

From the Rector, the Rev Belinda Searle-Barnes

At this time of Easter we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Very soon we will be entering Holy Week. Within the Benefice (Winslow with Great Horwood, Singleborough and Addington) a Pilgrimage is offered with an event each day of the week (see programme on page 3). We begin this spiritual Pilgrimage with Palm Sunday and end with Easter Day.



I do encourage you to come and join in this adventure even if you are not someone that normally goes to church. It can be a very liberating experience that cannot really be described but needs to be travelled. This liberation is symbolised in the Easter story by the lifting of the stone from the tomb of darkness and the promise of new life. We are reminded that spiritual light seeks out light, and spiritual darkness seeks darkness. The spirit of Easter tells us that Jesus Christ is the light of the world and 'that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it'. (John 1:1) When we remind ourselves of this we remember that it is always best to build on all that is good and beautiful in our relationships, both personal and within the community, so that discussions can be open and honest and we can support each other in ways that are positive and good.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia

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FORTHCOMING EVENT:

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Church Times

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Assistant Priest, Rev Geoff Ball geoff@winslowbenefice.org.uk Tel 715131
www.winslowbenefice.org.uk

St James' Services for April

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| 1st April | 10.30am | Palm Sunday Service |
| 2nd April | 8.00pm | Stations of the Cross |
| 6th April | 10.00am | Good Friday Workshop |
| 8th April | 8.00am | Holy Communion (1662) |
| 8th April | 10.30am | Family Communion |
| 15th April | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| 22nd April | 8.00am | Holy Communion (1662) |
| 22nd April | 10.30am | Service of The Word |
| 29th April | 6.00pm | Evening Prayer |

Sidesmen

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| M Gilbey |
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| R Hemphill |
| N Weir |
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| D Brazier |
| I Lamberton |

Readers

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| J Margerrison |
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| T Brazier |
| S Martin |
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| C Finnemore |
| I Lamberton |

Intercessor

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| M Vincent |
| - |
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| - |
| D Brazier |
| J Margerrison |
| - |
| Clergy |
| M Gilbey |

Church Key Rota – M Gilbey. tel: 711915

HOLY WEEK 2012

Palm Sunday 1st April

- *Holy Communion (BCP)*: 8am, St Laurence
- *All Age Eucharist with the blessing of Palm Crosses*: 10am, St Laurence
- *Sung Eucharist with Blessing of Palm Crosses*: 10.30am, St James

Monday 2nd April: *Stations of the Cross*: 8pm, St James'

Tuesday 3rd April: *Meditation*: 8pm, St Laurence

Wednesday 4th April: *Compline*: 8pm, St Mary's

Maundy Thursday: *Sung Eucharist*: 7.30pm, St Laurence

Good Friday 6th April

- *"The Three Hours"*: *Meditation with music, Psalms and prayer*: 12-2pm, St Laurence
- *The Liturgy of Good Friday*: 2-3pm, St Laurence
- *Easter Garden Project for all ages*: 12 - 1.30pm, St Laurence Room. Come and make an Easter Garden, materials provided.
- *Children's Workshop for Good Friday*: 10 – 12 noon, St James

Saturday 7th April: Afternoon, *All three churches are open for quiet private prayer*

Sunday Easter Day 8th April

- *Holy Communion (BCP)*: 8am, St Laurence and St James
- *Family Communion and Easter Egg Hunt*: 10am, St Laurence
- *Family Communion*: 10.30am, St James
- *Holy Communion BCP with Hymns*: 11.15am, St Mary's

Palm Sunday Service

The Palm Sunday Service will start from the bottom of Willow Road at 9.45am. We process around the village with palms and arrive at St James' for the start of the service being 10.30am. Please join us at any time along the route for hymns and prayers on our way.

Good Friday Workshop

Good Friday Workshop this year will run at the usual time, 10am – 12 noon in the Scout Hut. The workshop is open for all 5 – 12 year olds who like having fun making a range of Easter based crafts including Easter cards, the Easter Garden, cooking, painting and lots more. The children should be dropped off at the Scout Hut and picked up from St James' Church after the short service to mark the end of the morning. The service will start at approximately 11.45am if you would like to attend. For more details contact Sue Brazier on 714712.

Sunbeams

Please note that there will be no Sunbeams in April because our week for the meeting falls in the Easter Holidays. We will resume our services on the second Tuesday in May being 8th May. For more details please contact Sue Brazier on 714712.

Lighting of the Church Tower

The church was lit on the following occasions:

February 14th to remember Mary Lamberton

March 6th Helga and Bob Day's wedding Anniversary

March 11th in memory of Mr Blane

Ian Lamberton



Focus now available on Parish Web Site

A PDF version of FOCUS magazine is now available for viewing on the Great Horwood Parish Council web site. Whilst the vast majority of residents will prefer to read the paper copy the web site edition may be useful to former residents who have moved out of Great Horwood but who wish to stay in touch with what is happening in the village. So if you know anyone who might be interested, please forward the web site link below. Each month's edition will be posted on the site.

Here is the link to the Parish Web site:

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FOCUS can be found by clicking on the FOCUS MAGAZINE tab on the left-hand side of the page.

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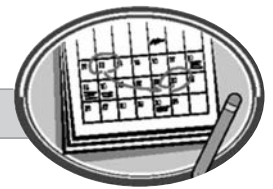
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Great Horwood Diary of Events 2012



| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Mon 2 Apr | 7.30pm – 9.30pm | Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall |
| Sat 19 May | Afternoon | Great Horwood Silver band plays for church funds |
| Mon 4 Jun Sat 23 Jun | 3.00pm - late 8.00pm – 12.00pm | Diamond Jubilee Celebration fun day on the Village Green Midsummer Ball in the Village Hall |
| Sat 7 Jul | 1.00pm – 5.00pm | Fete on the Village Green |
| Mon 6 Aug Tue 7 Aug | 6.00pm – 11.00pm 6.00pm – 11.00pm | Great Horwood Feast on the Village Green Great Horwood Feast on the Village Green |
| Sat 29 Sep | 7.00pm – 11.00pm | Mad Hatters Supper in the Village Hall |
| Sat 6 Oct | 10.00am – 1.00pm | Giving morning in St James with exhibits, cake stall & refreshments |
| Fri 12 Oct Sun 14 Oct | 7.00pm – 9.00pm 10.00am – 11.30am | Harvest Supper in St James Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St James |

As at 15.03.12 Please email additions to john@gilbey98.freeserve.co.uk

Village Hall Diary

Please feel free to visit the hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings. We have a good selection of books and jigsaws on display and these are free to borrow.

Regular Activities and Events:

Monday

- Mums with toddlers (under 5's) meet 9.30- 11.30am. Lots of toys to keep the children happy while mum meets other mums.
- Parish council meet **6.30pm Monday 2nd April**, then the **Annual Parish Meeting follows at 7.30pm**.
- Every other Monday evening an excellent youth group meet - Lots to do.

Tuesday

- Free (no WI meeting in the hall this month).

Wednesday

- Visiting POST OFFICE 9.30am – 11.30am. Tea and coffee served 20p. Sit and pass the time of day. Sale table, Free range eggs. Hand made cards something a bit special And visit the Library as there are books AND jigsaws to borrow – see article below.
- Silver Band rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Newcomers welcome.

Thursday

- Start your day with V-FIT 9am till 10am. Sets you up for your weekend.
- Every other Thursday evening: whist drive, 7.15pm for a 7.30 start. £2 per person. Refreshment inc. Tuition available. Contact Jeannie on 713727 for info.

Friday

- Art and Craft group meet. Very social gathering. 10am till noon-ish! Tea and coffee and browse the books!

We have all you require for a game of indoor short tennis. Excellent for those dreary days.

Don't forget to **book your events** and such in the Village Hall. Parties, gatherings.... Very reasonable rates. Tel. Jeannie 713727 for bookings or for any other information about the Hall.

Jeannie Marshal

Save the Date for the Great Horwood Fete: SATURDAY, 7th JULY

Following a highly successful event last year, the Fete will be held again on The Village Green, with the usual activities, bouncy castle, stalls, barbecue, cream teas, and, of course, the raffle. The Fete is a major fundraiser for the Church, which has an ongoing need for maintenance and renovation, so it is important for the village to support it. Last year's experience demonstrated that there is room for more stalls, so if anyone has any ideas, they would be most welcome. Also, if anyone would like to be involved in the planning, such as collecting bottles for the bottle stall and selling raffle tickets, please get in touch. And finally, we always need help on the day, so if you would like to actively participate, please let one of us know. It's great fun and a great way to meet people in the village.

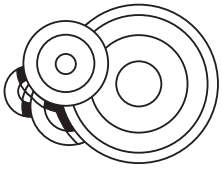
*Monica Gilbey (tel: 711915),
Susan Mosier (Tel: 715336), Valerie Porritt (Tel: 712997)*



Lifeboats

Royal National Lifeboat Institution

The Winslow and Buckingham Lifeboats are weighing their anchor for Flag Week and the annual house-to-house collections, their main fund-raising event of the year. At the moment **we don't have anyone to help us in Mursley or Great Horwood**, so if you have a couple of hours to spare between **April 21st and 28th**, can don a comfy pair of shoes and a warm smile and knock on a few doors in your neighbourhood, we'll supply everything else. Please call Jean and Robert on 01525 240570 for more information. Many thanks in anticipation.



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Parish of Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan – HELP NEEDED

We are about to enter a new era for planning, as the Government has decided to place much greater importance on decision-making at a local level. Consequently, local communities will now be able to come together to shape the future of their area. Our local household and business consultation in October 2011 was very pleasing not only because of the above-average 65% response rate but also because it gave the Parish Council a much greater understanding of local opinion concerning possible future development. As a result, we were able to respond to AVDC and present them with our "community view".

The next stage, which is crucial, is to produce a Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan which will flesh out the detail and be the legal document that will influence planning for our parish. It will cover a shared vision for our neighbourhood to say what the community will be like to live and work in, within 15-20 years' time, with attendant objectives detailing what we want to achieve in order to help realise the vision. Then most importantly, it will specify where new homes or other forms of development should be built, will identify and protect our cherished local green spaces and will influence what new buildings should look like. We will, however, not be permitted to develop a Plan that is in conflict with the forthcoming Vale of Aylesbury Plan or the developing National Planning Policy Framework.

Our Plan will need to be realistic and everyone in the local community along with various organisations will be consulted along the way and given the opportunity to comment where they feel it is appropriate. It must be stressed that the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Team will be working on your behalf. At the end, the Plan will have to be submitted to the AVDC planning authorities who will check it and submit it for independent examination. Once approved, possibly with suggested amendments, it will then be put to a local referendum and will require more than 50% of returned votes in favour in order to be adopted.

To achieve all this, **we require some enthusiastic volunteers** with a broad range of ages, skills and experience who care about the future shape and character of our parish to join our Neighbourhood Plan Team. We may require some people to carry out short term tasks, but all will help the villages' future. All ages can help as the young now will be the adults in 20 to 30 years and they may want a say in the way forward. Also, anyone with professional expertise in this area or who think they may have a skill that could be needed eg. document design; just let us know where you may be willing to assist. **If you would like to volunteer your services or have any questions**, feel free to contact either John Scholtens on 01296 712373 or John Gilbey on 01296 711915.

John Scholtens

Great Horwood Silver Band

The Band's Annual Concert in the Buckingham Community Centre on Saturday 3rd March was well attended. Unfortunately, Musical Director Roy Lack had a bad reaction to prescribed medication and was unable to attend. Roy sent thanks to Emma, Tony and Simon for standing in for him.

The Concert began with the Training Band playing four items and was followed by the main band. It included several solo items: The Ashokan Farewell was played by Flugel Horn Soloist Thomas Stoneman; Wiederkehr Cornet Soloist Tony Hart; Bercuese de Jocelyn Trombone Soloist Andrew Cook; Triangle Tarantella Soloist Lyn Stoneman; Flugel Horn Solo Hine e Hine Soloist Vicky Cook. A cornet Duet - Mis Muchachas - was played by Emma Mainwaring and Tony Hart. The Concert finished with the popular March of the Peers by Sir Arthur Sullivan.

Senior Band awards went to Roy Lack and Emma Mainwaring.

Training Band awards went to Lois Daly and Mabel Mainwaring.

The Band's next engagements are **Saturday 5th May** for Edlesborough May Day celebrations which is on the Green in Eddlesborough from 12. 30pm. On the **afternoon of Saturday 19th May** the band will play in Great Horwood to help raise funds towards Church repairs. Helen and Andrew Grimditch have kindly offered their garden for the event.

Great Horwood is very much a family band and at the present time there are three families with three generations playing in the band. Some of our present members have completed over sixty years service to the band.

100 Club winners for February were

Alistair Haig £12

Keith Mould £8

We have a few places left in the 100 club , if any one wishes to join at 10 pence per week, they can do so by phoning Frances Robinson on 01296 712454 or by contacting any band member.

You can see more about the band and the latest photos on www.freewebs.com/greathorwood

Beryl Lack

Horwode Pece Recreation Ground - Roses for Christine

Three yellow climbing roses called Christine have been planted along the mill fence in recognition of the contribution that Christine Bolton made, together with husband David, in applying for all the funding that has made our recreation ground what it is today and so well equipped.

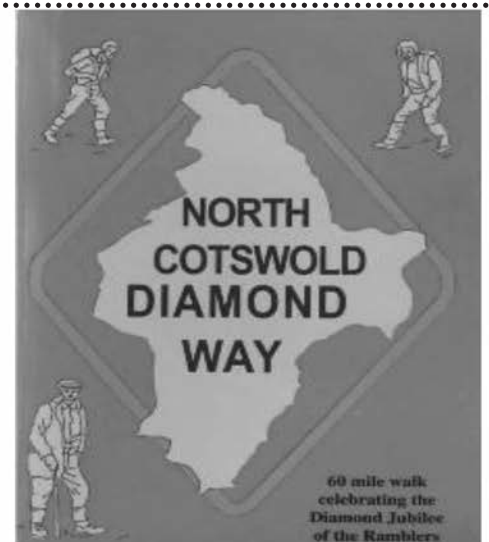
Liz Nicholls



Diamond Way – Charity walk

Diamonds are, as you know a girl's best friend. With this in mind a group of girls have decided to take on the challenge of walking the 60 odd miles of *The Diamond Way* in the Cotswolds in June to coincide with the diamond jubilee and of course we will be blinged-up in our diamond tiara's!!! **We would love to hear from other like minded ladies for this walk where we hope to raise funds for local charities.**

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Neighbourhood Watch

Items from the Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter:

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Distraction burglaries: Please be on your guard and look out for any elderly or vulnerable residents in your area. Make sure they do not allow access to any unknown or unexpected callers to their property. Always check the identity of anyone asking for access to your property by using a phone number you have obtained from your own records (not one they have given you). If any doubt remains do not allow them in and call the Police immediately.

Countryside Crime: The team is also organising an event to promote Dogwatch. This will occur at the **Winslow Centre on 28th of April.**

In response to a lot of enquires about marking saddlery and tack, the Neighbourhood team will be organising an event to do this.

Have Your Say: Go to Henry's, High Street, Winslow 10:00am - 12:00 on one of the following dates:- **10th April**, 8th May, 5th June, 3rd July, 31st July, 28th August, 25th September and meet one of your local Neighbourhood Police Team.

Do remember this number:- **101**

Use it to report a crime, contact a police officer - all police officers have mobile phones so you can leave a message for them to respond to when next on duty - or contact your local police station. 999 can also be used and will connect you to the emergency services, namely fire ambulance and the police. If you have information about crime but do not want to speak to the police, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

For any Neighbourhood Watch matters contact me on 713716 or call at 3 Greenway. More in May!

Regards, Ted Hadlow



W.I News

The speaker for our March meeting was due to be Melanie Watts showing us her work as a mosaic and sculptural artist. Melanie creates one-off art works for her clients, as well as teaching mosaic, tile and clay sculpting to all ages and abilities, and particularly to young people with special needs. Unfortunately Melanie had to cancel at short notice but we look forward to seeing her at another of our meetings sometime soon. Instead we had an enjoyable evening finalising various events we have planned in the next few months.

We hosted the local WI Group meeting on 27th March when William French regaled us with tales of his time as butler to royalty and the stars, including Princess Diana, Nicole Kidman and Robert Redford. These days William fundraises for leukaemia research having retired at the tender age of 40!

Our annual fundraising dinner is on **April 10th** so there is no monthly meeting in the village hall. We are looking forward to some splendid home cooked fish dishes and the chance to have a good chat with friends. Guests are most welcome to join us for the dinner.

Also in April some of us are attending the **Annual BFWI Council Meeting** at the Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury. The guest speakers this year are **Adam Henson** (Country File) and **Peter Lien** (Head of Denman College Cookery School).

We will be going to Milton Keynes theatre to see the **Northern Ballet** perform Beauty and the Beast and on the 30th of April we take part in a sponsored walk to raise money for the **Associated Country Women of the World**. We have chosen to do the Thornborough five mile circular walk for this event.

Looking ahead to **May:** we are off to Steeple Claydon on the 27th joining other WI's for a ramble and a meal. On our last ramble at Steeple Claydon we had glorious weather so fingers crossed it will be as good this time. On the 30th two members have the privilege of attending the **WI Annual General Meeting** at the Royal Albert Hall in London. This is the opportunity for WI members to have a voice and vote on resolutions proposed by WI members. Once passed, the resolutions become campaigns for WI's around the country to lobby organisations and parliament for the benefit of communities everywhere.

It was disappointing to cancel our workshop at the beginning of March because our tutor, Linda Rudkin was unfortunately taken ill; we all wish her a speedy recovery. However, we are planning another workshop for 19th May, the subject matters being silk fabric painting and flower arranging.

A programme of our monthly meetings is displayed in the village hall, we plan other events & outings as well. If you would like to know more about your local WI please give either Val or Karen a call, we would be very pleased to welcome you to any of our meetings.

Val Smith Tel:01296 711551 Karen Wilkinson 01296 712933



Great Horwood CE Combined School

Amazing Coin Race results!

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to the coin race. Amazingly, we have raised £404 towards the traversing wall! This is an incredible achievement - well done to all, and thanks again to everyone who has donated. Our Head Boy and Girl have written a letter of thanks to Mrs Davies (parent) for organising the event, and we would like to thank both Mrs Davies (parent) and Mrs Davies (LSA) for their wonderful efforts and kindness.



World Book day

It was wonderful to see children celebrating reading here at Great Horwood School, with World Book Day on the 1st of March on the focus of an exciting week. Children and staff dressed as a range of book characters, aiming to inspire us all to read a wider range of books! The outfits all looked amazing, and thank you to parents for your efforts! Mrs Lucas gave awards to children across the school for original outfits, including:

- Mr Strong from Roger Hargreave's 'Mr Strong'
- 'Archi' from Michael Morpurgo's 'War Horse'
- 'Mrs Twit' from Roald Dahl's 'The Twits'
- 'Mrs Trunchbull' from Roald Dahl's 'Matilda'
- 'Paddington Bear' from Michael Bond's 'Paddington Bear'

In the staff competition, House Captains and our Head Boy and Girl decided that Mrs Standen deserved the runner up prize dressed as the Queen of Hearts, and Miss Monkcom was chosen as the overall winner as 'The Ace of Spades' from Alice in Wonderland.

Paul Adams: Headteacher

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So on to the cricket. Having been practicing for several weeks at Indoor Nets, the Senior players get their season underway with a strong set of pre-season fixtures, kicking off with a trip to Northampton Cavaliers on **Sunday 22nd April; 1.30 pm. start.**

The following weekend sees a double header against strong local opposition, with New Bradwell visiting Nash Road on **Saturday 28th April 1.30 pm. start**, whilst the following day (**Sunday 29th April**) sees us making the short trip to play at Great Brickhill with a 1 pm. start.

These games will hopefully get everyone in the right frame of mind for the start of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association season, which commences on Saturday 5th May. The 1st XI will be at home to Broughton & North Newington, whilst the 2nd XI travels to play Wootton & Boars Hill for their first ever game in Division 4. The 3rd XI get their season started with a trip to Marcham II, as they enjoy their first match in Division 10. Please note that all OCA games start at 1.30 pm. now, NOT 2 pm.

The Sunday friendly season gets under way with a home match against local rivals Wicken on Sunday 6th May; 2 pm. start.

With the 3 Junior sides (Under 15, Under 13 and Under 11) all having a full programme of matches and the Ladies section also with regular fixtures, it is going to be a busy time, with lots of cricket for everyone.

The club is keen to attract more members of all ages, both to play cricket and to our active social scene. For more information please look at our website www.greathorwoodcc.co.uk or feel free to contact me on 712772 or garymlee1@hotmail.com

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Broadband developments — YOUR HELP REQUESTED

As some of you may know, the Winslow telephone exchange has recently been upgraded to deliver faster broadband speeds. By moving from the old 20CN network to 21CN some subscribers could be receiving speeds of 8Mbps or faster (this is a different exercise from the fibre to the cabinet promised to those lucky souls in Nash and Whaddon). What's not clear is how great an improvement we will get out here, several miles from downtown Winslow, and **I would like to compile some information with your cooperation.**

You won't see any difference until your internet service provider (ISP) makes appropriate provision. Some have done so already, others are planning to do so in the near future, some might not bother. I would like to get a picture of who is getting what performance from their broadband around the village. I will compile this information by ISP and by geography and report back.

This is how you can help — it shouldn't take you more than a couple of minutes:

1 Go to <http://www.mybroadbandspeed.co.uk> and measure the speed you're getting now (be sure that there are no downloads or other activity on the line when you do the test).

2 Email the results to me, johnwhitehead@mac.com, using "Great Horwood speed test" as the subject. Please include a note of your ISP and your address and postcode (I will only use the postcode on the resulting Google map, so your anonymity will be protected).

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CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT

LAST MEETING – MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2012

Planning Matters

The application for the erection of a dwelling house with detached garage on Land at School End (11/02449/APP) has been refused by AVDC.

A member of the McAllister family and a planning consultant attended the meeting and during the public participation period advised the Council that they are proposing to submit plans for a development on the land at the rear of The Paddocks, 12 High Street. The proposal is likely to be for the building of 4 or 5 dwellings with access on to the High Street. They would like to present their plans to residents of the village through a public meeting. The Council agreed that this was the best way to ensure that all interested villagers had the opportunity to view the proposed plans and to comment on them. The meeting is expected to take place in the village hall on one Saturday morning during June.

Neighbourhood Plan

In October 2011 the Council made an application to the Government for funding to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. We have recently been informed that our application was successful and that we have been awarded a grant of £20,000 to produce such a plan. **We now urgently need additional volunteers to join a team which will work together over the next 2 years to put together this plan.** See separate article in this edition of FOCUS by Councillor John Scholtens.

New Homes Bonus

It was agreed that the Council will respond to the invitation from AVDC and express the view that a fair distribution of the funds received from the Government under the New Homes Bonus scheme would be 20% to the County Council, 40% to the District Council and 40% to the Parish Council. This would ensure that when additional dwellings are constructed in the parish that funds become available to improve the local infrastructure

Annual Parish Meeting

This will take place at **7.30pm on Monday 2nd April.**

Topics covered will include a report on the Council's activities over the last 12 months, updates on plans for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan and progress with the Book for the Village. The headmaster from Great Horwood school will also be attending to provide an update on activities in the school.

Dog Bins

Two further dog bins have been ordered for the village. One will be installed in Nash Road and the other in Singleborough.

Distribution of Focus

The April edition of Focus will be mailed out to 21 businesses in the parish who do not currently receive a copy. This distribution will be on a trial basis and each business will later receive a note asking if they wish to continue to receive the magazine each month.

Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar provided the following written report to the Council:

"I have heard from Bucks CC that a metal pedestrian gate is to be installed where Footpath (FP)8/1 meets the A421 road, opposite the Thornton Turn in Singleborough. This will be popular with dog walkers as the FP makes a triangle with the bridleway and the Singleborough road but there are still four stiles between that point

and the centre of Singleborough on FP8/1. These pedestrian gates cost £250 each and Bucks CC says that it will pay the installation costs so perhaps some gates could be sponsored by local residents if the landowners give their consent."

Cllr. Bennett-Coles agreed to sponsor one of the gates and so there is still an opportunity for 3 more sponsors to come forward.

Second Bus Shelter to be installed

The final selection of the contractor to install the additional shelter in Little Horwood Road adjacent to the bus stop close to Townsend Cottages was made at the meeting.

Allotments

It was agreed that the Council would pursue the idea of installing water on the 2 allotment plots in the village by arranging the necessary surveys with Anglian Water.

Diamond Jubilee

Fliers are being distributed to all households in the village, which include a ticket application form for the afternoon and evening events.

Parish Council Website

For a more comprehensive report of the Parish Council meeting please read the minutes published on the website. (<http://www.bucksinfo.net/greathorwoodpc/>). This website also has updates of items on its latest news page.

If you have any items that you would like to bring to the Council's attention at any time please contact either the Clerk or any Councillor and we are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting during which we always have a public participation period.

The next meeting is to be held on **Monday 2nd April 2012 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall followed at 7.30pm by the Annual Parish Meeting.**

*John Gilbey – Chairman Great Horwood Parish
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| Tuesday | 8th | May | – Moreton-in-Marsh Market £5.00 |
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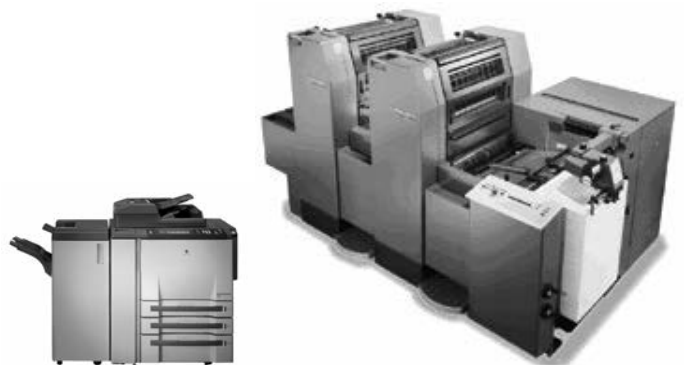
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