

GRAPEVINE

SPRING 2019

CRAFTY HINTON!

The weekly meeting of the Art and Craft Club is a well-established village event, with a small but dedicated group getting together every Friday morning in the Village Hall for a chat and a cuppa while their fingers are busy creating some beautiful items. Among the regular creative activities that go on are painting, cross-stitch, felting, patchwork, and silk cushion making, though members are always keen to try their hands at new skills.

The Club was started many years ago by Mike and Anne Truman, and Carol Clarke was one of the founder members. She remembers Mike ringing round villagers who he thought might be interested and putting up a few posters, and soon the newly-founded Art Club had about fifteen members and so it began. Later renamed the Art and Craft Club to cater for a wider range of activities, the group have been going strong ever since.

Carol is a talented painter with a lifelong love of all things creative. She spent her early years living in her grandfather's pub, for the most part having to make her own entertainment and spending many happy hours in the back yard of the pub with pots of paint on a crate.



Working as a PA, Carol still managed to find an outlet for her creativity by illustrating company magazines. She has tried out a whole range of media including designing and creating textile banners. She is very involved with St James' Church in Trowbridge, and every year works hard to create wonderful decorations for the children's holiday club there.

Carol first love remains painting, and though she has tried acrylics and oils, she returns to her favourite watercolours time and again. She mostly paints landscapes but did let slip that she'd love to do more portraits. If the one of her grand-daughter Lucie above is anything to go by, I for one would be happy to sit for her!

One of the newest members of the Art and Craft Group is Lorraine Holmes. Lorraine and her husband Graham moved to Great Hinton in 2016 from Hampshire, and both soon joined in with village life. Lorraine's particular specialism is cross-stitch, using tiny stitches to create intricate pictures on fabric.

Traditionally, cross-stitch was used to embellish items like household linens, tablecloths, dishcloths, and doilies, only a small portion of which (such as a border) would actually be decorated. In contrast, Lorraine makes beautiful wall hangings, cushion covers or bookmarks with stitches that fill the whole piece.



Lorraine first learnt cross-stitch as a child, but busy life meant she didn't do much during her teenage years or early adulthood. Then about 20 years ago she returned to it and started making a variety of items both for herself and as gifts for friends and family. She loves it for its versatility - any picture can be transferred to fabric.

It's also a very portable craft you can take anywhere, and is easy to put down when other things need your time and then pick up again later. And most importantly, it's fun to do and share!

Lorraine also does goldwork, as seen on cassocks and military uniforms, but more of that in a later edition....



Watercolour by Carol Clarke

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



On 2nd February, twenty four villagers got together to celebrate the beginning of the Chinese Year of the Pig (the actual date this year was 5th February). The hall was decorated and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable evening with takeaway Chinese supper, fortune cookies and satsumas (considered lucky by the Chinese).

Pigs are the symbol of wealth. Their chubby faces and big ears are signs of fortune as well. Apparently people born in the year of the pig think logically and are able to fix whatever problem they are in.

They aren't good communicators but are kind and able to provide for the family. They may lose their temper easily. So if you were born in 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, or 2007, then this is you.



KC CUP

Since the previous photography competition was so popular we have another!

The theme this time is **Seasons**. Please submit four photos, one for each season - spring, summer, autumn, winter. They can be taken over the last two years up to autumn 2019 and within an area of approximately three miles around Great Hinton.

Entry for each set of four is £4 per adult (17 yrs+) and £2 per child (16 and under). You can enter as many sets of four as you like at the appropriate fee.

Entries should be submitted to Sandra by the end of October please, with name, date and where taken on the back of each photograph.

There will be a display of all entries, presentation of the KC Cup and prizes from 3:00 pm on Sunday 24th November in the Village Hall, accompanied by tea and cakes. Admission will be £4 per person, children under 12 free. All proceeds from the competition and cakes will be donated to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

LADIES CLUB GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Yes folks, the Great Hinton Ladies Club has been meeting for half a century!

We have had many speakers on various subjects - orchids, canal art, embroidery, honey, cookery, garden gnomes, miniature instruments, hats, puppetry, endangered species, Titanic to name but a few.

We have made cake decorations, felted, made cards, Christmas decorations, painted silk, and so much more.

Skittles, quizzes and beetle drives have amused us.

Food and wine seem to be a big thing as well!! An annual Christmas meal out, wine and cheese, gourmet cooking - this year we had a curry evening.

And over the years we have raised in excess of £22,000 for many charities - Dorothy House, Wiltshire Air Ambulance, CliC, MS, Alzheimer's Support, Stepping Stones, Julia's House, PHab, Barnardo's, Hope Nature Centre, Larkrise, Lifeboats, Homelessness, Childrens' Hospice South West, Steeple Ashton Church and of course, we currently give a portion of our proceeds to the Village Hall Fund.

Fifty good years here's to fifty more!

All past and present members have been invited to our Anniversary Lunch in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th October 2019 at 12 noon.

GREAT HINTON VILLAGE FETE

The fete this year will be held on Saturday 6th July from 2:30 pm in Gill and Dom's garden (Hillbrow).

Proceeds will be split 75/25 between the charity 'Evie's Gift' and the Village Hall Fund. We will be entertained by belly dancers from Dancing Flavours of Trowbridge.

All the usual attractions will be there - cakes, teas, bottle tombola, nearly new, raffle, games etc.

Please watch for further information nearer the day on how you can help or donate items.

Sandra



GREAT HINTON LADIES CLUB

We have been busy since the last Grapevine and it seems food and wine are often involved!

- In September Bryan Clover came and talked about Evie's Gift (set up after the loss of his daughter earlier in the year) which is our charity this year. This evening was finished with wine and nibbles!
- We learnt about bees, honey, wax and cosmetics in October from Claire Barker of Hive Originals.
- Needle felting produced some interesting results in November thanks to some tuition from Nikki Ritson from Trowbridge museum. Carol Clarke excelled in making a robin without a template whereas the rest of us struggled with a template!
- Carol singing raised over £70 in December and needless to say this involved mulled wine and mince pies!
- Our annual Christmas meal was at the Lamb on the Strand - more food and wine obviously!
- January saw us indulging once again with partners invited to a curry evening to warm us in the winter. A splendid selection of food was cooked as usual.
- Skittles for the family in the afternoon during February half term was again popular and the grandchildren enjoyed themselves and were very helpful setting up as well.



- And in March, the History of 'Punch and Judy' told by John Girvan gave us plenty of laughs and we learnt a lot about the puppets and the story - very briefly - Punch was a hunch back from Italy and first seen in England in 1662. Originally it was a macabre show for adults as Punch murders a blind man, beats his wife, turns the baby into sausages, has an affair with Pretty Polly, murders his wife and after being arrested tricks the hangman into hanging himself instead of Punch. The story changes and more characters arrive in the Victorian era and the show then becomes acceptable for children.

Our next meeting on the 17th April is the last for this season and will be a 'Bring and Buy' in aid of Evie's Gift and a Beetle Drive for some fun.



The charity Evie's Gift was born out of tragedy. Evie was 13 years old when she died, taken from her family and friends by an aggressive brain tumour. Evie spent nine days in paediatric intensive care and a further three weeks on the high dependency unit at Bristol Children's hospital. During that time, her family were fortunate enough to be accommodated in the hospital's bunk rooms on the 6th floor for four nights, and then at Ronald McDonald House for the remainder of Evie's time in hospital.

But Evie's parents realised that others weren't so lucky, and too often saw frightened, tired parents sleeping on chairs in the Parents' Room/kitchen or even in their cars because they couldn't afford the local hotels. Having a child admitted to hospital with a life-threatening condition is bad enough, but having to face tough medical decisions when sleep-deprived is a dreadful situation to face. The free accommodation is fantastic, but there simply isn't enough to go around.

Evie's Gift has two main aims: to give immediate financial assistance to parents whose children have been admitted to hospital with a life-threatening or life-limiting condition; and to fund research into the rare brain cancer that took Evie from her family all too soon.

The charity offers parents funding to pay for two nights' accommodation locally and help meet other costs associated with being near their child while they are in hospital. That's things like food and travel costs. They can't cover everything, but they do hope to take away at least some of the worry, allowing stressed out parents to think straight and get some quality rest.

This year, Great Hinton Ladies Club's will be supporting Evie's Gift, with 75% of all funds raised throughout 2019 going to the charity. You can find out more online by visiting their website: <https://www.eviesgift.org.uk>



GREAT HINTON RACE NIGHT

The second running of the Great Hinton Races was held on 2nd March. The course was slightly different from the previous running, but the same length and the tricky water jump and wicker fence, which caught many out during the evening, were fully refurbished after last year's assault. The going was good to firm, with a dry track and a warm evening.



There were eight races with six runners in each race, and it was good to see that all the runners made it to the track and to the start line. The tote was run very ably by Rachael and Jon kept a good grip on the odds and the money.

Events started at 7:40 pm with a good crowd, well stocked with victuals and refreshments! Prior to each race, the ownership of the runners was decided by auction; over the eight races the auction brought in £121.25 of which £85.85 was paid back out to the lucky winning owners. The potential owners bidding did take time to warm up, but by the last three races good prices were being paid and the resulting pay-outs generous!



On the night, the races ran as follows:

Wiltshire Chase – Won by White Horse, with Pewsey Vale and Plain Drifter cantering in second and third. Avon Dale, War Minster and Avebury Ring all gave a good showing but had trouble with the water and fence.

Country Hurdles – Won by Dairy Maid, followed closely by Clover Dale and Al Fresco, who may have won had it not been for trouble with the water. Farmer's Lad appeared to be more interested in what Barney was doing and Stroller lived up to his name!

Larder Cup – Won by Corn Dog Social by a short neck from Gooseberry Fool and Biscuit Barrel, who was carrying a bit too much weight to challenge properly despite being on the favoured side of the track. Fondue Freeze did freeze and moved hardly a step after coming off the start line, whilst Marzipansy and Sugar Loaf cantered along enjoying the view!

Barmy Cup – Won by Sargent Major, who blasted his way to the front after a late start, taking Barrack Master and Colonel Mustard by surprise in the last few strides.

Crab Race - A bit of a sideways affair but eventually won by Lightning Rob, a full furlong ahead of Flying Fox and Nimrod, all a bit slow for what should have been a sprint. Buck and Ear, Spitting Fury and Sopwith Camel brought up the rear at a pretty pedestrian pace.



Ladies Cup – As ever, a great race with lots of razzle and dazzle from the runners and jockeys. Fashion Parade won by a short neck from Miss Chievious, with Miss Leading a very close third, whilst Flagrant Miss and Glamour & Glitz seemed more interested in posing for the cameras.

The Hospital Chase – Paramedic Pirate was a clear winner with Dr Pain and Laughing Gas fighting for second and third. It was a shame that Ward Sister and Night Nurse appeared to be taking things easy and came to the race far too late - too much tea and biscuits!

Hackers Hurdles – The last race and what a corker. All the runners were up for it and all got away to a quick start. Chop Chop was the early leader, but Loin Ranger and Taxi Dermist quickly drew ahead. However, they did not last the distance and were passed by Headwind, Flying Chaucer and Tail of the Snail. Eventually, Headwind gusted ahead and won, closely followed by Flying Chaucer and Tale of the Snail.

Overall, a great Race Night, with much fun had by all. After some good pay-outs to the owners and lucky punters, the Village Fund raised £183.30.

Graham Holmes



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bat Walk

Saturday 4th May, 8:30 to 10:00 pm, meet at Village Hall

Village Picnic and Games (Villagers and friends only)

Saturday 8th June, 12:30 to 4:30 pm, No. 35 (first on the left at the Strand end of village)

Village Fete

Saturday 6th July, 2:30 to 5:00 pm, Hillbrow

Bingo Night

Saturday 7th September, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, Village Hall

Ladies Club Golder Anniversary Lunch

Saturday 5th October, 12 noon, Village Hall

REGULAR CLUBS

Indoor Bowls

Day – Every Monday from September to March

Time – 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Contact – Sue Smith 01380 870616 or Ken Young 01380 870403

We are looking for more players to join our evening group from 7.00 until 9.00pm. If you have never played before never mind you will get all the help you will need. It is a fun evening with a break for tea and coffee and plenty of chat - hope to see you! Contact Ken on 870403 for more info - you might even win a trophy!!



Art and Craft Club

Day – Every Friday throughout the year

Time – 10:00 am to noon

Contact – Carol Clarke 01380 870635

Ladies Club

Day – Third Wednesday of the Month September to April

Time – 8:00 to 10:00 pm

Contact – Sandra Crumpler 01380 870906

Lunch Club

Day – First Thursday of the Month September to April

Time – 12.15 to 2:00 pm

Contact – Audrey Plummer 01380 870586

100 Club

Duration – April to March

Cost – £15.00 per year (NO PART PARTICIPATION)

Draws – Monthly with 5 cash prizes: £20, £15, £12, £10 and £8 plus bonus summer and Christmas prizes

Contact – Rachael Lawes 07717 810938

GREAT HINTON ART AND CRAFT CLUB

The Art & Craft group meets on Friday mornings, when we enjoy a good chat whilst continuing with our individual crafts. The 11 o'clock coffee break gives us time to stop to admire each other's work and sometimes be inspired to try something new.

Following a demonstration at the Ladies Club before Christmas, needle-felting has been added to our repertoire. Also, after the marathon effort of poppy production in November, knitting became popular and various soft toys were produced for those of us with grandchildren. Paper lanterns were also manufactured to add to the hall decorations for the very successful Chinese New Year supper at the beginning of February.



If you would like to join us to try a new craft or to bring along an unfinished project or even join us for coffee and chat, you would be most welcome.

Carol Clarke 870635

APOLOGY AND REQUEST

Sorry this edition of the Grapevine is a bit late; I managed to somehow trap a nerve in my neck and was unable to even move a mouse for 10 days, and then my printer developed an annoying habit of scoring a little group of lines across every page! I'm happy to say both are now fixed, so better late than never for the Spring Grapevine.

Over the next few editions we'll be featuring some of the work produced by members of the Art and Craft Club, and also any other villagers who have a creative streak. I'd love to hear from you if you have photos of items you've made that you'd like to share, or I'd be happy to visit with a camera if you'd prefer.

Equally, if you have anything else you'd like included in the Autumn edition, send photos, articles and/or ideas by email or WhatsApp, or call me if you'd like to chat about an idea. I'd be particularly pleased to receive recommendations for things to do locally, or reviews of any of the books in the kiosk library.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council continues to meet every two months on a regular basis to consider issues pertinent to the village, its parishioners and environment.

As a result of the proposed electoral boundary changes being instigated by Wiltshire Council, it would appear at the moment that Great Hinton will be in a group of parishes to be known as Melksham Berryfields & Rural. This has yet to be confirmed and we don't yet know who our Council representative will be. Whatever, we would like to thank Cllr Seed for the help and support that he has given us in the past and extend our best wishes to him for his future involvement in local politics.

We have considered applications that have been submitted for development within our parish. Several people attended the meeting which was considering a requested change of use through a type of application called a Q application. This was for an existing barn in Back lane to be developed into residential use. This was later refused by the local authority.

We continue to monitor items for which we have responsibility. We have recently had the notice board by the phone box library completely refurbished which should extend its life and has certainly improved its appearance. We are grateful to Malcom Burch who repaired the damaged road sign at the top of the village and saved us having to purchase a new one.

Please contact us if you have any issues of concern.

Sue Andrew
Chair

KIOSK LIBRARY

Once again I am happy to report that there are least seventy new titles on the shelves. Barbara helped me replace all books that had been in the Library up until the end of December and, as before, we donated them to The Mind Charity shop on Paxcroft.

Anne



100 CLUB

The village 100 club is a major source of financing the running costs of the village hall. We currently have 116 members in 2018/19 who pay £15 subscription per year. About half the income is redistributed as prizes - five monthly cash prizes of £20, £15, £12, £10 and £8, and two bonus prizes, one in the summer and one at Christmas. Recently my helpers have been knocking on your doors asking for the annual subscription. Thank you to all those who have re-joined and welcome and thanks to our new members, it is much appreciated. So far 2019/20 membership looks to be slightly down on last year's number but there is still time to join or buy another ticket before the first draw of the year, which will be towards the end of April. Please get in touch. Good luck to all in 2019/20.

These are the names of the lucky winners since the previous edition of the Grapevine:

	£20	£15	£12	£10	£8
Oct 2018	Di Norris	Paul Ellis	A & M Crumpler	Mark Souster	Eddie Knight
Nov 2018	Roger Meade	Rebecca Locke	Bill Mannings	Sharon Tapper	Oliver King
Dec 2018	Sue Selwyn-Smith	Paul Winterburn	M. Cunningham	Jemma Batten	Sheila Jennings
Jan 2019	Veronica Francis	Dom Verschoyyle	Matt Batten	George McDonic	Gillian Fennell
Feb 2019	Peter Doel	Andrew Burch	Marilyn Newman	Derek Saville	Paul Squibbs
March 2019	Jim Brookes	Lorraine Holmes	Alice Long	Malcolm Burch	Rachel Carr

Christmas bonus: Christine Yates

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

Most of the Neighbourhood Watch information I am receiving lately is about phone scams, mainly people claiming to be from BT Openreach, Microsoft, or HMRC.



Neighbourhood Watch recently supported a national campaign along with Financial Fraud Action UK and the Government which was backed by the banking industry. To avoid becoming a victim of fraud, the advice is as follows:

- A genuine bank or organisation will never contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, full password or to move money to another account. Only give out your personal or financial details to use a service that you have given your consent to, that you trust and that you are expecting to be contacted by.
- Don't be tricked into giving a fraudster access to your personal or financial details. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.
- Always question uninvited approaches in case it's a scam. Contact the company directly using a known email or phone number.

To read more about the campaign and to access all the resources go to <https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>

If you are not already on the NHW mailing list or are new to the village, please consider adding yourself. If you are not receiving the NHW information emails, you are not being alerted to any incidents that are occurring locally or in the nearby towns.

Debbie Scott
NHW Area Coordinator
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Other useful contact numbers:

Emergency Calls	999
Non-emergency Calls	101
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Action Fraud	0300 123 204

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