

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy Easter from everyone at St James' Church

Jesus Christ is risen

He is risen indeed

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A Celtic Prayer

The warmth of the sun's embrace
the gentle breeze swept in by incoming tide
the rhythm of seasons of new birth
death and recreation

All these speak so clearly of your love, your power, and your beauty.
All are expressions of your creativity and more importantly of yourself.

As an artist might share his personality within each brushstroke
so within the myriad colours of a butterfly's wing you share the exuberance of your love.

That we can glimpse you within creation is a beautiful thought
but also tells us that you desire to be seen, to be found and known.
Open our eyes, Lord, as we walk through this world, feel the wind and sunshine,
see the majesty of creation unfolding before our eyes.

Help us to see you this Eastertide and beyond...

written by John Birch



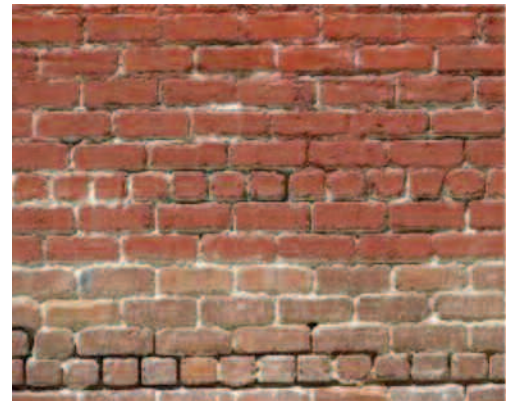
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St James' Services for April

7th April	11.00am	Holy Communion	Sidesmen	Readers	Intercessor
14th April	11.00am	Come & Praise	I Lamberton	I Lamberton	M Gilbey
21st April	11.00am	Holy Communion	R Hemphill	T Brazier	D Brazier
28th April	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	J Margerrison	C Martin	J Margerrison
28th April	11.00am	Service of the Word	-	-	-
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Church Key – M Gilbey tel: 711915

St James' Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting this year will take place on **Sunday 7th April at 11.45am**, after the 11am morning service. Please join us for refreshments and listen to what we have achieved this year in terms of fundraising, improvements to the Church building and fun social events. All welcome.

Church Fete

It's that time of year again when we start to plan the village Fete which will take place on Saturday 6th July on The Green. There will be a meeting at The Crown to start preparations on **Thursday 11th April** at 7.30pm. If you would like to help organize the afternoon or be involved in any way at all, please feel free to come along. If you cannot make the meeting but would still like to be involved please contact David Brazier on 714712.

Lighting of the Church Tower

The Church was lit on:

- 6th March to remember Helga & Bob Day's Wedding Anniversary
- 11th March to remember Mr Blane.

Ian Lamberton

Plant a Seed in Your Mind...

Make a note in your diary - **Monday May 27th** (Spring Bank Holiday). Great Horwood will be holding its first open gardens for many years. Full details will be given in the May edition of Focus. If you have a garden you would like to be included in this event please contact June Margerrison, 5, Wigwell Gardens. Tel.714554.

June Margerrison

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Ann Biggins

Donation to FOCUS

Thank you to Great Horwood and Singleborough WI for your kind donation to *FOCUS*.

Dean White

Elm Tree Vandalism

Would the mindless vandal who deliberately destroyed the elm sapling planted on the green patch on the Pilch Lane intersection to Singleborough, please consider donating the £45 cost of the tree, made as part of the annual Jack D Smith donation to the Parish of Great Horwood, to the Parish Council? If anyone knows the identity of the person/s who destroyed the sapling please inform the Parish Council.

Mark Seddon

Duchess of Cornwall visits Great Horwood

On the 20th of February, Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall visited Medical Detection Dogs, the charity based on the Greenway Business Park just off The Winslow Road.

She was there to see the work that the charity does and to unveil a commemorative plaque.

The Duchess watched demonstrations by two of the charity's Labradors - one by Daisy who successfully sniffed out cancer samples, and another from trainee Pippin who could detect when blood sugar levels were dropping.



The photo shows her holding Charlie, a black Labrador puppy, who will be trained to detect Type 1 diabetes.

Dean White



Great Horwood School Launch 'Project: Acorn'



Project: Acorn is a fundraising campaign recently launched by Great Horwood School to raise £80,000 to significantly improve the school environment for all of its pupils. Improvements desperately needed include:

- Painting of classrooms, doors and corridors
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- Development of outdoor learning opportunities for all pupils

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'3 White's go a-running'....

Jill (Rainbows leader), Dean (FOCUS editor) and Alex White are all running in the London Marathon on April the 21st. Jill and Dean have never run in one before (in fact, prior to training, Dean had never run further than to a bus stop) whilst Alex is a 'veteran' having run in last year's Milton Keynes event. So it will be a real family affair as we (hopefully) celebrate all of us crossing the finishing line – though not at the same time I suspect.

Dean is raising money for St. Wilfrid's Hospice in Eastbourne, where his dear mum, who had cancer, died in 2007. St. Wilfrid's was a very caring environment and the staff there really looked after her. It was the best place she could be during her last few weeks. If you'd like to sponsor him, the easiest way to do so is via his fundraising page on the internet:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DeanWhite>

Jill and Alex are raising money for Oxfam. Alex is a volunteer for Oxfam and treasurer of the Oxfam society at Birmingham University where he's in his final year of study. If you'd like to sponsor Jill and Alex, their fundraising web site is:

<http://www.justgiving.com/Alexander-White2>

Or you can drop a cheque/money round to Ashwell House, Singleborough (the 6th house on the left as you come into Singleborough from Great Horwood, with the gravel driveway and next to the footpath).

Thank you in advance for any donations you are able to make. We really appreciate it and it will help spur us on to the finish line.

Dean, Jill and Alex White

jazzercise® - 20 Year Anniversary

Last month, Keri Donnellan celebrated 20 years of teaching Jazzercise by touring her classes with a fabulous set of old routines hand picked as her favourites from over the years. In addition to celebrating such a fantastic achievement, Keri and her team also raised money for Comic Relief.

When she started teaching back in 1993, instructors used cassettes for their music and wore lovely thong leotards! iPods are now used and the thongs are long gone, but Jazzercise is still one of the best Fitness programs in the world, going strong after 45 years, ever evolving with the times and exercise fashions.

For 15 years, she taught for other instructors, but finally took the leap to set up her own classes in 2007. Since then, she has gone from teaching 6 classes a week on her own, to running 29 classes a week and having a team of 12 instructors. "When I started the classes back in the autumn of 2007, little did I know it would grow into such a fantastic team of instructors with an amazing group of customers. I have been lucky to make some great friends and meet some wonderful people in the last few years and am looking forward to the next 20!"

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Keri Donnellan



Great Horwood Scouts – Assistant Leader Required

Great Horwood Cub Scouts are **seeking a new Assistant Leader to help with the organisation and running of Cub pack** nights and other events. Cubs runs between 6.30 pm and 8 pm on Tuesday nights during school term times at the Scout and Guide HQ in the grounds of Great Horwood School and has a membership of 18 8-10½ year-olds. The Cubs engage in many fun activities including the District Cycle, visiting Spy Missions in Milton Keynes and Ten Pin Bowling, as well as the more traditional activities such as camping, tying knots and fire-lighting. Training, through the Scout Association, will be provided.

If you are interested in helping, please contact **Justin Daley, Group Scout Leader** on 01296 720916 or 07786 966811 for further information



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Lions Club of Winslow

In last month's news, we mentioned that we had recently provided Swan Court with a "state of the art" TV and BluRay player for their lounge. As a "Thank you", the Lions were invited to see the equipment in action, meet

the residents and then be entertained with afternoon tea.

We were very pleased to have been able to make this contribution and thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone involved and benefiting from their generous hospitality.



On Saturday 9 March, we collected donations on behalf of Marie Curie Cancer Care in Buckingham. It was most encouraging to receive the generosity of the Buckingham area for this very worthy cause. The bright yellow hats worn by the collectors were very conspicuous and created a talking point, as well as providing much needed head protection on a very cold March day.

The annual 10K Road Race in February was a great success, having a record 350 entries with the runners participating on a very cold morning. They were a very determined bunch and the winner finished in just 33 minutes. We had many compliments for the smooth organisation and the runner facilities at Furzedown School.

If you are thinking of joining the Lions, a couple of hours at our monthly meeting at the Bell Hotel is all it takes. Our contact number is 08458 337817 for further information about events, or help for you or your organisation. You will not find a better way to meet others, and have a laugh doing some fundraising !!

Let us know your thoughts via Facebook at: www.facebook.com/winslowlions

More news next month..... !!

Jack Milburn (President, Winslow Lions Club)

Horwode Pece

Let's get the official bit out of way first.

In May we will need to elect two village trustees on to the Great Horwood and Singleborough Recreation Trust. Jeannie Marshall and Steve Brigden have been trustees since the Trust was founded and now have to stand down, but, of course, are available to stand for re-election.

The new trustees will be appointed for a term of 4 years. Angela Mayne and Valerie Porritt are the two Parish Council representatives. **Would you consider joining them and becoming a trustee?** It's not an onerous task: just keeping an eye on Horwode Pece, its management and the funds. We have to know nominations by **15th April** then voting forms

will be included in the May edition of Focus.

For further details please contact any of the trustees or Liz Nicholls who is their contact for the Charities Commission. Or you can browse the Charities' website; our charity no: is 1119620.

Now the fun bit.

After a year's break because of the village Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012, we will be holding another 'Picnic on the Pece'.

Sunday 19th May is the date, noon is the time.

Bring along a picnic, BBQ if the weather is that good?! and of course, your family and friends. Giocoso will be playing for us once again and we hope to have some fun activities as well. It is not a fundraising event, so just come along and enjoy yourselves.

We know the field has been really boggy in some parts and members of the management committee, with Adrian Buck in the lead, have been working to try to resolve this. Please bear with us whilst we battle the elements to find some dry-ish weekends for more drainage to go in.

And yes we are aware that the area in between the two goals is very muddy. We have ordered some more rubber matting and will be putting this down, again, when the weather allows.

For any information and offers of help please contact Liz Nicholls, tel: 715331.

Liz Nicholls

Village Hall

The Village Hall roof no longer has chimneys!! They have been leaking for some months and the committee decided it would be better in the long run for them to be tiled over. Expensive but necessary!!

Regular Activities...

Monday:

10am toddlers meet very social and good fun and refreshments.

Monday 8th April the Parish Council meet at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome and there is the opportunity to have your say.

All other mon evenings is youth club. Excellent equipment and good fun.

Tuesday:

Second tues at 7.30pm WI normally meet **but not this month**. Always excellent speakers, so give it a try and you will find it very good entertainment. There are other benefits such as walks and outings.

Wednesday:

Wed Morning 9.30 – 11.30 is Post Office. It is a very social event; coffee or tea with a biscuit a mere 20p. You can browse the Library or chose a Jigsaw at your leisure all for free. Catch up on events that are coming up. Above all, enjoy the company.

Wed evening if you pass the hall you will hear beautiful music as our Band will be rehearsing

Thursday:

Thurs alternate evening is Whist. We are a friendly group, it costs £2 and you get refreshments as well! We are open to beginners - pop in early it is an easy game to pick up and you can have a quick run through. Dates are on the notice board

Friday:

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Jeannie Marshall

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W.I News

It was a very chilly night and spring had definitely not sprung when we welcomed our speaker **Linda Davies** from the Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury to the March meeting. Her talk was absolutely fascinating, explaining how the architects were influenced by the Chiltern Hills; this is reflected in the shape of the building (the rolling hills) and the extensive use of wood (the beech woodland) and glass (the open countryside). We had no idea it was such an adaptable building, that the main auditorium and additional second space can be transformed from a theatre to a venue for conferences, exhibitions even weddings and much more. We have decided to follow this up with a back stage tour and matinee, later in the year.

On the 13th a group of us had a fantastic day on a voyage of discovery and invention in Aylesbury. It was organised by the Buckinghamshire Federation of WI's to coincide with National Science and Engineering Week. The day covered Recycling, The Cosmos, Stem Cell Research and Forensic Science, not as heavy as it sounds as the speakers put across their subjects in a light friendly manner.

Through rain, snow and ice our WI walks have continued every two weeks, across the Buckinghamshire countryside. If you would like to join us please contact Karen Wilkinson for more details.

There is no meeting in the village hall this month (9th April) as we all get together for the **GH & S WI Annual Fund Raising Dinner**, in the Cricket Club Pavilion. This year we have a Dutch theme, windmills, clogs, cheese and tulips will all be encompassed to create a fun filled evening.



Some of our members are off to the BFWI Annual Council Meeting on the 17th April. Guest speaker's are former politician, now writer and broadcaster Michael Portillo & May Kidd President of ACWW. Others are going to Cheddington Village Hall on the 19th April to learn all about the process of quilting. And to round off the month we are having a day trip to Tiggwinkles, to discover at first hand the wonderful work this animal charity has and continues to accomplish.

Looking ahead to May:

- Colour & Style with Joanna Shanlock – Tuesday 14th May
- Paper folding/ origami and Sugar Paste Workshop - Saturday 11th May.

If you would like to know more about your local WI please phone for a chat. We will also gladly collect and take you to one of our monthly meetings, these are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Val Smith 01296 711551 Karen Wilkinson 01296 712933
Angela Mayne 01296 715400



Neighbourhood Watch

'Have your say' meetings are your opportunity to speak with your neighbourhood officers to discuss any local issues of concern you may have. If you wish to have your say, the next meeting will be at Henry's, High Street,

Winslow at **10am - 12 noon on thursday 11th of April**. The contact is PCSO Wendy Taylor.

Road safety issues: As stated in the March FOCUS, there are a number of issues in our district concerning not only speeding but the issue of the correct use of seat belts and the offence of using mobile phones whilst driving, So be warned! Thames Valley Police are also committed to a series of enforcement operations with the assistance of the Road Policing Unit across the South of Buckingham area. Community Speedwatch initiatives have also been set up across the area in conjunction with their partners. As I said last time :- Do not Speed!

Crime Priorities: Over recent months the amount of local crime is decreasing but theft from vehicles continues to be a problem with approximately half being from insecure vehicles. The Police are mounting appropriate operations to combat these opportunist thieves as well as offering advice and education to owners. Burglary is also slightly up, usually by opportunist burglars who are taking advantage of insecure buildings with unlocked doors as well as insecure conservatories. Thames Valley Police are taking part in crime operations to combat such issues across the area.

Countryside crime: This is a concern to farmers and landowners. They have received reports about thefts of saddlery, generators, diesel oil, also horseboxes and trailers, large plant and machinery. Another problem is the illegal practice of hare coursing, also there is an increase in the theft of gun/sports dogs. This is a national problem it is not confined to the Thames Valley Police area but they are specifically focussing on it and planning support for farmers and landowners. Please pay attention to your security.

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Great Horwood Silver Band

It is with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death of tenor horn player **Zoe Laborda**. Zoe was a valued and much liked member of our tenor horn section for over 20 years. She rarely missed a rehearsal or engagement and was always ready to help others. Her tragic death at the age of 44 was a shock to us all and we will miss her greatly. She will be remembered with great affection by all who knew her. I taught Zoe to play the tenor horn when she was 16 years old, and she played with us in the Wolverton Band before joining Great Horwood in 1991. Many band members attended Zoe's funeral on Friday March 8th. At her family's request seven band members played at the service. We extend our deepest sympathy to her partner Les and to all her family.

The Band's Annual Concert, in the Community Centre Buckingham, on Saturday March 9th was well attended by a very appreciative audience. The Concert began with three pieces by the Training Band conducted by Emma Mainwaring, playing Steppin' Out by Chris Hazel, Swing Low Sweet Chariot and I will Follow Him from "Sister Act". The main band conducted by Musical Director Simon Martin opened their part of the concert with Olympic Fanfare and Theme, followed by the Trombone Solo "Berceuse de Jocelyn"; Soloist Andrew Cook. This was followed by "Miller Magic", then came the Euphonium Solo "To a Wild Rose"; Soloist Roy Lack. The first half of the programme ended with the March "Ascot".

During the interval, presentations were made to Training Band members by Emma Mainwaring. The Frank Wilkes Rose Bowl was won by Lee Hart. The George Edmans Trophy was shared between Mabel Mainwaring and Lois Daly.

Band President Len Goodwin presented the Padbury Sick Benefit Trophy for the Bandperson of the year, to MD Simon Martin, and the Sid Mould Trophy to Tony Hart. Len also presented the Joe Elmes Trophy to Katy Slade for 25 years unbroken service to the

Band, and an engraved Whisky Glass and bottle of Whisky to Roy Lack in recognition of his loyal and dedicated service as Musical Director and Chairman for many years.

Mabel Mainwaring presented a basket of flowers to Beryl Lack for the work that she does for the band. This was a great surprise and is very much appreciated.

The second half of the programme started with the March "Eagle Squadron" then came a Cornet Solo, "Sugar Blues"; Soloist Tony Hart. This was followed by "Intermezzo - My Bonny Boy from English Folk Song Suite". Vicki Cook then played the Flugel Horn Solo "For your eyes only". This was followed by the tune "Something", then came "Fly me to the Moon". The Concert ended with the rousing, "Hootenanny", with many members of the audience joining in with clapping.

Ten band members recently played at the funeral of **Jenny Butler** who used to play tenor horn in the band. Jenny's father, Don, has kindly given the band a generous donation in Jenny's memory to purchase music for the main Band and the training Band. Don has said it is to mark the large part and influence the band had in Jenny's upbringing .

We are pleased to announce that we directly donated over £600 to charities last year and helped to raise a further £650 for other charities. This includes Great Horwood Village Hall, Great Horwood Church, Focus, Great Horwood Junior Cricket Club , Great Horwood Junior Football Club, Cancer Research UK, Castlethorpe over 60s Club and the Salvation Army.

100 Club winners for February:

- Keith Mould £12
- Stella Mathews £8

The next Band engagement will be on **Saturday 27th April in St Laurence Church Winslow 7.30pm**. All proceeds from the Concert will be for the Buckingham Area Citizens Advice Bureau.

Beryl Lack

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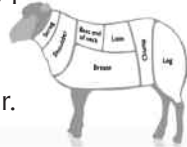
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Mad March Hare 5k Run

Despite the most appalling weather conditions, we had yet again, an amazing turnout for the annual Great Horwood 5k Run on the 17th of March. At one stage the snow was lying on Pilch Lane, but undeterred 162 hardy souls set off from the School. Some amazing times were made this year and the winners are as follows:-

Male : Justin Fowler 16 minutes 53 seconds

MU16 : Samuel Cadigan 18:30

MU12 : Henry Fuggle 21:53

MU9 : Finlay Sleeman

Female : Jane Simons 21:44

FU16 : Anna Radford 22:09

FU12 : Rhianne Rush 22:58

FU9 : Hannah Moyles



The school hall was packed to capacity and the PTA did a wonderful job of serving delicious hot pork rolls, hot dogs and home-made cakes. All in all it was a great day for all involved and the snow stopped for most of the run.

Thanks to all who helped at this event including the many marshals who volunteered on the day and our GP, Elaine Scholtens. Also, many thanks again to our sponsors, Robbs Tyres, whose help makes this a great fundraiser for the school. We have already had many comments on what a great atmosphere the day had. Full results can be found on the School website.

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CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT

LAST MEETING – MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2013

Planning Matters

The main issue this month is the change of policy introduced by AVDC Planning which has modified the way that they treat responses made by Parish Councils' to Planning Applications. In the past, if the response of the Parish Council was different from the view of the planning officers the application was automatically referred to the Development Control Committee (consisting of AVDC Councillors) for a decision.

The new procedure means that such applications will now only be referred to the Committee if the Parish Council confirms that a Parish Councillor will attend the hearing. Since the Committee always meets in Aylesbury and the Committee meetings can last several hours, this will mean an unpaid voluntary Parish Councillor will have to give up several hours of his/her time and incur travelling expenses to present the views of the Parish Council. Great Horwood Parish Council passed a resolution at its meeting expressing its unanimous opposition to the change, which was made without prior notification or consultation. The resolution has been sent to the AVDC Planning Department and Sir Beville Stanier.

HS2

Bucks County Council and the 4 District Councils in Buckinghamshire remain opposed to the HS2 project but in case it goes ahead Bucks County Council have produced a very detailed document containing its blueprint for mitigation which runs to 73 pages.

Contact me if you would like to see this document.

Village Refuse Freighter

The Village Bulk Refuse Collection Service usually known as the Village Refuse Freighter visited the village on Monday 25th March at its normal site at the lower end of Willow Road.

Did you make use of the service and if not do you ever use it or would you intend to use it in the future?

The reason that I am asking is that AVDC used to provide this service at no cost but now we have to pay £175 per visit, which, with 4 visits per year, means a charge of £700. **Should we continue to pay this charge or if we do not make enough use of it should we cancel the contract at the first opportunity? Please let me know your views.**

Movable Vehicle Activated Signs

This project is still progressing but we are still waiting for the site surveys to be carried out by Transport for Bucks and Thames Valley Police.

Footway at the top of Nash Road

As I hoped in my report last month, this was finished in very good time and is already proving a very popular and useful addition to the footways around the village.

Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar submitted his usual monthly report which advised that:

"A new metal pedestrian gate has been installed on footpath 3 (from the Winslow Road towards Adstock), about 1,000 yards

from the road, replacing a stile. This gate is dedicated to the memory of Christine Bolton (nee Whitehall) and was sponsored by her family, who are grateful to Bucks CC and to Felicity Shippobotham of Home Farm. Four more metal gates have been installed by Bucks CC on footpath 8/1 between Peartree House, Singleborough and the A421, and a fifth gate should be installed soon. Three of these five have been sponsored by local residents."

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 30th April** – see separate notice on the back page. Please make a note of the date and come along to support your Parish Council and give us your views on issues that concern you.

Winslow Secondary School

The new Winslow Secondary School (to be known as the Sir Thomas Fremantle School) will open this coming September with a 3-form intake in year 7 and is apparently already over subscribed. Each form will have 20 pupils and the school will initially be housed in part of the Winslow Centre. The plan is that a purpose built building will be constructed in Winslow and will be ready for occupation in September 2015. The school is planned to eventually have 420 pupils and from September 2014 will be considered as the "local" school for the catchment area and so pupils who choose to go to the Buckingham School will have to fund their own transport.

Funding from the Winslow and District Local Area Forum

The application for £1000 which has been made by Great Horwood and Singleborough Youth Club has been successful. The request for funding for the extended footway in Nash Road has now been rejected.

Parish Council Website

For a more comprehensive report of the Parish Council meeting please read the minutes published on the website. (<http://www.bucksvoice.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 8th April 2013 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

John Gilbey – Chairman Great Horwood Parish
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Monday	8th	April:	Asda Shopping £3.00
Tuesday	16th	April:	Bourton on the Water £6.00
Thursday	18th	April:	Cotswolds Tour and lunch £7.00 (not including lunch)
Tuesday	30th	April:	Bluebells Woods and lunch £6.00
Thursday	2nd	May:	Bluebells Woods and lunch £6.00
Tuesday	7th	May	Buckingham Bus* 1 hour in Buckingham 1 hour in Tesco, or go straight to Tesco.*
Thursday	9th	May	Westcroft Bus*
Tuesday	14th	May	TRY!! Leighton Buzzard market. There are over 100 stalls at this lively market, plus a good shops. Well worth a visit. £3.00
Thursday	16th	May	Banbury Shopping. £5.00
** Saturday May 18th!!** Coffee Morning. Come and support us at The St Laurence Rooms, 10am-12pm. Home produce, bric-a-brac and good company!			
Monday	20th	May	Asda Shopping. £3.00
Thursday	23rd	May	Westcroft Bus*
Thursday	30th	May	Local Lunch at The George & Dragon Quainton. 2 courses £12.00 or choose from the menu. Travel £3.00.

Milton Keynes Theatre.

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Wed	24th	July	- Birdsong Stalls Row C. £16.00

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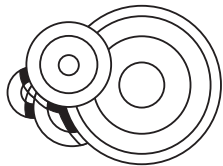
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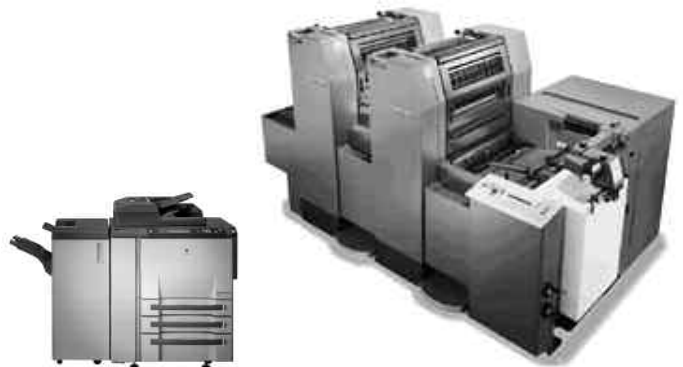
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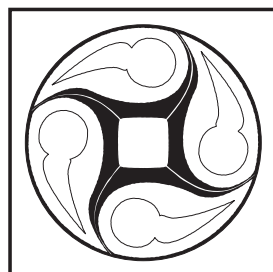
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**Great Horwood
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GREAT HORWOOD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on
Tuesday 30th April in the Village Hall
Time - 7.00pm for 7.30pm**

There will be a brief report from the Parish Council and then we have invited all of the village organisations to send a representative and we hope to hear from a number of them about their activities in the past year and their plans for the coming year.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions on topics for the meeting please contact Karen before the meeting or just come along on the night and have your say.

ALL WELCOME

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