we take along any books that have been on the shelves a while. I'd like to add a personal thank-you to Gwen, our Chief Librarian, who has kept things going this summer whilst I've been out of action.

Anne

#### **Great Hinton Youth Club**

Having taken a break during the busy exam period and summer holidays, the Great Hinton Youth Club is back this Friday 5th September. This year we have had a lot of fun each Friday evening; playing table tennis, enjoying quizzes and catching up with one another after a long week at school.

At the start of this year, we embarked on an art project to design and craft a sculpture to celebrate the 100th anniversary of World War One. After brainstorming our ideas together we decided to create five individual poppies, all at about 7 foot tall - a very ambitious idea indeed! We dedicated several Fridays to the art project and all helped out - from making the wire framework stems to painting the flower petals. A special thank you has to go to Claire and Linda for their outstanding work and skill in leading the project as it is safe to say the final product wouldn't have looked so polished without them! The first week of June, our finished sculpture was on display at West Lavington Manor Art Exhibition. Also in June, the Youth Club helped to run the games stalls for the Village Fete, raising money for Stepping Stones.

We would like to thank Debbie and Rosie for all their hard work and support in the running of the youth club, as well as Youth Action Wiltshire for all their help.

The youth club takes place on a Friday evening from 7.30-10.00pm in the village hall. For further information, please contact Debbie Scott 870410 or Rosie Keith 871772.

#### **WHY NOT HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL?**

*We have a well-kept Village Hall which is available for anyone to hire at very reasonable rental charges.*

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

*For a small charge you may also hire chairs, tables, crockery and cutlery for parties in your home.*

*For Bookings, please contact*  
**Rebecca Locke on 01380 870588**





## Great Hinton is best again!

Having won the Wiltshire Best Kept Small Village award in 2012, we were able to enter the Winner of Winners competition and you'll see from their report below why the judges decided that we are the best - and so have won the Laurence Kitching Best Kept Village Competition for 2014.

The award will be presented at Mildenhall on 12 October when they receive their prize for best medium size village

"The judging took place on a warm sunny day after rain overnight. There were leaves on the

ground in all the villages from recent high winds which the judges ignored. The grass verges and residential gardens were outstanding and a joy to see with such colourful flowers. Many of the gardens had high banks, all kept immaculately. We were glad to see that the village hall has a defibrillator. This piece of equipment was purchased after a successful village appeal and villagers have been shown how to use it by a resident who is a doctor - such a good idea. The hall was neat and tidy and the war memorial plaque on it is where services are held on Armistice Day. The telephone kiosk was the most neat and tidy one we saw all day. It is brilliantly kept and the two village ladies who look after the books should be congratulated. It was a pleasure to see that the prize money from winning the Best Kept

Village Competition in 2012 had been used to purchase the nearby seat. The village pump, although no longer working, was in good condition. Most of the footpaths were in good order. However, the one in Back Lane is overgrown and needs attention.

The Grapevine is produced in the village and is distributed to everyone. From the notes sent with the application to enter the competition it was apparent how much community spirit there is in the village. The map provided for the judges was a great help as it showed the whole of the village area including the listed buildings. The judges would like to congratulate Great Hinton on the presentation of their entry and subsequently winning this year's Laurence Kitching Award. It was a pleasure to visit the village."

## Girl Friday Available

I am available for weekend household spring cleaning (hoovering, dusting, mopping, etc.) and babysitting. I have a first aid certificate and community first safeguarding certificate. I'm looking to raise around £1000.

Now why do I want to raise this money?

In year 12-13 at my school (Matravers - Westbury) students aged 16-18 get the amazing opportunity to visit The Gambia in Africa. I was inspired by my visit in February of this year by the welcoming community, despite the hardships they face daily and their positive outlook on life, to raise money for me to go again next year and help out the community more. As a school we provide under-privileged families with rice, clothing and medical supplies and the schools in the local area of Banjul with much needed resources for the students. We fly out on 14th February for an 8 day stay in a family run compound. From the airport to the compound it's an hour's journey in a worn-out mini bus (you can see the road in places through holes in the floor!). £1000 will cover my costs for the trip, vaccinations and money for the charity work we get involved in over in The Gambia.

I would really appreciate your support, you can contact me on 01380 870019 or email me at [lindaharbour97@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lindaharbour97@yahoo.co.uk) I am available for contact from 4:30 (after school). Thank you. *Linda Harbour*



## 100 Club

As you read the Grapevine, you will realise that the Village Hall (our only communal meeting place within the Village) has been well used throughout the year, and it's thanks to all 100 Club

members who subscribe £15.00 per year along with other fund raising events that the Hall running costs can be met. I hope that with your subscription you have been lucky enough to win one of the five prizes from each monthly draw,

and if not I look forward to putting a winner's envelope in your letter box in the near future.

Good Luck! Mike T.

## 100 Club Lucky Winners

	No	£20.00	No	£15.00	No	£12.00	No	£10.00	No	£8.00
March	5	Mike Truman	114	Paul Ellis	64	Phillip S Smith	77	Mary Noad	121	Paul Squibbs
April	27	Lynn Wiltshire	91	Steve Mustart	72	Colin Ramsey	14	Debbie Ellis	1	Mary Jones
May	77	Mary Noad	120	Katie & Evie	83	John Lawes	119	Richard Clarke	54	Diane Norris
June	98	E & B Adams	111	Debbie Scott	52	Jill Verschoyle	15	Ken Young	83	John Lawes
July	79	Gillian Fennell	59	Susan Horton	35	Sandy Salmon	120	Katie & Evie	60	Jim Brooks
August	17	Geoff Newman	100	Ross Cornelius	95	Sandra Crumpler	13	Neil Harnott	15	Ken Young
SUMMER BONUS : June 117 - Paula Williams - £25.00										

## LADIES CLUB PROGRAMME

September 17 <sup>th</sup> (8.00pm)	Cheese and Wine and talk from Elected Charity - Alzheimer Support)
October 15 <sup>th</sup> (8.00pm)	Magnetic Wellness - Jewellery Presentation
November 19 <sup>th</sup> (8.00pm)	Skittles
December 16 <sup>th</sup> (7.00pm)	Carol Singing (Tuesday)
December 17 <sup>th</sup> (7.30 for 8.00)	Ladies Christmas meal
January 21 <sup>st</sup> (8pm)	The Loss of the Titanic and a Wiltshire family Speaker - Geoffrey Carr
February 18 <sup>th</sup> (8pm)	Clematis Talk - Speaker - Marcel Floyd. Plants for sale on the night
March 18 <sup>th</sup> (8pm)	Gourmet Dinner
April 15 <sup>th</sup> (8pm)	AGM + Bring and Buy and/or Beetle Drive
May TBC (8pm)	Fete planning meeting

## WELCOME TO GREAT HINTON

We hope that our new residents are settled happily in our prize winning village and will enjoy being part of the community. We look forward to seeing you at any of our clubs and events. Any suggestions to improve village life and amenities can be made to:

George McDonic - Chairman of the Parish Council (871924)

Jon Lawes - Chair of the Community Committee which organises social events (870070)

Richard Clarke - Chair of the Hall Management Committee (870635)